

**Meadowview United Methodist Church**  
**The Call**  
**December 2017**

*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, community Thanksgiving meal deliveries, 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.*

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**Mary's Lunch Box Christmas Bags:** We will be offering 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*. Volunteers are also welcome to come and help pack on Saturday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m.

**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:

- Dec. 7 and 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. & Dec 9 from 10 a.m. - Noon

And for package pick-up on:

- December 15 (Friday) from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Becky McKinney at [santapalsmumc@gmail.com](mailto:santapalsmumc@gmail.com) to schedule a time to help.

**Service of Lessons and Carols:** Sunday, December 3 at 11 a.m. – invite a friend!

**Children's Christmas Wrapping Party:** Sunday, December 10 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 13, at Noon. Transportation is available. Please make reservations with Evon Crowder at [crowderb@comcast.net](mailto:crowderb@comcast.net) by December 12.

**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 \$16 each; the order deadline is Sunday, December 3. Forms are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary, or you can order with David at [djackson@ehc.edu](mailto: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.

Upcoming Dates	
Saturday, December 2, 10am	MLB Packing for Santa Pals Families (at the church)
Sunday, December 3, 11am	Service of Lessons and Carols w/ Combined Choirs
Thursday, December 7, 6-7:30pm	Santa Pals Gift Drop-off
Friday, December 8, 6-7:30pm	Santa Pals Gift Drop-off
Saturday, December 9, 10am-Noon	Santa Pals Gift Drop-off
Sunday, December 10, Noon	Children / Youth Wrapping Party
Wednesday, December 13	Half-Century at the Log House in Wytheville
Friday, December 15, 4-7pm	Santa Pals Gift Pick-up
Sunday, December 24, 7pm	Christmas Eve Communion and Candle lighting

#### Meadowview Worship Volunteers

	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 31
<b>Acolyte</b>	Zoe	Kaylee	Zoe	Kaylee	Elijah
<b>Chimes</b>	Elijah	Anna	Anna	Elijah	Anna
<b>Children's Church</b>	N/A	Becky	Missy	Cindy	TBD
<b>Sunday School</b>	Becky	Becky	Missy	Cindy	TBD

**Communion Stewards:** Kathy McKinney & Mary McFarlane

**Flowers:** Ann Wallace

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**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. We will be on a regular morning schedule (Sunday school and worship) for December 24 and December 31. If you need gift ideas for your pastor, feel free to be in touch.