

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.

Thank you from the Rogers Jim and Peggy Rogers wish to thank everyone for their prayers and get well cards of love that Jim received during his recent illness.

In}Between On March 25 there will be a special scavenger Egg Hunt for the In}Between group (3rd –7th graders). Make plans to attend lunch after worship that day and then listen for instructions to meet with Tresca for this special event!

Youth Mission Trip ~ Orlando, Florida ~ Give Kids the World You won't want to miss out on this amazing summer mission trip for Middle & High School Youth the week of July 22-28! Give Kids the World an 84-acre nonprofit resort in Central Florida providing weeklong, cost-free vacations to children with life threatening illnesses and their families. Our job will be serving in the kitchen, playing games and providing entertainment in the village. When we aren't needed at the Village, we'll be working with other Orlando agencies! Early Bird Pricing of \$250 ends April 8 so register today! Talk with Tresca or note your interest/need for information on today's Connection Card.

Lenten Prayer Stations ~ March 28 ~ 6:15pm The Lenten Prayer Stations will be an interactive way of praying through tangible acts of worship and reflection. So much of faith requires us to believe in something we can not detect with our five senses. Especially in times when the world around us bombards us with so much physical evidence to doubt our faith, sometimes we need something to physically cling to in order to find strength to believe. Adapting a postmodern style of worship that began in Europe, the prayer stations give opportunity to participants to encounter faith in a way that is tangible, meaningful, experiential, and reflective. The Lenten Prayer Stations will be set up in the sanctuary building on Wednesday, March 25 from 6:15p to 7:15p and are fully designed for everyone to engage in some way regardless of age, ability or stages of faith.

A Season of Letting Go Lent 2018

3/25 Palm Sunday Letting Go: Indifference Proverbs 24: 30-34
3/28 Lenten Prayer Stations 6:15p, Sanctuary Building
3/29 Maundy Thursday Love One Another 7p, Sanctuary
3/30 Good Friday Tennebrae: Service of Darkness, 7p, Sanctuary
4/1 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, 7a, Pumpkin Patch; Coffee Fellowship, 9:30a; Sunday School 9:45a; Worship 10:50a, Sanctuary

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, March 18

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
12p Singles Lunch
12p Worship, Parlor
4p Finance Meeting, Asbury
4p VBS Meeting, CFC
5:30p Sunday Night Live
Disciple 1 Fast Track, E-105
Children's Worship Arts
Youth Main Event
7p SoulFire, Music Suite

Monday, March 19

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

Tuesday, March 20

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

Wednesday, March 21

9:15a Women's Bible Study, Asbury
11a Warlick Mentoring
5:15p Connect | Eat, CFC

Wednesday, March 21 continued

5:45p Connect | Gather
Nursery, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults
6p Knit for Christ, Parlor
6:15p Connect | Worship, Sanctuary
6:45p Youth CORE, Youth Lounge
7p Chancel Choir, Music Suite

Thursday, March 22

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

Friday, March 23

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

Saturday, March 24

Private Event, CFC

Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday

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
12p Easter Egg Lunch & Hunt
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Sunday Servants

Head Usher: John Crain
Crucifer: Jake Hoskins
Scripture Reader: Reagan Osborne
Acolytes: Brock Davis ☺ Charlotte Hearne
Nursery: Jaclyn Tant, Paige Falls, Angie Flake, Victoria Flake, Angelica Brown
March Coffee Time Hosts: Young Adult Class

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, March 11, 2018
Sunday School: 135 Worship: 238
Online Worship: 15
Offering Received last Sunday: \$7,703

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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.

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 inside both men and women's restrooms.

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.

