

Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
February 2019

Gathering around the Table: Will start meeting again in February. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month (Feb. 10 and Feb. 24 this month) at 5:30 p.m. in Mason Fellowship Hall. We begin with a catered meal at 5:30 p.m. (no need to bring anything), followed by a short program. A children's program will also be offered. Please invite a friend or neighbor; everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Dates

-Sunday, February 3	Communion Sunday
-Sunday, February 10	Gathering around the Table, 5:30 p.m.
-Sunday, February 10	Church Leadership Council, 7:00 p.m.
-Wednesday, February 13	Half-Century at Rain, Noon
-Thursday, February 14	S.P.A.R.Q., 6:00 p.m.
-Thursday, February 14	Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
-Thursday, February 21	S.P.A.R.Q., 6:00 p.m.
-Sunday, February 24	Gathering around the Table, 5:30 p.m.
-Thursday, February 28	S.P.A.R.Q., 6:00 p.m.
-Thursday, February 28	Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.

Choir Schedule: The choir will meet to rehearse and prepare service music on Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm on the following dates: January 31; February 14 & 28; March 7 & 28; April 11 & 25. You are welcome to join us at rehearsals or simply show up on Sunday morning at 8:30am. Please join us as your schedule allows.

Church Leadership Council: Will meet on Sunday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dow Room.

Half-Century: Will meet on February 13 at Rain in Abingdon at Noon. Reservations need to be made with Evon at crowderb@comcast.net by February 11.

Small Group Ministry: S.P.A.R.Q. (Seeking People Asking Relevant Questions) Study group is a friendly group of folks from the Emory community that meet weekly to discuss topics of interest and search scripture to find answers or even more questions. Topics have included: Love, Forgiveness, Hope, Age of Accountability, the Holy Spirit, and many more. All are welcome to attend to find fellowship and lively, biblical discussion. Thursdays -- 6 pm @ Neel Rich's home (12164 College Drive).

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.

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>
January 6	Wrights and Jacksons	Stampers	Shelley	Elizabeth
January 13	Lisa and Sally	Mittens	Lucy	Susan
January 20	Coulthards and M-MJ	Wrights	Shelley	Tom
January 27	Crowders and Stanleys	Wichts	Lucy	Mary-Magaret