

Meadowview United Methodist Church
The Call
December 2016

I would like to take a moment during this special time of year to let you all know how much I appreciate our church for its willingness to reach out to the community in love and care. We have accomplished four major projects in the past three months: a community yard sale, Operation Christmas Child, a community Thanksgiving meal, and Santa Pals. None of this could have happened without countless volunteer hours, and your prayer and support. Scripture tells us that people will know God by the love that we display; I appreciate so much you making your love real in this world in order to show the love of God to those around us. Happy Advent. –David J.

Santa Pals: Can you volunteer some time to help with our Santa Pals ministry? Volunteers are needed on the following package drop-off dates at the church:

Thursday, December 1 from 5-8 pm

Friday, December 2 from 5-8 pm

Saturday, December 3 from 9-12am

And for package pick-up on:

Friday, December 9 from 4-8 pm

Please contact Becky McKinney at santapalsmumc@gmail.com to schedule a time to help.

Christmas Cantata: Sunday, December 4 at 11 a.m. – invite a friend!

Children's Christmas Wrapping Party: Sunday, December 4 at Noon. Boxes of all sizes are needed for packing. Please bring boxes to the church that morning.

Half-Century: Will meet at The Log House in Wytheville, Virginia, for a special Christmas gathering on Wednesday, December 14, at Noon. Transportation is available. Please make reservations with Evon Crowder at crowderb@comcast.net by December 12.

Mary's Lunch Box Christmas Bags: Our goal is to offer 75 MLB food bags to the families participating in our Santa Pals program. Can you or your family sponsor a \$10 bag? Checks needs to be designated for the *MLB Christmas Bags*. Thank you for your generosity!

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary: We are invited to order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary this year. These are the large, red poinsettias from Indoor Farms; they are \$15 each; the order deadline is Sunday, December 6. Forms are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary, or you can order with David at djackson@ehc.edu. Poinsettias can be ordered in honor or memory of individuals or families and these names will appear in the bulletin.

Christmas Mission Tree: The Christmas Mission Tree is in the parlor. There are a variety of missions to which we can contribute. Gifts can be made in honor or memory of individuals or families.

Church Council: Will hold its year-end meeting on Sunday, December 18, at Noon.

Schedule Changes: There will be a regular Sunday morning worship service on December 25 at 11:00 a.m., but no Sunday school. There will be no Sunday school or worship service on Sunday, January 1, 2017. Blessings in the new year!

Pastor's Schedule: David will be on vacation for the Christmas holiday from December 26-January 2. He is always available in the event of an emergency at 865-228-4357. There will be no regular 9:30 a.m. worship service on January 1.

Upcoming Events

-Thursday, December 1	Santa Pals Gift Drop-off, 5-8 p.m.
-Friday, December 2	Santa Pals Gift Drop-off, 5-8 p.m.
-Saturday, December 3	Santa Pals Gift Drop-off, 9-Noon
-Sunday, December 4	Christmas Cantata, 11:00 a.m.
-Sunday, December 4	Children / Youth Wrapping Party, Noon
-Friday, December 9	Santa Pals Gift Pick-up, 4-8 p.m.
Wednesday, December 14	Half-Century, Noon
-Sunday, December 18	Church Council, Noon
-Sunday, December 24	Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.
-Sunday, December 25	11:00 a.m. Worship (no Sunday School)
-Sunday, January 1	No Regular Worship Service
-Friday, January 20	Resurrection Weekend

Meadowview Worship Volunteers

	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 25
Acolyte	Luke	Zoe	Kaylee	Elly
Chimes	Anna	Elijah	Anna	Elijah
Children's Church	N/A	Becky	Missy	N/A
Sunday School	Becky	Becky	Missy	N/A

Communion Stewards: Kathy McKinney & Mary McFarlane

Flowers: Ann Wallace

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