

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.

Thank You! Thank you for all the food and financial donations given to CAM in 2017! Sadly, hunger knows no end. Non-perishable foods are always needed and you're invited to bring those to the church at any time. During the year we will highlight several items each month. For January it's Macaroni & Cheese and Canned Beans. Maybe you could also collect the nonperishable items for the makings for a hearty soup and cornbread side? All donations can be brought to the church and left at any of the three donation spots: in the Narthex at the rear of the sanctuary, in the church office outside the CFC, and in the hallway between the education wing and the sanctuary.

2018 Festival of Tables The United Methodist Women are making plans for the 2018 Festival of Tables on February 17th at 6p. We'd love for everyone to make plans to attend and reservations can be made by February 11 in the church office. Volunteers to decorate tables and couples to be contestants in the "New & Not So New Newlywed Game" are currently being sought. Please contact Debbie Brown at 704-516-9578 or dbbbrown1@gmail.com. There is a more detailed information sheet about the event in the church office area just outside the CFC.

Let your [conversations] always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone. Colossians 4:6

Ten Ways to Have a Better Conversation

As shared by Celeste Headlee, TED Talk; adapted by Pastor Sally

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| 1. Be Present | 6. Honor People's Experience |
| 2. Set Aside Personal Opinion | 7. Say it Once |
| 3. Use Open Ended Questions | 8. Stay out of the Weeds |
| 4. Go with the Flow | 9. Listen |
| 5. Admit When You Don't Know | 10. Conversations Start with God (added by Pastor Sally) |

Upcoming Sermon Titles & Scripture References

January 28: Conversations: When Things Get Tense
Colossians 3: 1-17 & James 1:19

February 4: Conversations Can Change Your Life
John 4: 1-30

February 11: Conversations Focus on God
Matthew 4: 1-11

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, January 21

9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*
5p Youth Open Gym

5:30p Sunday Night Live

Disciple 1 Fast Track, *E-105*
Child Care, Preschool Choir & Worship Arts, Elementary Choirs
Youth Main Event
6:30p Elementary Open Gym/
Childcare

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

10a Grief Share, *Parlor*
11a Al-Anon, *Asbury*
3p Backpack Ministry, *CFC*
6p Girl Scouts, *First Floor*
6:30p Disciple IV, *E-105*
6:30 Divorce Care/DC4K
6:30p Chancel Bells

Wednesday, January 24

Newsletter Assembly
9:15a Women's Bible Study, *Asbury*
11a Warlick Mentoring
5:15p Connect | Eat, *CFC*
5:45p Connect | Gather
Nursery, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: John Crain
Crucifer: Matthew Walker
Scripture Reader: Cameron Dennis
Acolytes: Rhett Buchanan ☉ Brock Davis
Nursery: Jaclyn Tant, Paige Falls, Lauren Snyder, Angie Flake, Victoria Flake
January Coffee Time Hosts:
Contemporary Class

Wednesday, January 24 continued

6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*
6:15p Connect | Worship, *Sanctuary*
6:45p Youth CORE
7p Chancel Choir, *Music Suite*

Thursday, January 25

11:30a 60+ Fellowship, *CFC*
6p Aldersgate Bells, *Music Suite*
6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*
8p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

Friday, January 26

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*
Youth Depart for Winter Retreat

Saturday, January 27

Youth Winter Retreat, Lake Junaluska

Sunday, January 28

Youth Winter Retreat, Lake Junaluska
9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*
12p Singles Lunch, *meet in CFC*
5:30p Sunday Night Live
Disciple 1 Fast Track, *E-105*
Child Care, Preschool Choir & Worship Arts, Elementary Choirs
6:30p Elementary Open Gym/
Childcare
No Youth due to Retreat

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, January 14, 2018
Worship: 201
Online Worship: 22
Offering Received last Sunday: \$10,982

Wednesday January 10, 2018
Connect Worship: 53
Offering: \$63

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Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

January 21, 2018

CONVERSATIONS

PEOPLE ARE MORE IMPORTANT
THAN THE PROGRAM

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 the 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

January 21, 2018

Phil Winter, 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

Spirit Creek

Arr. Myers Praise Team

* Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, look about and see faces of those we know and love -

People: neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers.

Leader: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know -

People: strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends.

Leader: People of God, look about and see all the images of
God assembled here.

People: In me, in you, in each of us, God's spirit shines.

