

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.

Crisis Assistance Ministry is having a bit of a Crisis CAM's Food Pantry needs your help! The food pantry stock has greatly decreased in recent weeks. They are out of many items and low on others! Please donate any non-perishable items, specifically: Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles; Instant Potatoes, Beef Stew (cans), Canned Fruit, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Grits, Rice Please bring any and all donations to the church where you can leave them in the large donation bins found in the Narthex or the hallway to the Education Building.

Pumpkin Palooza 2017 It's time to party in the patch! Join us in the pumpkin patch next Saturday, September 30 from 11am to 1pm for fun, games and all things pumpkin! We'll enjoy fun and games, a hay ride, bouncy house, and you're invited to share your prayers on the Prayer Pumpkin! This is a great time to meet those who come to our patch every fall to pick their pumpkins! Volunteers are needed to greet guests, keep an eye on the bouncy house, make popcorn & cotton candy, help with pumpkin crafts, and more! Please note your interest on today's Connection Card.

UPDATED: Sunday Night Live Participants All participants on Sunday evenings are asked to please enter the building from the back parking lot of the church. This door will remain unlocked and monitored for the evening. Parents are asked to walk the children to their third floor classrooms, sign them in and notify the leader when you will pick up. Pick up at 6:30pm is on the 3rd floor. Pick up at 7pm is in the CFC. If your child is staying through 7pm, you're encouraged to pack a snack supper. A place will be provided to store the supper boxes during choir & worship arts.



Adult Disciple Class
Children's Music & Worship Arts
Youth Group & Choir

Sundays, 5:30p to 7p

Wednesday CONNECT

eat 5:15p to 6:15p	gather 5:45p to 6:15p	worship 6:15p to 6:45p
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A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, September 17, 2017 Worship: 213 Sunday School: 99
Last Sunday's Offering: \$13,335 Year to Date Giving: \$435,749

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, September 24

Pumpkin 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 Lunch, CFC
Unloading the Pumpkins
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/
Childcare

Monday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26

10a GriefShare, Parlor
11a AI-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, September 27

9:15a Women's Bible Study, Asbury
11:15a Volunteer Appreciation
5:15p CONNECT | Eat, CFC
5:30p Childcare

Wednesday, September 27

5:45p CONNECT | Gather
Children, Nursery, 3rd Floor
Youth, Youth Lounge
Young Adults, E-105
Upper Room Study, Asbury
Focus Prayer Group, Library
PLOW, E-07
6p Knit for Christ, Parlor
6:15p CONNECT | Worship, Sanctuary
7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 28

6p Men's Basketball, CFC
6p Aldersgate Ringers, Music Suite
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

Friday, September 29

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

Saturday, September 30

11a Pumpkin Palooza, Pumpkin Patch

Sunday, October 1 Communion

8a UM Men
9a Health Cabinet Screenings
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
6p Elementary Worship Arts
6:30p Elementary Open Gym/
Childcare

Sunday Servants

Ushers: Marie Kalinoski, Katie Carpenter, Mallory Wolfe, Jake Hoskins, CJ Carpenter

Acolytes: Ashley Fehrs, Kathleen Sharpe Crucifer: Andy Lowry

Scripture Reader: Sydney Shugart, Slayton Fletcher

Nursery: Jaelyn Tant, Paige Falls, Linsy Aul, Christian Carpenter, Glenn Carpenter

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Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

September 24, 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 the for Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meal, 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

September 24, 2017

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

Pastor Sally

* Passing the Peace of Christ

Offer signs of greeting in the name of Jesus to those seated around you.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

He Has Made Me Glad
Ashley Lowry, piano

arr. Fred Bock

* Call to Worship (responsively)

Lauren Snyder

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name;
People: make God's deeds known in the world around.
Leader: Sing to the Lord, sing praise to God;
People: tell of the wonderful things God has done.
Leader: Glory in God's holy name;
People: let those who seek the Lord rejoice! Amen.

