

*The Call*  
*Meadowview United Methodist Church*  
*January 2018*

**Mark's Gospel**

*As we approach the Lenten Season and an April 1 Easter Celebration, I am planning to have us expand the lectionary for this first quarter of the year as we read Mark's gospel together in worship over the next 12 weeks (CEB), and as we experience Jesus anew through the eyes of the earliest gospel writer. This Sunday, January 7, in addition to being communion Sunday, will include the reading of Mark 1. I hope you will use the coming months to join me in reading and re-reading the gospel according to St. Mark.*

**Announcements**

**Supper Club Information:** The next round of supper club dinners will begin in February. The idea behind this is to spend a little time with each other outside of Sunday worship. Round 1 was a success and we are hopeful that more folks will sign up this time! There will be no more than 8 people in a group and each household will host a casual supper in their home. Beverly will be in charge of organizing the groups initially and each group will be assigned a lead person to get things going with their particular group. The responsibility of the host is to contact the group members and find a mutually acceptable date (Sunday evenings are probably best), provide the entrée and beverages, and to assign the rest of the group something to bring. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in January. This would also be an opportunity to invite others outside the church as well. Questions? Please contact Beverly Sheddan at [bsheddan@ehc.edu](mailto:bsheddan@ehc.edu) or call 276 356 5479.

**Half-Century:** Will meet at Milano's Italian Restaurant in Abingdon on January 10 at Noon. Please make reservations with Evon Crowder at [crowderb@comcast.net](mailto:crowderb@comcast.net) by January 8.

**Resurrection Weekend:** The Resurrection Holston Conference Youth Retreat will be held in Pigeon Forge the weekend of January 19-21. David will be at the retreat. Dr. Chris Qualls will be our guest preacher on January 21.

**Late Winter Study:** Please make plans to join us on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in the Dow Room at Emory UMC starting January 28 (weather permitting). We will meet every Sunday afternoon at 4pm over the next six weeks. The focus of the study will be the United Methodist Church in 2018. We will use the new United Methodist Handbook and online resources to explore United Methodism, and we will use this information to look ahead to the special called 2019 General Conference.

**Staff-Parish Relations Committee:** Sunday, January 14 at Noon at Meadowview UMC.

**Trustees Meeting:** Sunday, January 28 at Noon at Meadowview UMC.

**Church Funds:** Our church has been blessed with many wonderful estate gifts over the years that we have used to begin important ministry funds. Individuals and families are invited to continue making contributions to these funds, which include:

- The James and Louise Nicely Local Mission Fund;*
- The Mary Virginia Smith Mary's Lunch Box Fund;*
- The Johnie Stringer Scholarship Fund.*

For more information about any of these, or to make your own plans for an estate gift to the church, please speak with Randy Pennington or David Jackson.

#### **Meadowview Worship Volunteers**

	<b>Jan. 7</b>	<b>Jan. 14</b>	<b>Jan. 21</b>	<b>Jan. 28</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Zoe	Kaylee	Elijah	Zoe
<b>Chimes</b>	Anna	Elijah	Anna	Elijah
<b>Children's Church</b>	Becky	Becky	Cindy	Missy

**Communion Stewards:** Doris Quintana and Missy Deel

**Flowers:** Patsy Henegar