

Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
May 2018

Half Century: Will meet on Wednesday, May 9, at Noon at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant in Kingsport. Reservations need to be made with Evon at crowderb@comcast.net by May 7.

Holston Conference Mission Offering: We will receive a special offering for the Holston Annual Conference mission on Sunday, May 27, for South Sudanese United Methodists who are currently in exile. Please see more information at <http://holston.org/administration/finance/way-to-go-way-to-give/>.

Holston Conference Hands-On Mission Project: Our children will be coordinating the project for us this year, which includes buying health supplies and packing the kits. If you or your family would like to sponsor a kit for our children to assemble, please write a check to the church for \$20 and mark "Hand-on Mission Project" on the memo line (this is \$15 for the kit and \$5 for shipping). The kits assembled by our children will be blessed in our May 27 worship service.

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 Schedule: David will be away at a continuing education conference Monday, May 21 – Thursday, May 24. In the event of an emergency, please call 865-228-4357.

May Volunteers:

	<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
May 6	Josh and Jessie	Elijah	Elizabeth
May 13	Sharon and Greg	Shelley	Susan
May 20	Ellen and Elizabeth	Lucy	Tom
May 27	Teena and Dave	Shelley	Mary-Magaret

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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