

Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
September 2019

Dear Friends of Emory UMC,

We will have a very special guest with us the weekend of **September 15**. The Reverend Leah Burns from Second UMC in Knoxville will be with us. Leah has been very active in the Holston Conference as a leader in racial justice and reconciliation. Following the Sunday morning service, anyone who is interested can join us for brunch in the Emory & Henry cafeteria for an extended conversation with Reverend Burns.

Leah will also be with us in the evening (9/15) for a special Gathering around the Table at 5:30pm. She will be sharing with us about UMC Next and the work of leaders in the Holston Conference and beyond to bring about equality and inclusiveness in the United Methodist Church. Please make plans to join us for this very special weekend of worship and dialogue.

In other news:

- **Gathering around the Table** will begin this semester with a picnic kick-off on *Sunday, September 8 at 5:30pm*. We will eat outside under the trees if the weather is nice.
- **Choirs:** The Emory United Methodist Church Choir and Handbell Choir are always open to participation from students and congregants. The Handbell Choir typically practices once or twice each month and plays one Sunday each month. The Church Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30, but you are also welcome to "walk in" for an 8:45 am rehearsal on Sunday morning to help us lead worship at 9:30.
- **Seeking People Asking Relevant Questions:** The S.P.A.R.Q. small group ministry will meet on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. at Neel Rich's home (12164 College Drive – Emory); everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please come at 5:45 for a fellowship time.
- **Half-Century:** Wednesday, September 11 at Noon.

- **Older Adult Outing:** Tuesday, September 24 to the Apple Barn in Bedford, VA.
- **Holston Conference Offering:** We will receive a special 5th Sunday offering for Holston Home for Children on Sunday, September 29. Holston United Methodist Home for Children, located in Greeneville, TN, provides hope and healing for a brighter future by sharing the love of Jesus with children and families struggling with life's challenges.
- **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.

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September Volunteers

	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29
Liturgist	Elizabeth	Susan	Tom	Mary-Margaret	TBD
Breakfast	Jacksons	Morgans/Jett	Wright /Justis	Stanley/Crowder	Stampers
Children's Church	Stampers	Cindy J.	Sharon W.	Wichts	TBD