* Opening Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH #57

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Hallie Walker

**God of the faithful in every time,
today you have called us into your church
to be one body in Jesus Christ.
You have given us the gifts we need for your service.
Grant that we may willingly take our part;
that we may support one another;
and that we may seek the greatest gifts, which is love.
Bind us together as one
with all your people throughout the world,
through your spirit of unity. Amen.**

Children's Message

Cameron Dennis

Choral Call to Prayer

O Lord, Hear My Prayer
Chancel Choir

Berhier

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

Pastoral Prayer

Lathan Flake

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.**

* Special Music

Minuet
Jillian Medlin, violin; Vonne Hall, piano

L. Boccherini

Offering

Offertory

Beautiful One
Myers Praise Team

T. Hughes

* 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

Reagan Osborne

Scripture Lesson

John 9:12-19
NT, page 102

Slayton Fletcher

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

Anthem

I Choose Love
Soulfire, Chancel Choir, Myers Praise Team
Ashley Lowry and Lathan Flake, soloists
*In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain, I
await the sun again, I choose love. In the midst of war, I choose peace. In the midst of
war, hate and anger keeping score, I will seek the good once more, I choose peace. When
my world falls down, I will rise. When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise. In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of
pain, sorrow falling down like rain, I await the sun again, I choose love.*

Mark Miller

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:14-16
NT, page 4

Sydney Shugart

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

Sermon

Places of our Faith: Voices from the Pumpkin Patch
Brendan Rooney, Victoria Flake, Megan Farris

* Closing Hymn

To God Be the Glory

UMH #98

* Benediction

* Response

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee
Chancel Choir

Dubois

*Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever. Christ, we do all adore
Thee, and we do praise Thee forever. For on the holy cross Thou hast the world from
sin redeemed. Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever. Christ, we
do all adore Thee*

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude



You are invited to join us for Lunch immediately following worship today!
We'll enjoy food and fellowship before we head to the back parking lot and
unload the truck! It takes all hands and we need cheerleaders and water
servers! Come Join Us!

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.

We're LIVE! Not only do we celebrate the opportunity to view worship live
on Facebook each Sunday, Myers can now accept online giving through our
webpage. It's fast and easy! All you need is your bank routing number and
account number, a computer and the secure website found via
www.MyersMemorialUMC.org. Simply click the orange "Give Now" button
and you will be directed to the Vanco secure giving website that is used by
United Methodists across the country. Creating your profile on the secure
website allows you to automate your giving as well as make changes, see past
giving patterns and receive emails when your giving has been received by the
church. Using your routing number as opposed to your debit/credit card will
save us the fees and 100% of your contribution will go to directly into the
church budget. And coming soon...online giving to designated funds! Got
Questions? You can contact the Church Office at 704-864-3222. Click and
give!

Responding to Natural Disasters is simple via the United Methodist
Committee on Relief ~ UMCOR. You can give through the offering plate,
simply mark your contribution UMCOR Disaster Response. Or give online at
umcor.org/donate. 100% of what you give goes directly to the need you
designate. All administrative costs are covered by our apportionment giving!
Currently UMCOR is responding globally and locally to Hurricanes Harvey,
Irma and Maria as well as to the wildfires in the west and the earthquakes and
landslides around the world just to name a few.

Office Volunteer Opportunities If you're interested in being an office
volunteer, please join us on Wednesday, September 27 at 11:15a in the CFC.
This is a great time to learn more about what it means to volunteer in the
office for an hour or two. Please RSVP to Heather at 704-864-3222 or
Heather@myersmemorialumc.com.

The Fall Brings New Service Opportunities The fall of the year is when
the church leadership prepares for the next year. Nominations and Lay
Leadership begins to meet and prayerfully consider members of our
congregation for the various ministry work areas. If you would like to be
considered for a committee, team or work area, please note it on today's
connection card or contact Pastor Sally, 704-864-3222 or
pastor@myersmemorialumc.com. Please remember that indicating an interest
does not commit you nor guarantee you will be serving in this way in 2018.

Playground Caretakers Needed The weather is consistently beautiful and
our playground is a prime location for area families. We are looking for a few
folks to care for the playground, keeping the leaves raked and the equipment
in working condition. Please mark your interest on today's Connection Card.

Snack Sack Restock The Snack Sack supplies are running low, please
contribute crackers, water, slim jims, protein bars, cereal bars and the like. The
youth will be assembling the snack sacks in mid October.