

Prayers of the People

Rachel Broome, Greg Carnes, Julia Cauble, Lois Carnes,
Sue Auten, Frances Woodyard, Brenda Taylor, Betsy Noblett,
Allen & Carolyn Reese, The Hendricks Family,
all who struggle in this holiday season

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.

Love Feast Luminaries (bulletin insert) previously known as Light A Candle For years it's been a tradition to light luminaries on the night of the Love Feast, bringing light in a dark world. This year, you are encouraged to make a financial gift in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends as we continue to shine a light. A booklet will be distributed and luminaries will be lit at our Love Feast on December 10 at 7p. The amount could be the traditional \$1 per name or a larger donation. We thank you for your gift and all proceeds support the ministry of our church as we seek to shine a light into the community & world. Names cannot not be included in the booklet unless payment and information is received by December 4. This is a firm deadline.



A Christmas Gift to Christ

The manger at the front of the Sanctuary is awaiting *your* Christmas Gift to Christ. The people of Myers Memorial have been challenged to give sacrificially so that the financial commitments made to the 2017 annual budget may be fulfilled before the end of 2017. The finance committee and Pastor Sally challenge us to give Generously and Sacrificially.

We believe that God calls us during this season to celebrate the depth of God's love as found in the Christ child. What better way to honor baby Jesus, than by making a financial gift in addition to your tithe and offerings you faithfully give to the ministry budget each week. This additional gift will be your Christmas gift to Christ. The manger is awaiting your Christmas gift to Christ and you may bring this forward during the opening hymn.

The goal is to have everyone, from the youngest to the oldest committed to achieve the goal so that we may again celebrate what God can do when we are faithful. Thank you for partnering with Myers Memorial for mission and ministry.

We believe that the local church is the heart of God's redemptive plan for the world, and is worthy of our prayers, presence, service, witness, and financial support. If you have a question about the financial commitment you made to Myers Memorial for 2017, please contact Angie Rutledge at Cherry Bekaert, 704-671-3662 or arutledge@cbh.com.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, November 26

9a Trinity Ringers, *Music Suite*
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 SoulFire, *Music Suite*

Monday, November 27

6:30p Disciple II, *Asbury*
6:30p Cub/Boy Scouts, *Scout Hut*

Tuesday, November 28

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, November 29

9:15a Women's Bible Study, *Asbury*
6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*
7p Chancel Choir, *Music Suite*

Thursday, November 30

6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*
8p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

Friday, December 1

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*

Saturday, December 2

9a Breakfast with Santa, *CFC*

Sunday, December 3 Communion

Angel Tree Donations Deadline
8a UMMen & UMWomen Breakfast
9a Trinity Ringers
9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*
5p Children's Caroling & Advent Party
5:15p Youth Hayride - McAdenville
5:30p Disciple 1 Fast Track, *E-105*
7p SoulFire, *Music Suite*

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Louisa Suggs

Scripture Reader: Cameron Dennis

Crucifer: Brooke Cox

Acolytes: Brock Davis & Evan Falls

Nursery: Jaclyn Tant, Paige Falls, Jennifer Gross, Katie Carpenter

Coffee Time Hosts Next Sunday: New Life Class

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Worship: 208

Online Worship: 17

Sunday School: 134

Offering information not available at time of printing



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Myers Memorial United Methodist Church



November 26, 2017

Christ the King Sunday

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

November 26, 2017 Allison Evanoff, 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 *Song of Joy* Anna Laura Paige
Trinity Bells

* Call to Worship (responsively)
Leader: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
**People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name!**
Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
**People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and God's greatness is unsearchable.**

* Opening Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* UMH #66
You are invited to bring your extra financial gift to the manger at the front of the sanctuary.

* Opening Prayer (in unison)
**God of Grace and Glory,
We thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions,
but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.
Help us, as individuals and as a congregation,
to trust you and follow where you lead,
That in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.**

Children's Time Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer *Breathe on Me Breath of God* Chance
Chancel Choir
*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love
what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sarah Watkins 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 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* UMH #138

Offering

Offertory *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* Arr. Robert Hobby

* Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;* UMH #94
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!*

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson Psalm 100 Cameron Dennis
Old Testament, page 522
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* Arr. L. Shackley
Chancel Choir, Josh Belvin, trumpet
*Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And
triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love; When He has purged our stains, He
took his seat above; Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! His
kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell Are to our
Jesus giv'n: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Rejoice in
glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And take His servants up To their eternal
home: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:31-45 NT, page 29
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Sally Queen

* Closing Hymn *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* UMH #581

* Benediction

* Response *Benediction Hymn* arr. Dean McIntyre
*O Lord, now let your servants depart in peace, according to your gracious word. Our
eyes have seen the glory of salvation prepared for all the people of the world. Now may
the Lord bless you and keep you and make his face to shine upon you; and may God lift
his countenance upon you and give you blessed peace for now and evermore.*

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Arr. Blersch

Announcements

Thank You! The Thanksgiving CAM Challenge was a huge success! At last count, just before Thanksgiving Day, we collected over 700 non perishable items! Thanks for being a blessing to the community of Gastonia! Arnold Brackett is sure to need assistance in delivering these items this week. Please speak to him or make note on today's Connection Card!

The Angel Tree is Up! The annual Angel Tree is now available in the Office Lobby outside the CFC. Stop by today to select an Angel. There are children and older adults. Don't forget to write your Angel's Name & Number along with your Name & Phone Number on the clipboard. Replace your paper tag with a cloth angel from the basket. Have Fun Shopping! Return gifts by *Sunday, December 3, unwrapped* in a large gift bag with your Angel attached. If multiple bags, please label each bag with Angel's name and number.

We're Live each Sunday! Each Sunday our worship service is broadcast live on Facebook making worship available to millions of people to worship with us! We are looking for a few volunteers to help us by pushing the proper buttons in the sanctuary to make it happen. We promise it's not hard! Stop by the Sound Board to check it out, talk with Robert King or David Elzey if you are interested.

Breakfast with Santa The Weekday Preschool invites families to gather for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 2nd in the CFC. Join us for a delicious Breakfast, time to visit with Santa, making seasonal crafts, and shopping the Scholastic Book Fair. Tickets are \$10 each and are available in the church office. Tickets must be purchased by November 28th. You can reserve your tickets on today's Connection Card (tickets will be released on Nov. 28 unless payment is received). Questions or to purchase tickets, please contact Janet Lagos, preschool@myersmemorialumc.com or 704-864-3222. Today's Connection Card also has ways you can support this event through volunteering to host.

Scholastic Book Fair to Visit Myers! Books make a perfect gift for children! We hope to give the gift of reading by offering the Scholastic Book Fair that will be visiting our church December 2-8. Won't you help us host the Book Fair? Volunteers are needed to help collect payment as well as help children & families shop! Please mark your interest on today's Connection Card.

It's Time to Spread Some Cheer! On December 3rd, children and families are invited to share the light of Christ through Christmas Caroling! We'll gather at 5pm and make a few stops at local nursing homes to sing, returning to the church for pizza & an Advent Party that will conclude at 7pm. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

Poinsettia Orders Now Being Taken (Bulletin Insert) You're invited to decorate the sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias this season. The cost is \$15 per poinsettia and they will adorn our sanctuary between December 17 and 24. Please leave the poinsettias until after the 5:30p Christmas Eve Service on the night of the 24th. Poinsettias can be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. We thank you for your contribution and any proceeds will support the ministry of our church as we seek to share joy with the community & world. *Names cannot not be included in the printed insert unless payment and information is received by December 4. This is a firm deadline.*

