

The Call
Meadowview United Methodist Church
March 2019

Lent: A mirroring of the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert preparation for his ministry (or the forty years that the Israelites spent wandering in the wilderness) Lent is for the church a time of introspection, prayer, penitence, and self-denial. This is an important time for our church families as we prepare ourselves again to hear the good news of Easter morning. It is a common misconception, but Lent is not necessarily about feeling guilty. We may, of course, need to feel a bit of guilt if we have something to feel guilty about. But this season of preparation is really more of a time to step back, to take stock of our lives, to examine our priorities, to see how we are living in relation to the message of the gospel. So, as our United Methodist Book of Worship puts it, I invite us as a church family “to the observation of a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s Holy Word.”

Upcoming Dates

-Sunday, March 3	Dr. James Dawsey, Guest Preacher
-Wednesday, March 6	Ash Wednesday, Memorial Chapel (Emory), 6:00 p.m.
-Sunday, March 10	Communion Sunday
-Wednesday, March 13	Half-Century
-Tuesday, March 26	Older Adult Outing
-Sunday, March 31	Holston Home for Children 5 th Sunday Offering
-Sunday, March 31	Church Council, Noon

Announcements

Church Council: Quarterly Meeting – Sunday, March 31, Noon.

Nurse Worker: We are currently in need of a Sunday morning nursery worker. The stipend is \$25 per Sunday. If you know anyone who is interested, please have them contact David Jackson at djackson@ehc.edu or 865-228-4357. A background check is required.

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

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Acolyte	Zoe	Kaylee	Zoe	Elijah	Kaylee
Chimes	Anna	Elijah	Anna	Anna	Elijah
Children's Church	N/A	Becky	Cindy	Missy	TBA

Communion Stewards: Doris Quintana and Missy Deel