

Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
June 2018

Holston Annual Conference: Will meet this year from June 11-14 at Lake Junaluska, NC. For an update on the Annual Conference please visit <http://holston.org/about/annual-conference>. Thank you to everyone who so generously supported our Annual Conference hands-on mission offering. The medical kits will go to Annual Conference and then on to Liberia, Africa.

Half Century: Will meet on Wednesday, June 13 at Noon at the Captain's Table Seafood Restaurant in Hampton, TN. Reservations need to be made with Evon at crowderb@comcast.net by June 11.

Older Adult Outing: Tuesday June 26, 2018 to Bethabara and Bethania, NC: depart Byers Cobbs UMC at 8:15 am and return by 5:00 pm. We will be visiting two of the earliest Moravian settlements in North Carolina, preceding the settlement at Old Salem. There will be a \$4.00 fee for a guided tour. After lunch we will visit Bethania, NC- A National Historic Landmark. Please make reservations with Neel Rich 944-3351, 276-356-6445 or neelrich70@gmail.com by June 24.

Church Leadership Council Meeting: Sunday, July 1 at 4:00 p.m. in the Dow Room.

Vacation Bible School: Emory UMC will host a one day VBS on Sunday, July 22. Please plan to join us that evening for a short program and ice cream, and please plan to invite any children you know to VBS!

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 @ 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, 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.

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>.

Pastor's Vacation Schedule: David and family will be on vacation from June 23-June 30. In the event of an emergency, please call 865-228-4357. Dr. David St. Clair, retired UM minister and former E&H chaplain, will be our guest preacher for the June 24 9:30 a.m. worship service.

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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