

*Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
November 2019*

At Emory UMC we are so grateful to have dedicated volunteers that work with our children every week. Recently the class has been learning about the 10 Commandments, and, as a creative exercise, they came up with their 10 Commandments for 2019:

- i. Donate to medical places.
- ii. Make our world safe.
- iii. Do not litter. Pick up trash. Protect the earth.
- iv. Be nice to people.
- v. Take other people's feelings into account.
- vi. Try not to run over people.
- vii. The Golden Rule.
- viii. Smile at people and wave at them.
- ix. Don't be mean.
- x. Give away things you don't need to other people.

This is good wisdom for all of us in the 21st Century!

Upcoming Events

-November 7	S.P.A.R.Q., 6pm at Neel's home
-November 10	Staff-Parish Relations Committee, 10:30am
-November 10	Charge Conference, 3pm, Zion UMC
-November 10	Regional Gathering of Reconciling United Methodists, 5pm, First Bristol UMC
-November 13	Half-Century, Noon
-November 14	S.P.A.R.Q., 6pm at Neel's home
-November 17	Finance Committee, 10:30am
-November 21	S.P.A.R.Q., 6pm at Neel's home
-November 26	Older Adult Outing
-November 28	Happy Thanksgiving!

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 Conference: Will be held Sunday, November 10 at 3:00 p.m. at Zion United Methodist Church (29249 Zion Church Rd, Damascus, VA 24236). Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday School: Our Sunday school class will meet immediately after worship on Sunday mornings in Wesley Parlor. Everyone is welcome and invited.

Reconciling Gathering: On Sunday, November 10 at 5:00pm there will be a gathering of reconciling United Methodists at First UMC, Bristol (322 Vance Drive) for a potluck meal and program. Instead of our regular Gathering around the Table on November 10, everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Choir: Participating in the EUMC Chapel Choir only requires that you arrive for practice by 8:45 on any Sunday morning. An optional weekly Wednesday rehearsal from 7:30-8:30 PM is held to support those who enjoy extra preparation.

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 members of the Emory United Methodist Church affirm that our church is inclusive and open to all people. We are a Reconciling Congregation, 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. We align ourselves with the Reconciling Ministries Network, a United Methodist organization that affirms the LGBT community and seeks to have that community become fully engaged in the life of the Church.