

## Prayers of the People

The family of Libby Drum, Gene Ratchford, Susan Marshall, Gayle Dobbs, Max Erwin, Jean Campbell, Melanie Lambert, Jim Bright

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.

Relay for Life Picnic (themed) Lunch Today You are invited to join the UMWomen and UMMen for a benefit luncheon Today following worship. All proceeds from this lunch will benefit Myers' Relay for Life Team. If you would like to walk on the Myers Memorial UMC Relay for Life team, please speak with Debbie Brown, dbbbrown1@gmail.com or 704-516-9578.

Spring Ring ~ Today at 4:30pm The Handbell Ensembles of Myers Memorial UMC invite you to an afternoon of ringing. Selections will include both secular and sacred works that highlight the beauty of handbell music. We'll enjoy cookies and lemonade on the lawn immediately following.

Myers 60+ Fellowship Join us Thursday, April 19 to enjoy the beauty of God's creation and visit the Carolina Raptor Center in Huntersville, NC. Gather at the church at 9:45 am to load the church bus and carpool. Dress for the weather and outdoor walking. The tour of the Raptor Center is approximately one hour and we'll stop for lunch as we journey home. Spring is in the Air! Please make your reservation by Monday, April 16 by calling the church office or making your reservation on today's Connection Card.

New Member Sunday ~ April 29 If you feel led to join the congregation of Myers Memorial UMC, please make note of it on today's connection card and one of the Pastors will contact you.

Coming in May: Half-Time: The Blessing of Mid Life What's your view and attitude on mid-life as you deal with aging parents, empty nesting, career options, looking ahead at retirement and who knows what else? If this sounds like where you are in life, gather with others that are coping with mid-life to discuss this part of life. Rev. Eddie Ingram, Pastoral Psychotherapist will guide our discussion on Monday, May 21 at 7 pm in the Youth Lounge.

Conversation: Faith Sharing The Witness Committee invites you to the second in the series of year long conversations at Myers Memorial UMC. Please gather on Sunday, April 29 from 12-2p for a conversation about Faith Sharing. Don't worry. You know all the answers and have what it takes to share your faith with friends, family and even strangers. Lunch will be provided and childcare can be provided upon request. Reservations can be made via the Connection Cards today or by calling the church office.

Graduation Information Being Sought We are looking to collect information about those who are graduating this spring so we might celebrate them! If you know of a college or high school graduate, please share their graduation details and future plans with Tresca McSwain, Director of Youth & Young Adults, thmcswain@gmail.com or 704-477-7447.

## This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

### Sunday, April 15

8:30a Nurture Committee  
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary  
12p Picnic Lunch, CFC  
4:30p Spring Ring, Sanctuary  
5:30p Sunday Night Live  
Children's Worship Arts  
Youth Main Event  
7p SoulFire, Music Suite

### Monday, April 16

6p Cub Scouts, First Floor  
6:30p Boy Scouts, Scout Hut

### Tuesday, April 17

10a Grief Share, Parlor  
11a AI-Anon, Asbury  
6p Trustees, CFC  
6p Girl Scouts, First Floor  
6p Men's Basketball, CFC  
6:30p Disciple IV, E-105

### Wednesday, April 18

9:15a Women's Bible Study, Asbury  
6p Prayer Walk  
6p Knit for Christ, Parlor  
7p Chancel Choir, Music Suite

### Thursday, April 19

BBQ Set Up, CFC Closed  
9:45a 60+ Fellowship Departs  
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

### Friday, April 20

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor  
10a UMM BBQ  
10a UMW Bake Sale

### Sunday, April 22

9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary  
12p Singles Lunch  
5:30p Sunday Night Live  
Children's Worship Arts  
Youth Main Event  
7p SoulFire, Music Suite

# Myers Memorial United Methodist Church



## Welcome to Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

### Our vision is to be Christ Inspired...People Centered...Service Driven.

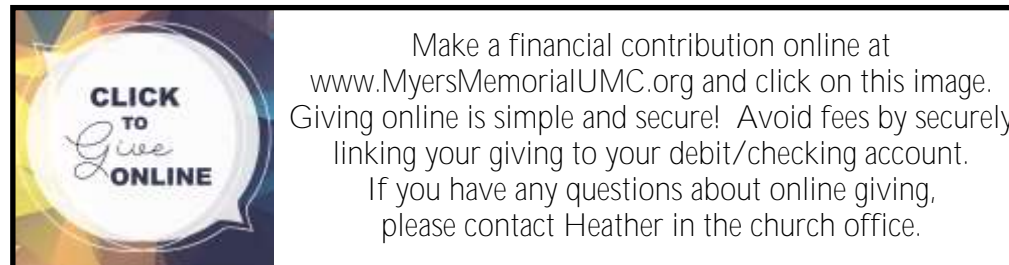
We hope you are moved by the Spirit to love one another as Christ loves us! In this bulletin you will find a Connection Card that can be used to share information with the pastor and church office. You can also use it to express interest in events, activities, ministries, reserve your spot for Wednesday 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 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.



Make a financial contribution online at [www.MyersMemorialUMC.org](http://www.MyersMemorialUMC.org) and click on this image. Giving online is simple and secure! Avoid fees by securely linking your giving to your debit/checking account. If you have any questions about online giving, please contact Heather in the church office.

