

Prayers of the People

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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.

Lenten Sacrifice: A Gift for the Journey Typically during Lent, folks give up some activity or vice and take on a practice that helps them draw nearer to God. This year, during Lent, the finance committee, along with Pastor Sally, ask you to consider giving up that extra cup of Starbucks or drive thru meal and contributing that money to the church. Maybe you take on the practice of making a consistent financial gift or take on the practice of true tithing, giving 10% of your income during Lent. Online giving information can be found at www.MyersMemorialUMC.org. During Lent, you are invited to leave a gift at the altar at the conclusion of worship each week.

Myers' Got Talent! We want YOU to share your talents on March 11 at 6p in the CFC! Are you a Dancer? Singer? Musician? Actor? Baker? Yes, even baker as the competition includes a dessert bake off! We'll all enjoy the many talents of Myers Memorial while raising funds for the Resource Connection Gateway. Gateway provides a single connection point to resources to address crisis and long term situations of our community. The Gateway extends a hand-up and not just a hand-out to anyone in need. So if you've got Talent you'd like to share, please make note of it on today's Connection Card! The deadline to register for the show is March 7.

Warlick Academy BBQ As part of the Missional Network, our Myers Memorial family is encouraged to help support Warlick Academy again this year. They will be selling chicken and barbecue plates for \$8 on March 2nd from 10 am to 6 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the church office. If you would like to have plates (10 or more) delivered to your business, please contact Donna Lutz (dplutz@gaston.k12.nc.us or call 704-836-9608). The Missional Network acts as their PTA/PTO and these funds support various needs for the students and staff.

Singles Lunch ~ Today Join with other singles for a great lunch and fellowship. Meet in the CFC immediately after worship to pick a place then rendezvous at the eatery of our choice!

A Season of Letting Go

Lent 2018

- 3/4 Letting Go: Anger John 2: 13-22 Communion
- 3/11 Letting Go: Control Matthew 6: 25-34
- 3/18 Letting Go: Greed Matthew 19: 16-22
- 3/25 Letting Go: Indifference Proverbs 24: 30-34 Palm Sunday
- 3/28 Lenten Prayer Stations 6:15p, Sanctuary Building
- 3/29 Maundy Thursday Love One Another 7p, Sanctuary
- 3/30 Good Friday Tennebrae: Service of Darkness, 7p, Sanctuary

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, February 25 ~ Wear Red

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*
12p Singles Lunch
5p Scholastic Book Fair Open
5:30p Sunday Night Live
Disciple 1 Fast Track, *E-105*
Children & Families Lenten Fair, *CFC*
Youth Main Event
7p SoulFire, *Music Suite*

Monday, February 26

Scholastic Book Fair
6:30p Disciple II Fast Track, *Asbury*
6p Cub Scouts Pack Meeting, *CFC*
6:30p Boy Scouts, *Scout Hut*

Tuesday, February 27

Scholastic Book Fair
10a Grief Share, *Parlor*
11a AI-Anon, *Asbury*
6p Girl Scouts, *First Floor*
6:30p Disciple IV, *E-105*
6:30p Chancel Bells

Wednesday, February 28

Scholastic Book Fair
9:15a Women's Bible Study, *Asbury*
10a Staff Meeting, *Parlor*
5p Scholastic Book Fair Open

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Richard Lindner
Crucifer: Katie Carpenter
Scripture Reader: Brendan Rooney
Acolytes: Rhett Buchanan ☯ Brianna Lambert
Nursery: Karen Carrick, Jennifer Gross, Marie Kalinoski, Allison Buchanan, Tresca McSwain
February Coffee Time Hosts:
Contemporary Class

Wednesday, February 28 *continued*

5:15p Connect | Eat, *CFC*
5:45p Connect | Gather
Nursery, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults
6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*
6:15p Connect | Worship, *Sanctuary*
6:45p Youth CORE, *Youth Lounge*
7p Chancel Choir, *Music Suite*

Thursday, March 1

Scholastic Book Fair
6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*
6p Aldersgate Ringers, *Music Suite*
8p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

Friday, March 2

Scholastic Book Fair
7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*

Sunday, March 4 ~ Communion Sunday

8a UMM/UMW Breakfast, *CFC*
9a Trinity Ringers, *Music Suite*
9a Health Screenings, *CFC*
9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*
12p Singles Lunch
5p Scholastic Book Fair Open,
5:30p Sunday Night Live
Disciple 1 Fast Track, *E-105*
Children's Worship Arts
Youth Main Event
7p SoulFire, *Music Suite*

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, February 18, 2018
Sunday School: 114 Worship: 213
Online Worship: 16
Offering Received last Sunday: \$19,124

Wednesday February 21, 2018
Connect Worship: 46

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Myers Memorial United Methodist Church



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 both men and women's restrooms.

