

Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
August 2019

Dear Friends of Emory UMC,

It is getting close to that time of year again when we begin to welcome E&H students back to our community. I know you don't always hear from them, but I have received wonderful compliments from our students over the years. We really do provide a "home away from home" for many of them, and we do so by conscientiously extending welcome and hospitality.

We will kick-off our fall programming by welcome new E&H students to worship on **Sunday, August 25**. We will offer a breakfast in the Cole Parlor beginning at 9am. For this first breakfast, we will all pitch in to bring a variety of breakfast items (e.g., muffins, casseroles, fruits, etc.). The church will provide coffee, juice, and supplies. Please just bring what sounds good to you and join us!

- I hope you might also consider helping with our **weekly breakfast rotation**. We have teams of volunteers who set up on Sunday morning by 9am in Cole Parlor. The church provides juice, coffee, and supplies. Teams are asked to help once a month and to bring breads, fruits, casseroles, etc. and to help with set-up and clean-up. If you can help with this, please let me know at djackson@ehc.edu, and we will include you in the rotation.
- Our **choir** will be back on a regular schedule starting in August. Anyone is welcome to sing in the choir on Sunday mornings. Please arrive at 9am in the sanctuary for a short practice.
- Can you help with **children's church**? We need volunteers to help one Sunday a month. The material for the lesson each Sunday is provided by the church. You don't need to be an expert.....just willing. Please let Sharon Wright know if you can help: swright@ehc.edu.

In other news:

- **Seeking People Asking Relevant Questions:** The S.P.A.R.Q. small group ministry will meet on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. at Neel Rich's home (12164 College Drive – Emory); everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please come at 5:45 for a fellowship time.
- **Half Century** will meet on Wednesday, August 14 at Noon at Milano's in Abingdon. Reservations need be made with Nancy Latimer at virginialilacs@centurylink.net by August 12.
- **Guest Preacher:** David will be out of town the weekend of August 10 & 11 visiting with family. Dr. Joe Reiff will be our guest preacher that Sunday morning.
- **Gathering around the Table:** Will begin this fall on Sunday, September 8. We will eat outside under the trees if the weather is nice. Everyone is welcome; there is no charge and no need to bring anything.
- **Stay Connected:** The Emory UMC worship service is rebroadcast on WEHC 90.7 FM at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, with a one week delay. If you are not able to make it to church, tune in to WEHC and join us for worship. Also, please visit our website at <http://emoryumchurch.org>.
- **Weekly Food Donations:** Everyone is invited to bring donated food to worship each Sunday morning. We collect the food in a bin as we enter the sanctuary and it is delivered to the Glade Spring Food Pantry during the week.

We the people of the Emory United Methodist Church affirm that our church is inclusive and open to all people. We are a Reconciling Congregation, affiliated with the Reconciling Ministries Network, which means that we welcome all persons into full participation in the life of our congregation regardless of age, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marriage status, or physical or mental condition. We align ourselves with the Reconciling Ministries Network, a United Methodist organization that affirms the LGBT community and seeks to have that community become fully engaged in the life of the Church.

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August Volunteers

Liturgists: Elizabeth Wicht (Aug. 4); Susan Stanley (Aug. 11); Tom Hower (Aug. 18); Mary-Margaret Justis (Aug. 25).