### Sunday Servants

**Head Usher:** Ken Stroupe  
**Crucifer:** Kathleen Sharp  
**Scripture Reader:** Angelica Brown  
**Acolytes:** Andrew Walker & Charlotte Hearne  
**Nursery:** Chris McCullen, Jennifer Gross, Karen Carrick, Angelica Brown  
**April Coffee Time Hosts:** New Life

### A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, April 8, 2018  
Sunday School: 123 Worship: 211  
Online Worship: 22  
Offering Received last Sunday: \$8,424  
Wednesday, April 11, 2018  
Prayer Walk & Worship: 25

### Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

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April 15, 2018                      Debbie Brown, Liturgist                      10:50am

## Order of 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

### Gathering for Worship

### 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                      *Peal of Praise*                      Helman  
   Trinity Bells

### \* Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

**All: Alleluia!**

\* Processional Hymn                      The Day of Resurrection                      UMH #303

### \* Opening Prayer (*in unison*)

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,  
bringing new life out of destruction,  
hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.

**We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole.**

**Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives,  
and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit,  
that we may know the joy you give to your people. Amen.**

Children's Time                      Children's Musical Ensembles  
   Musik Makers, Spirit Singers, Myers Orff Ensemble

### Remembering All Who Have Faced Cancer

#### Lighting of Luminarias

#### Prayer (in Unison)

**Hear our prayer, O God of mercy and love, for all who suffer with cancer.**

**Grant unto them tender and loving companions  
who will support them in the midst of fear.**

**Give them hope for each new day to come,  
that every day may be lived with courage and faith.**

**With thankful hearts we remember those who fought the fight of cancer  
and now rest from their labors.**

**In your mercy, give us, as you gave them, the hope of salvation and  
the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Choral Call to Prayer                      *Nearer, My God to Thee*                      Adams/Mason  
   Chancel Choir

*Nearer, my God, to thee nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
still all my song shall be, nearer my God to thee; Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

Pastoral Prayer                      Rev. Sarah Watkins 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                      UMH #454  
   *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

### Offering

Offertory                      *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*                      arr. Greer  
   Aldersgate Ringers, John Ballard, *clarinet*

\* Doxology                      UMH #94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him 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                      Romans 8:35, 37-39                      Angelica Brown  
   New Testament, page 158

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem                      *Thy Word*                      Smith ☺ Grant  
   SoulFire                      arr. Schrader

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, think I  
lost my way, still You're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear as long as you  
are near. Please be near me till the end! Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid. I'll strengthen thee help thee and cause thee  
to stand, up held by they righteous omnipotent hand. I will not forget your love for me  
and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to your side;  
and I will love you to the end! Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my  
path.*

Scripture Lesson                      John 20:24-29                      New Testament, page 115

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon                      Rev. Sally Queen  
   Resurrection ~ Allows Us to See What We Cannot See

\* Closing Hymn                      *Hymn of Promise*                      UMH#707

### \* Benediction

\* Response                      *The Lord Bless You ☺ Keep You*                      Lutkin  
   Chancel Choir

*The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord lift His countenance upon you, And give  
you peace, and give you peace, The Lord make His face to shine upon you, And be  
gracious unto you, be gracious, The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.*

### \* Chimes of the Trinity

\* Postlude                      *Rise, My Soul, to Watch ☺ Pray*                      Albrecht



**The Flowers in the Sanctuary  
are given to the Glory of God**

in celebration of

Dan ☺ Sondra Huntley's 30th Wedding Anniversary  
and Dan Huntley's 55th birthday  
given by Max ☺ Nancy Huntley

and in honor of

The Cathy Mabry Cloniger Center ~ A Domestic Violence Center  
given by Marsha Wright

### Announcements

**Let's Go For A Walk, A Prayer Walk** On Wednesdays in April, you are invited to gather at the church at 6pm, go for a walk, and return for brief worship service that will conclude by 7pm. We will gather for prayer on April 18, and 25. You are invited to wear walking shoes, bring strollers for the youngest and dress for the weather. The path will not be the same for all of us and a variety of areas will be designated for varied abilities. Should it be pouring rain, we will still gather to pray, yet not walk.

2018 Annual UMM BBQ and UMW Bake Sale is this coming Friday, April 20. BBQ tickets are available for purchase at \$9 per plate and you can dine in, carry out or place an order for delivery (10 plates or more). Don't forget to stop by the UM Women's Bake Sale table for delicious homemade goodies! All proceeds go to the mission and ministry of the United Methodist Men and Women of Myers Memorial UMC. Volunteers are needed to assist in this endeavor! Please mark your interest on today's connection card!

**Camp Tekoa Church Retreat "What's Up: Tekoa Conversations"** It's time to register for the 2018 Camp Tekoa Church-wide Retreat at Camp Tekoa in Hendersonville, NC. May 4-6 is going to be a wonderful time of fun, fellowship, relaxation and excitement for all ages in the mountains of WNC. Pick up a brochure around the church or on the church website (www.MyersMemorialumc.org/camp-tekoa). Please complete your registrations sooner than later so t-shirts can be ordered and meal planning can begin!