

**Emory United Methodist Church**  
**The Spire Monthly Newsletter**  
**November 2016**

*“Giving helps us become what God wants us to be. Giving is not merely about the church’s need for money but about the Christian’s need to grow in generosity. Generosity is a fruit of the Spirit, a sign of our spiritual growth.” These are the opening lines to Bishop Robert Schnase’s devotional, Practicing Extravagant Generosity. In November, we will meditate on the scriptural message of generosity in the life of the Christian and the Christian Community, as generosity is a spiritual gift that we are called to receive and to develop -- we grow in discipleship as we grow in generosity. Further, generosity is about more than money; we can be generous with our time, generous with our abilities, generous with our prayer lives, and generous with our hospitality. Generosity reaches into many facets of our lives, and holistic generosity is one of the most fruitful aspects of our spiritual journeys.*

**Breakfast Fellowship:** Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. there will be informal breakfast fellowship in Cole Parlor. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

**Covenant Bible Study:** Covenant will meet on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. November 6, 13, and 20, in the Dow Room at Emory UMC. Everyone is welcome to participate.

**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 Central Café in Glade Spring.

**Children / Youth Fundraising Lunch:** Sunday, November 6 at Meadowview UMC at Noon. Soup, salad, and bread – donations are welcome.

**Gathering around the Table:** Will meet on Sunday, November 6 and November 13 (we will not meet on November 27 as it is Thanksgiving Weekend). Catherine Elliott will prepare a meal for us and Lindsey Blackwell will be with us to lead our children’s time. On November 6 we will have a local service time as we pack bags for the Mary’s Lunch Box backpack program. This will all happen in Mason Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.

**Half-Century:** Will meet at the Mad Greek Restaurant in Bristol on Wednesday, November 16 at Noon. Reservations can be made with Evon Crowder at [crowderb@comcast.net](mailto:crowderb@comcast.net).

**Older Adult Outing:** Tuesday, November 29 to Korner’s Folly in Kernersville, NC. Korner’s Folly is the architectural wonder and home of artist and designer Jule Gilmer Korner. Built in 1880 in Kernersville, NC, the house originally served to display his interior design portfolio. We will enjoy a guided tour of the 22 room house museum and its unique original furnishings and artwork, cast-plaster details, carved woodwork, and elaborate hand laid tile.

### Upcoming Events

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| - Wednesday, November 2 | Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Emory UMC                 |
| -Thursday, November 3   | S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm at Central Cafe                    |
| -Saturday, November 5   | Recycling at the Emory Depot                         |
| -Sunday, November 6     | Communion Sunday                                     |
| -Sunday, November 6     | Children/Youth Fundraising Lunch, Meadowview, Noon   |
| -Sunday, November 6     | Covenant Bible Study, 4:00 p.m.                      |
| -Sunday, November 6     | Gathering around the Table, 5:30 p.m.                |
| -Wednesday, November 9  | Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Emory UMC                 |
| -Thursday, November 10  | S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm at Central Cafe                    |
| -Sunday, November 13    | Covenant Bible Study, 4:00 p.m.                      |
| -Sunday, November 13    | Gathering around the Table, 5:30 p.m.                |
| -Wednesday, November 16 | Half-Century, Noon, Mad Greek in Bristol             |
| -Wednesday, November 16 | Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Emory UMC                 |
| -Thursday, November 17  | S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm at Central Cafe                    |
| -Sunday, November 20    | Stewardship Commitment Sunday                        |
| -Sunday, November 20    | Covenant Bible Study, 4:00 p.m.                      |
| -Sunday, November 27    | First Sunday in Advent                               |
| -Tuesday, November 29   | Older Adult Outing: Korner's Folly, Kernersville, NC |

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

**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, 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.*

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