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.

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

Have Mercy on Me, O Lord God

JS Bach

* Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

People: that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

* Opening Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

UMH #295

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Everlasting God, because of your tender mercy toward all people,
you sent your son, our savior Jesus Christ,
to take upon himself our flesh,
and to suffer death upon the cross,
that all should follow the example of his great humility. Amen.**

Children's Time

Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer

O the Lamb

Lorenz

Chancel Choir

*O the Lamb, the loving Lamb, the Lamb of Calvary!**The Lamb was slain, yet lives again to intercede for me.*

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sarah Davis

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

**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

Breathe on me, Breath of God

UMH #420

Offering

Offertory

Ah, Holy Jesus

Wyton

* Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

in unison

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 18:5-9

Brendan Rooney

New Testament, page 262

Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

A Lenten Walk

Hopson

Chancel Choir; Mike Rhodes, soloist

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself; Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself. We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves; Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves. Jesus bore the cross of sorrow; he had to bear it by himself; Oh, nobody else could bear it for him, he had to bear it by himself. We must take our cross and follow; we must take it by ourselves. We must take our cross and follow, follow by ourselves.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 37:17-24

Old Testament, page 34

Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Letting Go: Envy

Rev. Sally Queen

* Closing Hymn

A Charge I Have to Keep

UMH #413

During the Closing Hymn, you are invited to the altar for prayer and to leave a financial gift for the journey.

* Benediction

* Response

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

DuBois

Chancel Choir

*Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever. For on the holy cross
Thou hast the world from sin redeemed. Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise
Thee forever. Christ, we do all adore Thee.*

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude

Agincourt Hymn

Dunstable



The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God in celebration of
Marty ☉ Kelly Brown's 27th Wedding Anniversary

Announcements

Lenten Festival for Children & Families Today! Adults and children will learn together in this family event for all ages from 5:30p to 7p! This great event invites children and their families learn about the Hot Cross Buns, foot washing, the last supper and much more! *Special Guests* Not only will you meet Burrita the donkey but we will welcome local author Patti Bean who will do a special reading of *Believing Thomas: A Donkey's Journey to Faith*. Families that attend will receive a complementary copy on behalf of the Children's Ministry and additional copies are available for purchase. Prepare your hearts and minds for the roller coaster of Holy Week: the parade, the meals, the sadness and the joy! Dinner will be provided.

Scholastic Book Fair Opens Today! The Book Fair will be back in the Weekday Preschool February 25-March 2. Stop by Room NUMBER at 5p today for a first chance to grab spring's greatest books! The Book Fair will be open each weekday from 8:45a to 9:15a and again 11:45 to 12:15p. Also, Wednesday evening from 5p to 6p. Volunteers are still needed for Wednesday evening and a few times through out the week. Bob Grau (rsgrau@yahoo.com) can answer any questions you may have about responsibilities this may entail. Please mark your availability on today's Connection Card.

On the Hunt for Easter Candy! The Children's Council is hosting the annual Easter Egg Lunch & Hunt on Sunday, March 25. Donations of Candy would be greatly appreciated to sweeten this event! Please donate candy in the designated container in the hallway leading from the Sanctuary to the Education building (the ramp hallway). We all love chocolate but we recognize some kids that have allergies so please remember to bring non-chocolate/non-peanut items as well.

VBS Training Event ~ Saturday, March 10 Join us Saturday, March 10 for a Charlotte area VBS preview! We'll leave the church just after 8am and return after lunch. It'll be a great way to be energized and gather ideas. Please indicate your interest to Connie or April Proctor.

Myers Memorial VBS Meeting ~ March 18 ~ 4p It's about time to get rolling! Meet in the CFC from 4p to 5:30p to discuss plans and receive area materials, discuss plans for Myers Memorial's VBS!

Easter Lily Orders ~ March 4-15 Decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday with beautiful Lilies! The cost is \$15 per lily. Lilies can be given in honor or in memory of a loved one and order forms will be available in the bulletins the next two Sundays. Please print clearly and include the following information: Names as they are to be printed, designating in honor or in memory and by whom it is given. Please note the best way to contact you should we have questions. Mail information to the church or email ChurchOffice@MyersMemorialUMC.com. Checks may be written to Myers Memorial UMC with Lily in the Memo. Names cannot be included in the bulletin acknowledgement on Easter Sunday unless payment and information is received by March 14. This is a firm deadline.