



Making an Offering What a blessing it is to be part of the ministry at Myers Memorial. Our church continues to offer itself to our community acting as a bridge to connect others to God's love. All that we have and all that we are is because of God's generosity to us and we return our thanks to God by giving to the church through our tithes, offering and service. Beginning today, we will look at making an offering of our spiritual gifts, our tithes, and ourselves. It is in 2 Corinthians 9, when we are invited to "Give what we have decided in our hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion because God loves a cheerful giver."

The Stewardship Committee has chosen to use "Making an Offering" as our theme for the 2017 Stewardship Campaign. We hope you will prayerfully commit to making a joyful offering to our church. You should receive a letter in the coming days that includes an Estimate of Giving Card, a tool to use in deciding how much financially you plan to give to Myers Memorial in the year 2018. Also in the letter you will find a Time & Talent Survey, a tool for indicating how you will be able to offer yourself in ministry during 2018.

During worship on October 29, there will be time in the service to give thanks to God for all that this church has offered you and to commit yourself to the offering you are making to the church as you lay your commitments on the altar. If you wish, you may return these cards at anytime in October via the baskets outside the sanctuary doors or to the church office. As your friends on the stewardship Committee have said, we consider YOUR presence in our church family a treasured offering. Together we look forward to making an abundant offering.

Trunk O Treats is coming to the Pumpkin Patch parking lot on October 29th from 5p to 6:30p. Invite your friends and neighbors, bring the children and grandchildren, donate some candy, make plans to decorate your trunk, and join us as we provide a safe place to trick or treat! Contact Tanya Martin to offer your trunk, 704-678-7122.

Community Health Fair The Health Cabinet would like you to save the date for a Health Fair on October 19th from 10a to 12p. This year's event will be hosted at First UMC Gastonia. Stop by for free screenings, Mobile Mammography (call 704-671-5300 to schedule in advance), Operation Medicine Cabinet (properly dispose of prescription & over-the-counter medicine), Flu Shots (704-864-4371 to schedule), free information and opportunities for all ages, stages and abilities! Sponsored by the Gastonia Parish Nurse Ministry and supported by the Myers Health Cabinet.

Prayers of the People

Sally Drennan, Annie Oliver, Rachel Broome,
Cameron Dennis, Sue Auten

To share confidential or community prayer, please make a note on the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. You may also use the Connection Card to indicate your desire to receive the Myers Prayer Chain.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, October 15

Chancel Choir Retreat
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
5:30p Sunday Night Live
Disciple 1 Fast Track, E-105
Child Care, Preschool Choir & Worship Arts, Elementary Choirs
Youth Main Event
6p Elementary Worship Arts
6:30p Elementary Open Gym/Childcare
7p Soul Fire Youth Choir

Monday, October 16

6p Nominations, E-105
6:30p Disciple II, Asbury
6:30p Cub/Boy Scouts, Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 17

10a GriefShare, Parlor
11a AI-Anon, Asbury
6p Girl Scouts, First Floor
6:30p Chancel Hand Bells, Music Suite
6:30p Disciple IV, E-105
6:30p Divorce Care/DC4Kids

Wednesday, October 18

9:15a Women's Bible Study, Asbury
10a Staff Meeting, Parlor
5:15p CONNECT | Eat, CFC
5:30p Childcare

Wednesday, October 18 continued

5:45p CONNECT | Gather
Children, Nursery, 3rd Floor
Youth, Lounge Young Adults, E-105
Upper Room Study, Asbury
Focus Prayer Group, Library
PLOW, E-07
6p Knit for Christ, Parlor
6:15p CONNECT | Worship, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 19

11:30a 60+ Grits & Greens, Lowell
6p Men's Basketball, CFC
6p Nominations, E-105
6p Aldersgate Ringers, Music Suite
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

Friday, October 20

November Newsletter Deadline
7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

Sunday, October 22

9a Trinity Ringers
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
5:30p Sunday Night Live
Disciple 1 Fast Track, E-105
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Sunday Servants

Head Usher: John Crain **Acolytes:** Mattie Queen @ Adam Anderson
Crucifer: Angelica Brown **Scripture Reader:** Brendan Rooney
Nursery: Angie @ Victoria Flake, Jennifer Gross, Sydney Shugart, Tresca McSwain
Coffee Time Hosts Next Sunday: Contemporary Class

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, October 8, 2017 Worship: 255 Online Worship: 10
Sunday School: 130 Wednesday CONNECT Worship 10/11: 54
Last Sunday's Offering: \$12,538 Year to Date Giving: \$473,539

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October 15, 2017



Welcome to Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

Our vision is to be Christ Inspired...People Centered...Service Driven.

We hope you are moved by the Spirit to love one another as Christ loves us! In this bulletin you will find a Connection Card that can be used to share information with the pastor and church office. You can also use it to express interest in events, activities, ministries, reserve your spot for Wednesday Connect Meals, share prayer concerns or comments. Please use it to note your attendance in worship today and return it during the offering as a way of offering yourself to God this week.

Additionally, if you have any prayer concerns or celebrations that you would like shared during worship, please write clearly on the prayer card found in the pew and bring it to the railing at the front of the Sanctuary during the first hymn.

