

**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.

**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.

**Trunk O Treats** is coming to the Pumpkin Patch parking lot on October 28th 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.



Wednesday CONNECT		
eat	gather	worship
5:15p to 6:15p	5:45p to 6:15p	6:15p to 6:45p

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday, October 1, 2017 Worship: 201 Online Worship: 8  
Sunday School: 111 Wednesday CONNECT October 4: 53  
Last Sunday's Offering: \$8685.00 Year to Date Giving: \$460,601

**This Week at Myers Memorial UMC**

**Sunday, October 8**

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  
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 9**

6p UMW, Panera  
5:30p Nominations, E-105  
6:30p Disciple II, Asbury  
6:30p Cub/Boy Scouts, Scout Hut

**Tuesday, October 10**

10a GriefShare, Parlor  
11a Al-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 11**

9:15a Women's Bible Study, Asbury  
11a Warlick Mentoring  
5:15p CONNECT | Eat, CFC  
5:30p Childcare  
5:45p CONNECT | Gather  
Children, Nursery, 3rd Floor  
Youth, Lounge Young Adults, E-105  
Upper Room Study, Asbury  
Focus Prayer Group, Library

**Sunday Servants**

**Head Usher:** Debbie Brown  
**Acolytes:** Ella Queen @ Evan Falls **Crucifer:** Matthew Walker  
**Scripture Reader:** Lathan Flake  
**Nursery:** Elizabeth Lanier, Karen Carrick, Katie Carpenter, Jennifer Gross  
**Coffee Time Hosts Next Sunday:** Contemporary Class

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PLOW, E-07  
6p Knit for Christ, Parlor  
6:15p CONNECT | Worship, Sanctuary  
Shalom: Hymns of Peace & Unity

**Thursday, October 12**

12p JOY Circle, Milano's  
6p Men's Basketball, CFC  
6p Nominations, E-105  
6p Aldersgate Ringers, Music Suite  
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

