

Prayers of the People

Rachel Broome, Greg Carnes, Julia Cauble, Lois Carnes, Sue Auten, Frances Woodyard, Brenda Taylor, Betsy Noblett, Allen & Carolyn Reese, 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.

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.

Connect Your Passion with God's Mission On November 28, 2017, United Methodists will once again come together to support the work of Advance missionaries and projects on UMC #GivingTuesday. Consider supporting a project in an area you care about, such as food and agriculture, church development, disaster response and relief, education, health, economic empowerment, social justice, WASH/Water and Sanitation, women and children, and mission personnel. For a complete list of projects, visit www.umcmission.org and click the projects tab.

Join the Thanksgiving CAM Can Challenge!
Can we collect 301 nonperishable items before Thanksgiving?
Canned Soup Boxes of Crackers Canned Fruit
Instant Potatoes Mac & Cheese Rice
Spaghetti Noodles & Sauce PB&J Cereal
Dried Milk Canned Vegetables Biscuit Mix
Corn Muffin Mix Household/Personal Care Items
(green beans & corn will be donated but won't count in our goal!)

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, November 19

New Member Sunday
9a Trinity Ringers
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
12p UMW Soup Lunch & Cake Sale
1p Rake & Run
5:30p Sunday Night Live
Disciple 1 Fast Track, E-105
Child Care, Preschool Choir & Worship Arts, Elementary Choirs
6p Elementary Worship Arts
6:30p Elementary Open Gym
7p SoulFire, Music Suite

Monday, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 21

10a GriefShare, Parlor
11a AI-Anon, Asbury
12p Preschool Thanksgiving Meal
6p Girl Scouts, First Floor
6p Men's Basketball, CFC
6:30p Chancel Hand Bells, Music Suite
6:30p Disciple IV, E-105

Wednesday, November 22

Church Office Closed

Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

Friday, November 17

Church Office Closed
7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

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

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: John Crain

Scripture Reader: Megan Farris

Crucifer: CJ Carpenter

Acolytes: Brianna Lambert & Andrew Walker

Nursery: Tresca McSwain, Carrie Allen, Angie Flake, Victoria Flake,
Jennifer Stroupe

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 Wednesday CONNECT Worship 11/15: 107
Last Sunday's Offering: \$14,016 Year to Date Giving: \$530,441



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Myers Memorial United Methodist Church



November 19, 2017

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 19, 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 *This is My Father's World* Arr. Alstad/Hiebert
Myers Praise Team

* Call to Worship (responsively)
Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
People: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

* Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH #139
You are invited to bring nonperishable foods to the front of the Sanctuary during the opening hymn. These will be donated to CAM.

* Opening Prayer (in unison)
**O Lord our God, the author and giver of all things,
we thank you for all your mercies,
and for your loving care over all your creatures.**
**We bless you for the gift of life, for your protection round about us,
for your guiding hand upon us,
and for the tokens of your love within us.**
**We thank you for friendship and duty,
for good hopes ☺ precious memories, for the joys that cheer us,
and the trials that teach us to trust in you.**
**Most of all we thank you
for the saving knowledge of your Son our Savior,
for the living presence of your Spirit, the Comforter,
for your Church, the body of Christ,
for the ministry of Word ☺ Sacrament, and all the means of grace.**
**In all these things, O heavenly God,
make us wise for a right use of your benefits,
that we may render an acceptable thanksgiving unto you
all the days of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 *We Gather Together* UMH #131

Offering

Offertory *We Believe* Ryan/Fike/Hooper
Myers Praise Team

* 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 1 Thessalonians 5:12-19 Megan Farris
New Testament, page 204
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Give Thanks* Arr. Courtney
Chancel Choir

*Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because
He's given Jesus Christ, His Son And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor
say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us" 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.*

Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:14-30 NT, page 28
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Sally Queen

* Closing Hymn *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* UMH #150

* 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.*

Congregational Response to New Members:
**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 *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 *Thanks Be to Thee* GF Handel



Announcements

TODAY ~ UMW Host Soup Luncheon & Cake Auction ~ Immediately following worship everyone is invited to come to the Christian Fellowship Center to enjoy fantastic soups, bid on delicious cakes just in time for Thanksgiving and learn more about our Weekend Backpack Food Ministry. Donations accepted and all proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit to the Backpack ministry.

TODAY ~ Rake & Run! Sunday, November 19 from 1pm to 4pm. Everyone is invited for this fun way to serve our community! It's a secret where we're going! Warm up with some soup at the UMW luncheon before we load up and head out! We'll return to the church by 4pm.

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.

Thanksgiving Closures The Church Office and Weekday Preschool will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Coming Soon! The Light-a-Candle and Poinsettia Order Forms are coming to you via Newsletter and Bulletin next week! Please be mindful of deadlines.