

*Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
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³³ Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Make for yourselves wallets that don't wear out—a treasure in heaven that never runs out. No thief comes near there, and no moth destroys. ³⁴ Where your treasure is, there your heart will be too. —Luke 12:33-34

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we are invited again to consider what is truly important to us in this life. For many of us, how much we have and what we own is the answer to this question; our heart is in our possessions and our possessions define who we are. Jesus, in contrast to this, invites us in Luke's gospel to sell these very same possessions and to give to those in need so that our heart will reside in the eternal generosity of God.

Our church has been richly blessed over many years by individuals who wanted the United Methodist ministry of Word, Worship, and Service to endure in this community. They gave of their possessions, not to receive something in return, but so that future generations might be blessed through their thoughtfulness.

I hope you will join my family as we finish 2017 and begin a new year, by giving generously to our faith community. Not to pay the pastor's salary or to keep the lights on, but so that Christ's ministry of Word, Worship, and Service might continue with vitality in this community as a blessing to all.

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.

Children's Ministry: A children's ministry time is offered every Sunday morning during the service. If you know families in the community interested in a church home, please be sure to invite them to Sunday morning worship.

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. All are welcome to attend to find fellowship and lively, biblical discussion. Thursdays -- 6 p.m. @ the home of Neel Rich (12164 College Drive, Emory).

Half-Century: Will meet November 8 at Wolfe's Barbecue in Marion at Noon. Reservations need to be made with Evon Crowder by November 6 at crowderb@comcast.net.

Gathering around the Table: Will meet on Sunday, November 12 for the second in our Food and Faith Series. We will be discussing Hinduism. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. (no charge), and children's program will be offered.

Recycling at the Emory Depot: The bins for aluminum recycling will remain permanently behind the Emory depot; please bring your aluminum recycling by any time. Funds raised from the recycled 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>.

Older Adult Outing: Tuesday, November 14, to Shatley Springs, North Carolina. Paul Griffith is coordinating (429-5139).

Hand Bell Rehearsals: Sunday, November 12 and Sunday, November 26 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Upcoming Events

-Wednesday, November 1	Bible Study, 6:30 p.m., Dow Room
-Wednesday, November 1	Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Emory UMC
-Thursday, November 2	S.P.A.R.Q., 6:00 p.m., Neel's Home
-Sunday, November 5	Dr. Jim Dawsey, Guest Preacher
-Wednesday, November 8	Half-Century, Noon
-Wednesday, November 8	Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Emory UMC
-Thursday, November 9	S.P.A.R.Q., 6:00 p.m., Neel's Home
-Sunday, November 12	Hand Bell Rehearsal, 4:00 p.m.
-Sunday, November 12	Gathering around the Table, 5:30 p.m.
-Tuesday, November 14	Older Adult Outing
-Wednesday, November 15	Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Emory UMC
-Thursday, November 23	Thanksgiving
-Sunday, November 26	Commitment Sunday
-Sunday, November 26	Hand Bell Rehearsal, 4:00 p.m.

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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