

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.

The Judges have been Selected! It's time for the 2018 Souper Bowl of Caring: Chili Cook-off for CAM! The Myers Youth are hosting the 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. Please note your interest in providing a pot of chili, a special side item and if you're coming to eat on today's connection Card. Question: please talk with Tresca McSwain, Tresca@myersmemorialumc.com or by calling the church office.

Share Myers Memorial Worship with the World! There is an immediate need for volunteers with the audio/visual ministry of our church on Sunday mornings. We have the ability to broadcast our worship "Live" on Facebook ~ what an easy way to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world! Yet without volunteers this ministry cannot happen. Volunteers are needed to serve, on a rotating basis, at the sound board to control the live feed and the audio sound in the sanctuary. Volunteers will be thoroughly trained in how to operate the cameras and which buttons to push. Please mark your interest on today's Connect Card or stop by the soundboard following worship to volunteer!

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

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

Upcoming Sermon Titles & Scripture References

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 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 & Worship Arts
6:30p Elementary Open Gym/Childcare
No Youth due to Retreat

Monday, January 29

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

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

9:15a Women's Bible Study, Asbury
10 a Staff Meeting
5:15p Connect | Eat, CFC
5:45p Connect | Gather
Nursery, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Jim Warnock
Crucifer: Angelica Brown
Scripture Reader: Megan Farris
Acolytes: Mattie Queen & Adam Anderson
Nursery: Jennifer Stroupe, Carrie Allen, Karen Carrick, Sydney Shugart
January Coffee Time Hosts: Contemporary Class

Wednesday, January 31 continued

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

Thursday, February 1

6p Aldersgate Bells, Music Suite
6p Men's Basketball, CFC
6p Witness Committee, Asbury
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

Friday, February 2

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

Sunday, February 4

Communion Sunday
8a UMMen & UMWomen
8:30a Children's Council, E-105
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 Chili Cook Off for CAM, CFC
12:45p Safe Sanctuary Committee



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, January 21, 2018
Worship: 251
Online Worship: 20
Offering Received last Sunday: \$9,216

Wednesday January 24, 2018
Connect Worship: 61

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January 28, 2018

Conversations
When things
get Tense

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

January 28, 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 *Prayer for Peace* Helman
Chancel Bells

* Call to Worship
Leader: O Lord, open our lips;
People: and our mouths shall sing forth your praise.
Leader: Praise the Lord.
People: The Lord's name be praised.

* Opening Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH #384

* Opening Prayer (in unison)
Bounteous God,
Increase our faith as we gather as your people.
Pour fourth your love upon us and shower us with gifts of the Spirit.
In our turning to you,
grace us this hour with your abounding love, joy, peace, and patience.
Fill us with kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Amen.

Children's Time Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer *Healer of Our Every Ill* Haugen
Chancel Choir
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 *Take Time to Be Holy* UMH #395

Offering

Offertory *All Creatures for Our God @ King* Arr. Dobrinski
Chancel Bells

* 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!

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson Colossians 4:1-5 Megan Farris
New Testament, page 202
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Speak, O Lord* Getty/Townend
Chancel Choir arr. Mary McDonald
Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness, That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory. Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility; Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail—Let their truth prevail over unbelief. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Scripture Lesson Colossians 3:1-17 New Testament, page 201
James 1:19 New Testament, page 229
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Conversations: When Things Get Tense Rev. Sally Queen

* Hymn *Lord, Speak to Me* UMH #463

* Benediction

* Response *The Lord Bless You @ Keep You* Lutkin
Chancel Choir
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 *God of Grace and God of Glory* Manz

The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God
in honor of Dan Suggs' birthday

Candle on the Altar

is to celebrate the birth of *Lane Matthew Isenhour*
born January 9, 2018 to parents Matt @ Allison Isenhour;
Big Brother Luke and Myers Memorial Grandparents: Ken @ Pam Avery

Announcements

Table For One? No More! Join others singles for lunch today after worship in the CFC and those going will decide where they would like to eat that day. Can't go today? No worries, come again next month on February 25th.

2017 Giving Statements are now available in the Narthex at the rear of the church. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving God's tithe and your offering.

Eat out for THAKO! On Thursday, February 8, you're invited to eat at Panera between the hours of 4p and 8p and 20% of your order will be donated to Tomorrow for Hattian Kids' Organization (THAKO - pronounced *taco*) an organization near and dear to the hearts of many at Myers Memorial. When ordering, you must present a copy of a flyer (printed or on your mobile device). Flyers are available at the entrances to the sanctuary and in the office and posted on our Facebook page, website and in weekly eNews.

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. Tickets are \$20 per person. 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 dbbbbrwn1@gmail.com. There is a more detailed information sheet about the event in the church office area just outside the CFC.

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.

Catawba District Equipping Seminar Companions in Ministry The Laity of the Catawba District are invited to Boger City UMC, 2320 E Main St, Lincolnton on Saturday, February 17th from 9a to 12p to participate in seminars that will prepare laity to effectively serve in ministry alongside their pastoral leadership. Our first seminar's focus is *Baptism is the Ordination of the Laity*. Classes include: *Living into Your Call*, Mrs. Kim Shockley, CV Congregational Vitality Strategist; *Key Strategies to Healthily Navigate through Conflict*, Reverend Angela Pleasants, District Superintendent and Mr. George Eubanks, CV Lay Servant Training Director; *Sabbath Living, Sabbath Rest*, Reverend Dr. Guy Brewer, Blessed Earth, *It's Greek to Me! Understanding the United Methodist Book of Discipline*, Reverend Amy Coles, Assistant to the Bishop. Register at <https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/CiMFeb2018> Future Companions in Ministry Equipping Seminar: April 14, at Boger City UMC, with Reverend Dr. Heather Lear, Director of Evangelism with Discipleship Ministries. Focus will be making disciples of Jesus Christ through sharing your faith story.