

The Call
Meadowview United Methodist Church
April 2018

The Easter Season: *The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. It focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the giving of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter (John 20:22 –23) and the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). Lessons from the Acts of the Apostles replace readings from the Old Testament because the early church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, is the best witness to the Resurrection (-UM Book of Worship). I hope you will join us for these very special worship services.*

<u>Upcoming Dates</u>	
-Sunday, April 8	Easter Choral Music Celebration
-Wednesday, April 11	Half-Century Lunch at the Riverfront Café in Chilhowie
-Sunday, April 22	District Celebration at Pleasant View UMC
-Thursday, April 26	Older Adult Outing
-Sunday, April 29	Holston Home for Children Special Offering

Meadowview Worship Volunteers

	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
Acolyte	Zoe	Kaylee	Zoe	Elijah	Kaylee
Chimes	Elijah	Anna	Elijah	Anna	Elijah
Children's Church	N/A	Missy	Cindy	Becky	Becky
Communion Stewards: Doris Quintana and Missy Deel					

Announcements

Half-Century: Will meet on Wednesday, April 11, at Noon at the Riverfront Café in Chilhowie. Reservations need to be made with Evon at crowderb@comcast.net by March 12.

Older Adult Outing: The April Older Adult Outing on Thursday, April 26, will be “Surfing the Square “ in Glade Spring, VA, Beginning with cinnamon buns, coffee, fun and fellowship at the Library at 10:00 am, we will hear about and/or visit the Town Square Center for the Arts, Lavelle, Made New, The Samaritan House Ministries Thrift Store, Project Glade, The Point Pavilion, The Salt Trail, Surber and Son, Glade Senior Center and have lunch at Clean Eats. Please see the complete schedule for details. Reservations are very important for lunch arrangements. Neel Rich 944-3351 or 276-356-6445, or neelrich70@gmail.com by April 24.

Custodial Volunteers: Our church custodian has resigned as of Wednesday, March 21. Our church council met on Sunday and voted to create a volunteer rotation to keep the church clean so that a hiring decision is not required immediately. We would appreciate it if you had the capacity and could volunteer your time to be a part of this rotation. We will put a sign-up sheet on the board in the hallway, or please email (djackson@ehc.edu), call, or text (865-228-4357) if you are available to help.

Holston Conference Offering: We will receive a special 5th Sunday offering for Holston Home for Children on April 29. Holston United Methodist Home for Children provides hope and healing for a brighter future by sharing the love of Jesus with children and families struggling with life's challenges.

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.