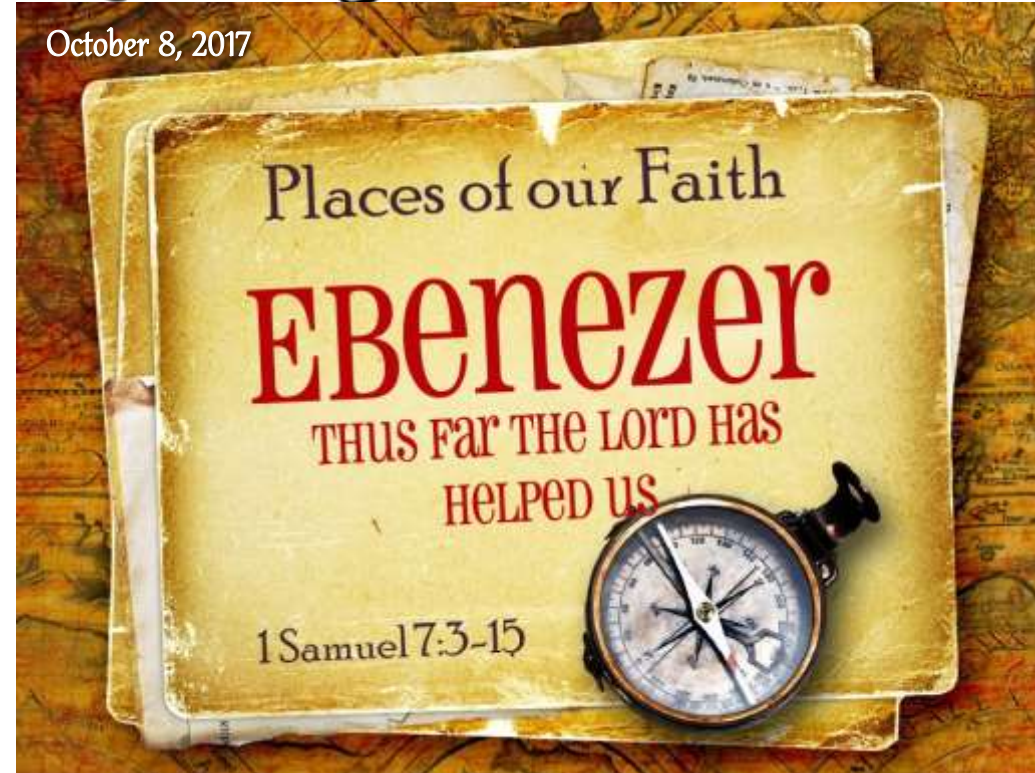
**Friday, October 13**

Chancel Choir Retreat  
Weekday Preschool Closed  
7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

**Sunday, October 15**

Chancel Choir Retreat  
9a Trinity Ringers  
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary  
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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 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

October 8, 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 *Christ Lay in Death's Strong Grasp* JS Bach  
UMH #319 v. 4

Call to Worship *Come! Come! Everybody Worship* Sleeth  
Cantate Singers

*Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise! Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always! Worship and remember to keep the Sabbath day. Take a rest and think of God; put your work away. Worship and remember the Lord's unending care, reaching out to love and help people everywhere. Worship and remember your blessings great and small. Give to God an offering; show your thanks for all.*

\* Opening Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* UMH#158  
The congregation will sing verses 1 @ 3 only  
The Cantate Singers will sing verse 2

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**O God, our Guide and Guardian,  
you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house.  
Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth,  
to the comfort of our souls  
and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire.  
Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us,  
that we may not fear the coming of night,  
when we shall resign into your hands  
the tasks which you have committed to us.  
So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour,  
But in word and deed all the days of our lives;  
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

Laity Service Award Presentation Phil Winter, Lay Leader

Children's Message Children's Music @ Worship Arts  
Musik Makers  
Spirit Singers  
Cantate Ringers

Choral Call to Prayer *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Mason  
Chancel Choir  
*My faith looks up to Thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sally Queen

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.**

Offering

Offertory *The King of Love my Shepherd is* Wyton

\* 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 Psalm 46 Lathan Flake  
Old Testament, page 517  
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Turn Back O Man* Gustav Holst  
*Turn back, O man, forswear thy foolish ways. Old now is earth, and none may count her days,  
Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame, Still wilt not hear thine inner God  
proclaim, 'Turn back, O man, forswear thy foolish ways.' Earth might be fair, and all men  
glad and wise. Age after age their tragic empires rise, Built while they dream, and in that  
dreaming weep: Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep, Earth might be fair, and all  
men glad and wise. Earth shall be fair, and all her people one; Nor till that hour shall God's  
whole will be done. Now, even now, once more from earth to sky, Peals forth in joy man's old,  
undaunted cry, 'Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!'*

Scripture Lesson 1 Samuel 7:3-15 OT, page 250  
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Places of our Faith: Ebenezer Rev. Sally Queen

\* Closing Hymn *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing* UMH #400

Reception of New Members UMH #38  
*Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and  
care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and  
perfect them in love.*

Congregation:  
**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.  
As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

\* Benediction  
\* Response *May the Peace of God* Burrows  
Chancel Choir

*May the peace of God that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the  
knowledge and love of God, and of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

\* Chimes of the Trinity

\* Postlude *Hornpipe* GF Handel



**The Flowers in the Sanctuary  
are given to the Glory of God  
in celebration of the Wedding Ceremony of  
Alexa McCullen @ Blake Smarr  
who were wed in our Sanctuary on October 7, 2017**

UMW Circle Meetings: The Koinonia Circle will meet Monday at the Franklin Blvd. Panera. The JOY Circle will meet on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 12 noon at Milano's on New Hope Rd.

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.

Myers 60+ Looking Ahead Save the date for a visit to the Mint Museum on Randolph Road in Charlotte on November 16th. And in December, our special Christmas event will be a trip to the Flat Rock Playhouse to see the matinee of "Christmas Spectacular" on Thursday, December 14. The cost for this event is \$40.00 and is due when you reserve your ticket. Please give checks to Connie and made payable to Myers Memorial UMC.