

Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
October 2016

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 every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the fall, except for October 9. 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 home of Neel Rich.

C.R.O.P. Walk for Hunger: Sunday, October 9 in Abingdon. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Coomes Center and the walk will be at 2:00 p.m. The C.R.O.P. Hunger Walk is a 5km walk to raise funds to feed hungry families where they live. 75% of the proceeds go to the Church World Service and 25% stays in the local community. Walkers are invited to collect pledges. Donations can be turned in the day of the walk or mailed to CROP Walk, P.O. Box 15, Emory, VA, 24327. Checks should be made to CWS/CROP.

Charge Conference: Sunday, October 9, 3:00 p.m. at Meadowview UMC. Everyone is invited to attend. If you can bring a dessert to provide as refreshment, please let David know.

Gathering around the Table: Sunday, October 9, at 5:30 p.m. Catherine Elliott will cater our meal and Lindsey Blackwell will lead the children's time. At 6:15 p.m. we will join with representatives from E&H Spiritual Life for a Reconciling Worship Service. The worship experience will honor and remember LGBT persons around the world in the church who are not in welcoming places. We will recall God's promises to love all people and seek to end discrimination based upon sexuality and gender.

Half-Century: Will meet at Guiseppi's Italian Restaurant in Kingsport on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 12:00.

Gathering around the Table: Sunday, October 23, at 5:30 p.m. Catherine Elliott will cater our meal and Lindsey Blackwell will lead the children's time. Ann Ledgerwood will be with us to share about the important new ministry starting in Glade Spring: the Samaritan House for women transitioning from prison back into community life.

Older Adult Outing: Friday, October 28, to the Farmer's Daughter in Chuckey, TN. Carol Graybeal (944-3405) is coordinating.

Upcoming Events

-Saturday, October 1	Recycling at the Emory Depot
-Sunday, October 2	Greek Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
-Sunday, October 2	Covenant Bible Study, 4:00 p.m.
-Wednesday, October 5	Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Emory UMC
- Thursday, October 6	S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm at Neel Rich's Home
-Sunday, October 9	Communion Sunday
-Sunday, October 9	C.R.O.P. Walk, 1:30 p.m., Coomes Center
-Sunday, October 9	Charge Conference, 3:00 p.m., Meadowview UMC
-Sunday, October 9	Hand Bell Practice, 4:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
-Sunday, October 9	Gathering around the Table, 5:30 p.m.
-Wednesday, October 12	Half-Century, Noon, Kingsport
-Wednesday, October 12	Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Emory UMC
-Thursday, October 13	S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm at Neel Rich's Home
-Sunday, October 16	Covenant Bible Study, 4:00 p.m.
-Wednesday, October 19	Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Emory UMC
-Thursday, October 20	S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm at Neel Rich's Home
-Sunday, October 23	Covenant Bible Study, 4:00 p.m.
-Sunday, October 23	Gathering around the Table, 5:30 p.m.
-Wednesday, October 26	Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Emory UMC
-Thursday, October 27	S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm at Neel Rich's Home
-Friday, October 28	Older Adult Outing
-Sunday, October 30	Covenant Bible Study, 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.