

Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
May 2017

Children's Church: *Thanks to some wonderful volunteers, we will begin including a children's church experience as a part of our weekly worship services, except for during the summer months of June and July. Children of all ages are welcome to dismiss with our volunteers during the recessional hymn. If you know a family in the community that might be looking for a church home, this is a wonderful time to invite them to join us as we begin this new ministry which starts this Sunday, May 7.*

Upcoming Events

-Thursday, May 4	S.P.A.R.Q. Planning Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Neel's home
-Sunday, May 7	Communion Sunday and Beginning of Children's Church
-Wednesday, May 10	Half-Century at Noon, Brooklyn Grill in Bristol
-Sunday, May 14	Dr. David St. Clair, Guest Preacher
-Sunday, May 21	Dr. Fred Kellogg, Guest Preacher
-Sunday, May 21	Pre-Conference AC Briefing at 3:00 p.m. at Pleasant View UMC
-Tuesday, May 23	Older Adult Outing
-Sunday, May 28	Annual Conference Mission Offering

Seeking People Asking Relevant Questions: The S.P.A.R.Q. small group ministry will meet on Thursday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Neel Rich's home (12164 College Drive – Emory) for a light meal and planning session. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please RSVP at Neelrich70@gmail.com or 944-3351.

Breakfast Fellowship: We would like to thank the volunteers who hosted our breakfast fellowships over this past year; this has been a wonderful place of hospitality for our community. The breakfast fellowships will take a break over the summer (May-August) and will begin again when E&H starts the fall semester. We need volunteers to help with this in the fall. If you would like to help, please call (944-6841) or email David (djackson@ehc.edu).

Half-Century: Will meet on Wednesday, May 10 at Noon at the Brooklyn Grill in Bristol. Reservations need to be made with Evon Crowder at crowderb@comcast.net by May 8.

May Older Adult Outing: Will be to Jonesborough, TN on Tues., May 23, for those who have made reservations. The trip will leave from Meadowview at 10:30 a.m. with lunch at Carrabba's in Johnson City. The next stop is the Storytelling Center in Jonesborough with a 2:00 p.m. storytelling session with Carol Birch.

Annual Conference Mission Offering: Holston Annual Conference will meet June 11-14. All Holston Conference congregations are receiving a special mission offering for Ishe Anesu in Zimbabwe. Please go to <http://holston.org/ministries/missions/programs/ishe-anesu-in-zimbabwe/> to learn more about Ishe Anesu.

Recycling at the Emory Depot: We are still collecting aluminum in the bins behind the depot – aluminum can be dropped off at any time. Funds raised from the aluminum go to our medical assistance fund, which helps families in the community with emergency 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. 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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May Volunteers

Liturgists: Elizabeth Wicht (May 7); Tom Hower (May 14); Susan Stanley (May 21); Mary-Margaret Justis (May 28).

Children's Church: Josh and Jessie Stamper (May 7); Ellen and Elizabeth Wicht (May 14); Dave and Teena Carroll (May 21); Greg and Sharon Wright (May 28).

A Note from David J.: For my continuing education experience this year, I have the wonderful opportunity to travel with an Emory & Henry class to Greece from Friday, May 12 – Sunday, May 21. I will see many biblical sights such as Athens, Corinth, and Ephesus, and grow in my knowledge of this important historic location. We have two wonderful guest preachers lined-up in my absence, Drs. David St. Clair and Fred Kellogg. Reverend Sharon Wright will also be available to respond to any pastoral emergencies. Thank you to you and our SPR Committees for making this a possibility for me this year.