

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 2018 and begin a new year, by giving 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.

Upcoming Events

-Thursday, November 1	S.P.A.R.Q. at Neel Rich's home, 6:00 p.m.
-Sunday, November 4	Communion and All Saints Service, 9:30 a.m.
-Sunday, November 4	Engaging the Gospels, Dow Room, 7:00 p.m.
-Thursday, November 8	S.P.A.R.Q. at Neel Rich's home, 6:00 p.m.
-Sunday, November 11	Charge Staff-Parish Meeting, Noon at Meadowview UMC
-Sunday, November 11	Charge Conference, Zion UMC, 3:00 p.m.
-Sunday, November 11	Gathering around the Table, 5:30 p.m.
-Sunday, November 11	Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m.
-Wednesday, November 14	Half-Century at Machievelli's in Bristol, Noon
-Thursday, November 15	S.P.A.R.Q. at Neel Rich's home, 6:00 p.m.
-Thursday, November 22	Thanksgiving
-Sunday, November 25	Gathering around the Table at 5:30 p.m. + Christmas Decorating

-Half Century: Will meet on Wednesday, November 14 at Noon Machiavelli's in Abingdon. Reservations need to be made with Evon by 11/12 at crowderb@comcast.net.

-Small Group Ministry: S.P.A.R.Q. (Seeking People Asking Relevant Questions) Study group is a friendly group of folks from the Emory church and community 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 pm @ Neel Rich's home (12164 College Drive).

-Charge Staff-Parish Relations Committee: Will meet on Sunday, November 11 at Noon at Meadowview UMC.

-Charge Conference: Will be held Sunday, November 11 at 3:00 p.m. at Zion United Methodist Church (29249 Zion Church Rd, Damascus, VA 24236). Everyone is welcome to attend.

-New Choir Schedule: Anyone interested in singing is invited to join the choir for rehearsal at 8:30 a.m. every Sunday morning in the sanctuary. Wednesday night choir practice will now be bi-weekly. The goal of this change is to invite congregational participation in the choir, so please come and sing!

-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>.

-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.

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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