Leader: People of God,

People: Let us worship together.

* Opening Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

UMH #545

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**O God,
you made of one blood**

**all nations that dwell on the face of the whole earth,
and sent your blessed Son to preach peace
to them that are afar off and to them that are near.**

Grant that all people everywhere may seek after you and find you.

**Bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit on all flesh,
and hasten your kingdom;**

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Children's Time

Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer

Healer of Our Every Ill
Chancel Choir

Haugen

*Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope
beyond our sorrow. You know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and
gladness; spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.*

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

Seek Ye First

UMH #405

Offering

Offertory

Eye of the Storm

Fowler/Stevenson

* 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!***

UMH #94

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 4:1-5

Cameron Dennis

New Testament, page 202

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

I Will Rise
Chancel Choir

arr. Williamson

*There's a peace I've come to know, Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul, I can say "It is well" Jesus has overcome,
And the grave is overwhelmed The victory is won He is risen from the dead
And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow, no more pain
I will rise on eagles' wings Before my God fall on my knees
And rise I will rise There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed The victory is won
He is risen from the dead And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow, no more pain I will rise on eagles' wings
Before my God fall on my knees And rise I will rise
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb"*

Scripture Lesson

Mark 5:21-43

New Testament, page 39

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Sally Queen

Conversations: People are More Important than the Program

* Hymn

We Are the Church

UMH #558

* Benediction

* Response

The Lord Bless You @ Keep You
Chancel Choir

Lutkin

*The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace, The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious, The Lord be gracious,
gracious unto you. Amen*

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

Announcements

60+ Fellowship was rescheduled to this Thursday at 11:30 in the CFC. We hope you'll gather for good food and fellowship as we make plans for 2018!

2018 Souper Bowl of Caring: Chili Cook-off for CAM All over the country, faith communities use Super Bowl Sunday to make a difference in their community. We don't want to miss the party so on February 4, 2018, we're hosting a Chili Cook-off to benefit Crisis Assistance Ministry (CAM). We're looking for pots of chili to enter the competition to be named the 2018 Chili Champion! We'll all enjoy lunching on the various soups in exchange for a financial contribution to CAM. Think you have a discerning palate? Would you be willing to be a judge? Judges cannot have a chili in the completion. Please note your interest in providing a pot of chili, being a judge or coming to eat on today's connection Card. Question: please talk with Tresca McSwain, Tresca@myersmemorialumc.com or by calling the church office.

Table For One? No More! Join others singles for lunch on the 4th Sunday of each month. Meet in the CFC after church and those going will decide where they would like to eat that day. January 28th will be our first lunch date!

Coming this Summer! The Weekday Preschool will be offering Summer Camp for preschool and elementary aged children for 6 weeks this summer. More details will be available February 1st when registration will be open. Summer Camp weeks will be five days a week, June 11 through July 27 (no camp the week of July 4th). It's going to be a full summer of fun activities and quality care! Stay Tuned!

Save the Date for a Myers Music Ministry Music Camp! This summer, elementary aged children will be invited to a Music Camp July 30 to August 3 from 9 to 3 each day. On Friday the kids will stay later and then everyone will be invited to the performance at 6pm followed by a reception for all!! Registration information will be available in February.

New Member Sunday February 11 will be our next Sunday to receive new members into the life of our congregation. If you are feeling led to become a member of Myers Memorial UMC and support it with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness then please reach out to Pastor Sally or Pastor Sarah via today's connection card or call the church office, 704-864-3222 or email churchoffice@myersmemorialumc.com.

2018 Coffee Hosts Every Sunday at 9:30a everyone is invited to enjoy tasty treats with our morning cup of coffee (or juice) in the Christian Fellowship Center before heading to Sunday School. We give thanks to the various Sunday School classes for providing these treats each week and more importantly ~ turning off the coffee pot and cleaning up when the rest of us run to Sunday School! Sunday School classes may notice a much different schedule this year for our coffee time rotation. UMMen & UMWomen gather the first Sunday of each month and often have extra foods we enjoy during coffee time. So we're making it official and UMM & UMW will be our hosts for the first Sunday of each month. And then one Sunday School Class will be responsible for the remaining weeks of that month. When a Fifth Sunday occurs, anyone is invited to bring a treat and volunteers are welcomed to cover coffee pot responsibilities. The next Fifth Sunday will be in April.