

Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
July 2016

Dear Friends of Emory United Methodist Church,

We have much to celebrate as a faith community and I hope you join me in being grateful for all of the many good gifts with which we have been blessed. As we enter a new appointment year together, I would like to let you know that beginning on July 17 I will return us to the readings from the lectionary cycle rather than beginning a new sermon series. The lectionary invites us to share each week a reading from the Old Testament, New Testament, Gospel, and Psalm. An informative webpage for keeping up with the readings for each week can be found at <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>. Please join me in praying for vital worship, committed service, and the faithfulness of our community in this new year together.

Upcoming Events

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| -Sunday, July 3 | Combined worship at Meadowview UMC, 11:00 a.m. |
| -Thursday, July 7 | S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm at Neel Rich's Home |
| -Sunday, July 10 | Dr. Jim Dawsey, Guest Preacher |
| -Wednesday, July 13 | Half-Century at Portico's in Johnson City, Noon |
| -Thursday, July 14 | S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm at Neel Rich's Home |
| -Sunday, July 17 | Youth Luncheon at Meadowview UMC, Noon |
| -Sunday, July 17 | Gathering around the Table Planning Meeting, 5:30 p.m. |
| -Thursday, July 21 | S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm at Neel Rich's Home |
| -Tuesday, July 26 | Older Adult Outing to Natural Tunnel State Park |
| -Thursday, July 28 | S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm at Neel Rich's Home |

Sunday, July 3: We will meet at Meadowview UMC on Sunday, July 3 at 11:00 a.m. for a combined worship experience based on the music of the Cokesbury hymnal. The service will be held outside - weather permitting. Please bring lawn chairs, as you are able. There will be no worship service at Emory on this Sunday.

Small Group Ministry: S.P.A.R.Q. (Seeking People Asking Relevant Questions) Study group is a friendly group of folks from the Emory UMC congregation 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 @ the home of Neel Rich.

Half-Century: Will meet at Portico's in Johnson City, July 13 at Noon. Please contact Evon Crowder (crowderb@comcast.net) to make reservations.

Youth Fundraising Luncheon: Everyone is invited to Meadowview UMC on Sunday, July 17 at Noon for lunch. The meal will be by donation and all proceeds will go to support the summer youth mission trip.

Older Adult Outing: Tuesday, July 26 to Natural Tunnel State Park in Duffield, VA. The trip will depart from Meadowview UMC at 8:30 a.m. and return around 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$5. Please make reservations with Neel Rich by July 22 at 944-3351 / 356-6445 / neelrich70@gmail.com.

Recycling at the Emory Depot: The first Saturday of each month volunteers from the congregation and community accept recycling at the Emory Depot (across from the post office). Funds raised from the aluminum recycling go to our medical assistance fund, which helps families in the community with pressing medical needs.

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. If you live in the Emory area and would like a bulletin delivered to you, please contact the church office at 276-944-6841. Also, check out 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.