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March 18, 2018 John Harrington, 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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Alstad/Hibert
Myers Praise Team

* Call to Worship

Leader: Rend your hearts and not your clothing, return to the Lord,
your God,

People: **for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and
abounding in steadfast love.**

* Opening Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH #117

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted
by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many
temptations. And, as you know the weakness of each of us, let each
one find you mighty to save. through Jesus Christ your Son, our
Lord. Amen.**

Children's Time Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer *Alas and Did My Savior Bleed* Watts
Myers Men's Chorale

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 *Freely, Freely* UMH #389

Stewardship Moment John Harrington

Offering

Offertory *I Surrender* M. Crocker
Myers Praise Team

* Doxology ***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.***

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson Philippians 3:17-21 Reagan Osborne
New Testament, page 198

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *And Can it Be?* Forrest
Myers Men's Chorale Text: Charles Wesley

*And can it be that I should gain An interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me,
who caused His pain—For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can
it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? He left His Father's throne above So
free, so infinite His grace— Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's
helpless race: 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For O my God, it found out me! 'Tis
mercy all, immense and free, For O my God, it found out me! No condemnation now
I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine; Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in
righteousness divine, Bold I approach th' eternal throne, And claim the crown, through
Christ my own.*

Scripture Lesson Matthew 19:16-22
New Testament, page 21

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Letting Go: Greed Rev. Sally Queen

* Closing Hymn *Take My Life, and Let It Be* UMH #399
During the Closing Hymn, you are invited to the altar for prayer
and to leave a financial gift for the journey.

* Benediction

* Response *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* Rankin
Myers Men's Chorale

*God be with you till we meet again; by his councils guide, uphold you, with his
sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude *Festive Trumpet Tune* German



The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God in honor of
Gross Family Birthdays ~ Ken, Dougie, Jennifer @ Jackie

Announcements

UMCOR Sunday Myers Memorial UMC is making March 18th UMCOR Sunday (formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing). UMCOR stands for United Methodist Committee on Relief yet it's way more than any committee. It's us! When there is a disaster in our world, UMCOR is there. The donations received in the envelope in today's bulletin ensures that 100% of any funds collected at times of emergency response goes directly to the need because the money received on UMCOR Sunday goes to the administrative costs of this global ministry.

Singles Luncheon Today This month there will be a church wide luncheon after church on March 25 for Palm Sunday and the Egg Hunt; therefore, we are moving our March Singles lunch to today, Sunday, March 18. Meet up in the CFC following worship to decide on a place to eat!

VBS Training ~ Today If you have an interest in being a leader, helper and volunteer at VBS this year (July 15-18), please join us in the CFC at 4pm today!

Lenten Sacrifice: A Gift for the Journey Typically during Lent, folks give up some activity or vice and take on a practice that helps them draw nearer to God. This year, during Lent, the finance committee, along with Pastor Sally, ask you to consider giving up that extra cup of Starbucks or drive thru meal and contributing that money to the church. Maybe you take on the practice of making a consistent financial gift or take on the practice of true tithing, giving 10% of your income during Lent. Online giving information can be found at www.MyersMemorialUMC.org. During Lent, you are invited to leave a gift at the altar at the conclusion of worship each week.

Easter Egg Lunch & Hunt ~ March 25 Immediately following worship, the Children's Committee invites the whole church to gather for lunch in the CFC! On the menu: Chicken Sandwiches. The children are invited to bring their baskets for an egg hunt following the lunch. New this year, a scavenger hunt for the In}Between group (3rd-7th grades). Everyone is invited! Make your reservations on today's Connection Card.

Myers in Motion! Shag Dancing & Kickball There has been interested expressed in forming a group to shag dance! If you are interested in this, please note it on today's connection card. Also, Myers has a Kickball Team in the City's Parks & Rec Spring league! This is open to adults of all ages and games will be played on Tuesdays starting April 10. Please mark your commitment on today's connection card.

Final Wednesday Connect Meal & Programs ~ March 28 will be the final night of Wednesday evening Connect Meals and programs. We've had a wonderful spring season and we look forward to dining together again soon! Stay tuned for special programming in April and May.

Preschool Registration Now Open Registration for the Summer Weekday Preschool Program (for infants through elementary school) as well as the 2018-19 School year is now open! Visit the preschool webpage at www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/weekday-preschool for more information and to download the registration forms or call the church office to be connected with Janet Lagos, Director.