

Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
June 2016

Dear Friends of Emory United Methodist Church,

Please make plans to join us on Sunday, June 26 at 11:00 a.m. at Emory UMC for a special Sunday recognizing Anita Coulthard's many years of dedicated service at Emory and Meadowview. Anita will continue as a volunteer, but is retiring as the choir director at both churches. There will be no 9:30 a.m. worship service on the 26th so we can be together at Emory at 11:00 a.m. A reception in Mason Fellowship Hall will follow the service.

Upcoming Events

-Thursday, June 2	S.P.A.R.Q. at Neel's Home, 6:00 p.m.
-Saturday, June 4	Recycling at the Emory Depot
-Sunday, June 5	Holston Annual Conference Begins
-Wednesday, June 8	Half Century at the Peppermill, Noon
-Thursday, June 9	S.P.A.R.Q. at Neel's Home, 6:00 p.m.
-Sunday, June 12	Dr. Fred Kellogg, Guest Preacher
-Thursday, June 16	S.P.A.R.Q. at Neel's Home, 6:00 p.m.
-Sunday, June 19	Father's Day
-Wednesday, June 22	Older Adult Outing
-Thursday, June 23	S.P.A.R.Q. at Neel's Home, 6:00 p.m.
-Sunday, June 26	11:00 a.m. Worship at Emory (no 9:30 a.m. worship)
-Monday, June 27	Church Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Dow Room
-Wednesday, June 29	E&H Facilities Luncheon, 11:00 a.m. in Mason Fellowship Hall
-Thursday, June 30	S.P.A.R.Q. at Neel's Home, 6:00 p.m.
-Sunday, July 3	Combined 11am worship at Meadowview (no worship at Emory)

E&H Facilities Luncheon: The Emory congregation will host the E&H Facilities Staff on Wednesday, June 29 for our annual appreciation luncheon. Chicken will be provided, but other items (sides, salads, desserts, etc.) are needed. Please plan to stay and eat, and thank you for helping with this important outreach event.

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 the Peppermill in Abingdon at Noon on Wednesday, June 8.

Holston Annual Conference, June 5-8: Thank you to Anita Coulthard (and Curly) for attending Annual Conference as our delegates. And thank you to everyone who helped with our Holston Conference Health Kits, we collected 18 kits.

Sunday, June 12: David Jackson and family will be at Annual Conference and on vacation next week; please plan to attend worship on Sunday, June 12 with Dr. Fred Kellogg, guest preacher.

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.

June Older Adult Outing: Wednesday, June 22 for a lunch and boat trip on Smith Mountain Lake. Reservations were to be made in May. Please contact Mary McFarlane for information.

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.