

**Emory United Methodist Church**  
**The Spire Monthly Newsletter**  
**October 2018**

Dear Friends of Emory UMC,

**Gathering around the Table** will meet again this week in Mason Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. for a shared meal (there is no need to bring anything and there is no charge for the meal). We then share a program from 6:00-6:45. For this Sunday, our guest speaker will be Emory & Henry student Parker Kitts who will be sharing with us about his trip to the 2018 UM Global Young People's Convocation in South Africa. There is also a children's program offered during this same time. Please join us any Sunday you are available (we meet every 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 5:30), on the following: Oct. 28, Nov. 11, and Nov. 25).

In other news:

- **Fall Bible Study:** *Engaging the Gospels*, will continue on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Dow Room thru October 28.
- **Response to Hurricane Florence:** Our church council has reminded us that the need is great to replace the emergency supplies stored at the Sanger Center because of flooding in NC and SC. Each congregant can pick up the number of Hygiene Kits they would like to prepare on the back table at our next two worship services. Instructions are included in the zip lock bag. Sign your name on the list and tell how many you are doing and then take the bag(s) to fill by either Sunday, Oct. 7 or 14. People with questions may call Christine Mitten (570)212-1030 or Anita Coulthard (276)608-1630. If you would like to contribute to the filling of flood buckets with the college students, there will also be a jar near the zip lock baggies for money. Thanks for your enthusiastic help!
- **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).

- **Half Century:** Will be going to the Brooklyn Grill in Bristol on Wed., October 10, at 12:00 Reservations need to be made with Evon Crowder ([crowderb@comcast.net](mailto:crowderb@comcast.net)) by Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The **Older Adult Outing** in October will be to the Roanoke Transportation Museum and to Mill Mountain, with lunch at the New Yorker Deli. The trip will depart at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday, October 23 from Byars-Cobb UMC and will return by 4:30 p.m. Reservations need to be made with Tom Taylor at 276-619-1563.
- **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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#### October Volunteers

	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 28
Liturgist	Elizabeth	Susan	Tom	Mary-Margaret
Breakfast	Cindy/Sharon	Sally/Lisa	Coulthard/Justis	Stanley/Crowder
Children's Church	Stampers	Mittens	Wrights	Wichts

\*Megan Mitten is the children's church helper for every Sunday