Children are always welcome in this place! There are 'busy bags' at each entrance to the sanctuary for children to use and return. There is also age appropriate nursery care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers should they wish to play. All children are invited to participate in worship and the older Nursery children will join us for the Children's Message. Please ask any member or usher to guide you to the Nursery area.

Should you need a restroom, the closest is just outside the rear of the sanctuary, women's room is to the right as you exit and the men's room to the left. A changing table is located just inside in the women's restroom.

Please recycle this bulletin by taking it with you and use the information throughout the week or by placing it in the blue recycle bins located outside the Sanctuary

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

October 15, 2017 Martha Dickson, liturgist 10:50am

Order of Worship

Gathering for Worship

Parish Notices

When you see the asterisks [*], please stand as you are able.
 Bold print is used for congregational responses.
 UMH = United Methodist Hymnal, the navy hardbound book in the pew
 TFWS = The Faith We Sing, the black softback songbook in the pew
 WS = Worship ☉ Song, the green softback songbook in the pew.

Welcome ☉ Announcements

* Passing the Peace of Christ

Offer signs of greeting in the name of Jesus to those seated around you.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* Hillert

Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
 Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
People: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

* Opening Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy!* UMH#64

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**O Lord our God,
 You are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us
 than we are to seek them,
 and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve.
 Help us so to seek that we may truly find,
 so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
 so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us;
 through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

Children's Message Pastor Sally

Musical Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sarah Davis

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* Hymn of Thanksgiving *Freely, Freely* UMH #389

Offering

Offertory *Corner Stone* Liljero/Morgan/Myrin
 Myers Praise Team

* Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ, whose power
 uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!* UMH #94

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 Brendan Rooney
 New Testament, page 183
 Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Stewardship Moment Rev. Sarah Watkins Davis

Anthem *The Cause of Christ* Jobe/Hastins/Fowler
Susan King, soloist

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 NT, page 174
 Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Making an Offering: Spiritual Gifts Rev. Sally Queen

* Closing Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* UMH #596

* Benediction

* Response *God be With You till We Meet Again* UMH#672
 Congregation verse #1
*God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you,
 With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.
 Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
 Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude *Dialogue sur les mixtures* Couperin



The Flowers in the Sanctuary
 are given to the Glory of God
 to celebrate Kate Queen's 5th Birthday
 by Kevin, Sally, Ella ☉ Mattie Queen

The Chancel Choir is on retreat at Lake Junaluska this week. We pray they have had a wonderful time preparing music for the Advent season.

World Food Day ~ October 16 World Food Day is observed by more than 150 countries each year on October 16th. It is an opportunity to be grateful for our own blessings and to prayerfully consider what we can do to alleviate hunger in our own community and world wide. In observance of World Food Day, help replenish the food pantry at Crisis Assistance Ministry. The food pantry stock has greatly decreased in recent weeks. Please donate any non-perishable items, specifically: *Spaghetti Sauce/Noodles, Instant Potatoes, Beef Stew, Canned Fruit, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Grits, Rice*

Myers 60+ Fellowship Group is gathering on Thursday, October 19 at 11:30a for lunch at "Grits n Greens" in Lowell, NC. Please make your reservation with Connie by Monday, October 16th or on today's Connection Card.

Pumpkin Patch Volunteers The Pumpkin Patch not only serves as the Youth's main fundraiser, it's a wonderful way to get to know our Gastonia Community as they shop in the Pumpkin Patch each fall! Volunteer to work in the patch this fall by signing up online at <https://tinyurl.com/MyersPumpkins> or in the church office. The Pumpkin Patch is open 10a until dark, and Sundays 12:30p to dark.

Save the Date for Pastries with the Pastors on Sunday, November 12th at 10am. If you have an interest in joining the church, Pastors Sally & Sarah would love to gather to talk with you about membership at Myers Memorial UMC. Our Next Joining Sundays will be November 19 and December 10th. Please mark your interest on today's Connection Card.

We Seek to Follow God In the Disciple II class, we started our study of God's Word with a review of Genesis and God's creation. The Creation accounts ask us to shift from indifference to passionate care for all of the earth and all people. As part of our study, we reviewed what Myers Memorial is doing to protect the earth's resources for future generations. At Myers, we are aware that currently, a few volunteers have been collecting the cardboard and miscellaneous paper products in the blue "recycle" trash cans in the narthex and outside the sanctuary entrance, in the choir room and in the bin located in the copy room. Other individuals are collecting recyclables from the CFC kitchen. The Youth Lounge has a large container for recycling plastic drink bottles and aluminum drink cans downstairs in the youth lounge. During Pumpkin season, we have a farmer collecting the pumpkins that turn "yucky" and cannot be sold. There is more that can be done! *What can the Myers Family do?* Individually we can easily recycle by ensuring that paper is put in the proper bin, we can conserve electricity by remembering to turn off the lights, and we can reduce our use of plastic. Can you help us take our recycling efforts to the next level?

- Purchase blue plastic recycling bins for the Sunday School rooms throughout the building
 - Purchase a large bin for recycling in the CFC
 - Collect recycling from bins
- If you are interested in being a Myers Steward for Recycling, please respond on today's Connection Card.