

Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
February 2018

Upcoming Dates

-Thursday, February 1	S.P.A.R.Q. at Neel's Home, 6pm
-Sunday, February 4	Methodism Study, Dow Room, 4pm
-Friday, February 9	S.P.A.R.Q. at the Church, 5:30 pm
-Sunday, February 11	Hand Bell Practice, 4pm Methodism Study, Dow Room, 4pm Gathering around the Table, 5:30 pm
-Monday, February 12	E&H Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser, Pizza Inn
-Wednesday, February 14	Half-Century, Noon, Brooklyn Grill Ash Wednesday Service, 9pm
-Thursday, February 15	S.P.A.R.Q. at Neel's Home, 6pm
-Sunday, February 18	Methodism Study, Dow Room, 4pm
-Thursday, February 22	S.P.A.R.Q. at Neel's Home, 6pm Be the Change event in Damascus, 6pm
-Sunday, February 25	Greek Sunday Hand Bell Practice, 4pm Methodism Study, Dow Room, 4pm Gathering around the Table, 5:30 pm

Announcements

Special S.P.A.R.Q.: On Friday, February 9, the S.P.A.R.Q. Small Group Ministry will hold a special viewing of the film "Sheffey". This feature length movie is the life story of Robert S. Sheffey, an early Circuit Rider in this area. His life story is also told in a book titled "Saint of the Wilderness". Sheffey grew up in Abingdon where he was converted at a revival meeting. He attended E & H and preached and prayed over southwest Virginia, and parts of Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia and North Carolina. The evening will begin with a potluck meal at 5:30 p.m. in Mason Fellowship Hall and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

E&H Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser: The E&H Habitat Chapter will hold a fundraiser at the Pizza Inn in Abingdon on Monday, February 12 from 5:00-8:00. Please contact Jake Caudill (jcaudill14@ehc.edu) to purchase tickets for \$10 each.

Half-Century: The Half-Century will meet on Wednesday, February 14, at the Brooklyn Grill in Bristol. Reservations need to be made with Evon Crowder at (crowderb@comcast.net) by February 12.

Methodism Study: The people of Emory UMC and Meadowview UMC will continue a study on the past, present, and future of the United Methodist Church. Join us as we explore our history, context, beliefs, mission, and structure. We will meet every Sunday from January 28 – March 4 at the same time (4:00 p.m.) and in the same place (Dow Room, Emory UMC).

Be the Change: All members of the community are invited to *Be the Change in Southwest Virginia*. The event is sponsored by the Appalachian Substance Abuse Coalition as it “seeks to bring the Body of Christ together to equip, edify, and encourage one another to further meet the needs of our neighbors seeking spiritual wellness through recovery.” The event is Thursday, February 22 at the Damascus Volunteer Rescue Squad (32094 Government Road, Damascus) beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please register with Jordan Widener at jwidener@highlandscsb.org.

Gathering around the Table: Will meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday from February 11-April 22 at 5:30 p.m. in Mason Fellowship Hall. A meal is provided (no charge) and a children’s program is offered. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Recycling at the Emory Depot: We now accept aluminum in the bins behind the Emory depot at any time; the aluminum is collected for recycling on a regular basis and funds raised from the recycling go to support the church’s medical assistance program, which assists those in our community with medical costs.

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.

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>.

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.

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February Volunteers

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Children’s Church</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
February 4	Mary-Margaret & Coulthards	Josh and Jessie	Shelley	Elizabeth
February 11	Lisa and Sally	Dave and Teena	Elijah	Susan
February 18	Crowders & Stanleys	Sharon and Greg	Shelley	Tom
February 25	Sharon and David	Ellen and Elizabeth	Lucy	Mary-Magaret