

The Call
Meadowview United Methodist Church
May 2017

Strategic Planning

Thank you to everyone who participated in and prayed for our recent strategic planning exercise. The meetings were very fruitful and our facilitator, Kelli Smith, was especially helpful. We would like for you to know about five initiatives from this process that will start within the next three months:

1. Fellowship Activities: Please join us this Sunday (5/7) after our graduation lunch from 1:00-2:00 p.m. as Mark and Becky lead us in planning fellowship activities for the year. Beverly will be forming a new supper club as a part of this project.
2. Summer Worship: We are going informal in June, July, and August as we dress for summer, and Joy and David plan for less traditional worship experiences on Sunday mornings.
3. Prayer Chain: Ann will be leading the way in re-creating our church prayer chain.
4. Marketing: Jimmy will be forming a group to lead us in an effort to better communicate the identity and vision of our church to the community.
5. Visitors: Randy and our ushers will help us to be more intentional about welcoming and following-up with our guests.

We will meet again on August 20 to evaluate our efforts. Thank you to everyone for their leadership and passion for our church, as we seek to share God's love with our community in new and exciting ways.

Upcoming Events

-Sunday, May 7	Graduation Celebration @ Noon; Planning meeting at 1 p.m.
-Wed., May 10	Half-Century will meet at Noon at the Brooklyn Grill in Bristol
-Sunday, May 14	Dr. David St. Clair, Guest Preacher
-Sunday, May 21	Dr. Fred Kellogg, Guest Preacher
-Sunday, May 21	Pre-Conference AC Briefing at 3:00 p.m. at Pleasant View UMC
-Tuesday, May 23	Older Adult Outing
-Sunday, May 28	Holston Conference Mission Offering
-Monday, June 5	Beginning of Community Vacation Bible School

Graduation Celebration: Sunday, May 7, at Noon. This is a potluck meal so please bring something good to eat and join us (chicken and drinks provided). We will eat outside if the weather permits.

Half-Century: Will meet on Wednesday, May 10 at Noon at the Brooklyn Grill in Bristol. Reservations need to be made with Evon Crowder at crowderb@comcast.net by May 8.

May Older Adult Outing: Will be to Jonesborough, TN on Tues., May 23, for those who have made reservations. The trip will leave from Meadowview at 10:30 a.m. with lunch at Carrabba's in Johnson City. The next stop is the Storytelling Center in Jonesborough with a 2:00 p.m. storytelling session with Carol Birch.

Annual Conference Mission Offering: Holston Annual Conference will meet June 11-14. All Holston Conference congregations are receiving a special mission offering for Ishe Anesu in Zimbabwe. Please go to <http://holston.org/ministries/missions/programs/ishe-anesu-in-zimbabwe/> to learn more about Ishe Anesu.

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

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Acolyte	Luke	Kaylee	Zoe	Elijah
Chimes	Anna	Anna	Elijah	Anna
Children's Church	N/A	Becky	Cindy	Missy
Children's S. School	Becky	Becky	Cindy	Missy

Communion Stewards: Patsy Henegar and Gayle Dutton

Flowers: Doris Quintana

A Note from David J.: For my continuing education experience this year, I have the wonderful opportunity to travel with an Emory & Henry class to Greece from Friday, May 12 – Sunday, May 21. I will see many biblical sights such as Athens, Corinth, and Ephesus, and grow in my knowledge of this important historic location. We have two wonderful guest preachers lined-up in my absence, Drs. David St. Clair and Fred Kellogg. Reverend Barbara Farmer (628-6323) will also be available to respond to any pastoral emergencies. Thank you to you and our SPR Committees for making this a possibility for me this year.