

## Prayers of the People

Charlie Peninger, Deanna Clemmer, Mary Bone, Andrea Wright,  
Lori Stout, Dave Slater, Nancy Huntley, Libby ☺ Bill Drum,  
Melanie Lambert

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.

Mission Possible Work Day ~ February 10 Meet at the church at 7:30a to support the Boy Scout Breakfast then leave for the job site. The project is indoor home repair. Please contact Mike Rhodes for more details, 704-867-5083 or mrhodes112@carolina.rr.com

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). Green 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 for an evening of great food, fun entertainment and fabulous fellowship. Please contact Debbie Brown at 704-516-9578 or dbbbrwn1@gmail.com.

Lent 2018 begins on Wednesday, February 14 with Ash Wednesday. Join us for a service of repentance and imposition of ashes at 6:15p in the Sanctuary.

In}Between Third through 7th graders are invited to the CFC on Sunday, February 11 from 4:30p to 5:30p for a time of fun and fellowship. We hope you'll join us for this event just for those kids that seem in between. Contact Tresca if you have any questions Tresca@myersmemorialumc.com.

CAM Food of the Month: Peanut Butter and Jelly

## This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

### 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



### Monday, February 5

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

### Tuesday, February 6

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 7

9:15a Women's Bible Study, Asbury  
11a Warlick Mentoring

### Sunday Servants

**Head Usher:** Ken Avery  
**Crucifer:** Kathleen Sharp  
**Scripture Reader:** Victoria Flake  
**Acolytes:** Charlotte Hearne ☺ Brock Davis  
**Nursery:** Carrie Allen, Angie Flake, Victoria Flake, Linsy Aul  
**February Coffee Time Hosts:** Asbury Class

### Wednesday, February 7 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  
7p Chancel Choir, Music Suite

### Thursday, February 8

6p Aldersgate Bells, Music Suite  
6p Men's Basketball, CFC  
7p Outreach Committee, Asbury  
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

### Friday, February 9

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

### Saturday, February 10

7a Scout Pancake Breakfast, CFC  
7:30a Mission Possible Work Day

### Sunday, February 11

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  
4:30p In}Between, CFC  
5:30p Sunday Night Live  
Disciple 1 Fast Track, E-105  
Child Care, Preschool Choir & Worship Arts, Elementary Choirs  
Youth Main Event  
6:30p Children's Valentine's Party, CFC  
7p SoulFire, Music Suite

### A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, January 28, 2018  
Worship: 202  
Online Worship: 25  
Offering Received last Sunday: \$11,871  
  
Wednesday January 31, 2018  
Connect Worship: 55

### Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

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# Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

February 4, 2018

Conversations  
Can Change  
your Life

## 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

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)

February 4, 2018 Arnold Brackett, 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 *Arioso* JS Bach

\* Call to Worship  
Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,  
**People: so God seeks and saves the lost.**  
Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,  
**People: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**  
Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,  
**People: So God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.**  
Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.  
**People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.**

\* Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH #139

\* Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed UMH #881  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* Gloria Patri UMH #71

Children's Time Pastor Sally

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

Anthem *I Believe* Mark A. Miller  
Chancel Choir, Ashley Lowry, soloist  
*I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.*  
*I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.*  
*I believe in God, even when God is silent.*

Scripture Lesson John 4:1-30 New Testament, page 94  
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Conversations Can Change Your Life Rev. Sally Queen

\* Hymn *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* UMH #348

Offering

Offertory *Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven* Robert Hobby

\* 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

Holy Communion Rev. Sally Queen  
Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. This is our family meal. All are invited to come forward and receive a piece of bread and then dip the bread into the cup of grape juice. A gluten free station is available at the center right station. The Table is open to all who wish to partake.

The Great Thanksgiving UMH #13

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise**  
It is right, and a good and joyful thing...  
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**  
Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...  
...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...  
...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup  
Assisting with Communion: Rev. Sarah Watkins Davis, Danny @ Paula Lawrence, Brad @ Pat Rivers, Allison Evanoff, John Harrington, Melissa Mantooth

\* Hymn *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* UMH #664

\* Benediction

\* Response *God Be With You till We Meet Again* Rankin/Tomer  
Chancel Choir  
*God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet at Jesus fee. God be with you till we meet again.*

\* Chimes of the Trinity

\* Postlude *Tocatta in F Major* Buxtehude



**The Flowers in the Sanctuary**  
are given to the Glory of God in honor of  
Harrison Davis' 7th birthday today by his family.

### Announcements

TODAY is the 2018 Chili Cook off for CAM! Join us in the CFC after worship today to enjoy a variety of chili in the annual cook off! Donations will be accepted to benefit Crisis Assistance Ministry. Thank you to the Youth for sponsoring this fun event!

Scout Pancake Breakfast ~ Next Saturday, February 10 starting at 7am Support the Boy Scouts by enjoying a delicious full breakfast in the CFC that includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, and bacon! Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for Seniors, \$2 for kids under 10.

A Lovely Evening for Children Join us Sunday, February 11 from 6:15-7p for snack supper & activities to love God and others!