

## 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.

## Announcements

TODAY ~ A Conversation: Faith Sharing The Witness Committee invites you to the second in the series of year long conversations at Myers Memorial UMC. Please join us immediately following worship today 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.

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. Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 3.

A Community Conversation You are invited to join in a community book conversation of *Waking up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. Dwayne Burks will host and Karen Bringle will facilitate this six-week discussion group at Myers Memorial UMC beginning Monday, May 7 from 6p to 7:30p in the Asbury room. If you would like to participate in the group, and/or have questions about it, please contact Karen at karenb95@gmail.com or 704-418-2813. You may also contact Dwayne at dwayneburks@gmail.com or text 704-860-2957. Participants are encouraged to obtain a copy of the book prior to the first session.

Myers Meals in May Our church is situated among some of Gastonia's most popular dining establishments and we have an opportunity to witness to our faith as we gather together for a meal around the tables on Wednesdays in May at 5:30p. Each Wednesday we will meet at a selected site, order food and have fellowship and conversation. Participants will pay for their own meals. Please join us and invite others to join you around the table too! There will be multiple locations and while reservations are not required, it will be helpful to know a number to expect so not to overburden a restaurant. *Selected restaurants will be advertised in Sunday's Bulletin and Monday's Email prior to the Wednesday we gather.* Jackson's Cafeteria will be a consistent location through out the month as it has the largest gathering space. A dinner host from Myers Memorial UMC will be present to help facilitate conversation yet it is each of our responsibilities to welcome all who wish to join the fellowship.

24 Hours of Prayer ~ National Day of Prayer ~ May 3 Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image. Prayer brings unity. In 2018, the National Day of Prayer theme is UNITY, based upon Ephesians 4:3 "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." You are invited to participate in a 24 hour prayer vigil through out the day. Sign up online, outside the church office, or simply take an hour to pray. The Myers Memorial UMC Prayer Room will be open for prayer from 8a to 4p.

## This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

### Sunday, April 29

Confirmation Retreat, *Lake Junaluska*  
9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*  
12p Conversation & Lunch, *CFC*  
4p Eagle Court of Honor, *Sanctuary*  
5:30p Sunday Night Live  
Children's Worship Arts  
Youth Main Event  
7p SoulFire, *Music Suite*

### Monday, April 30

6p Cub Scouts  
6:30p Boy Scouts, *Scout Hut*

### Tuesday, May 1

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

### Wednesday, May 2

9:15a Women's Bible Study, *Asbury*  
10a Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, May 2 continued

5:30p Myers Meals, *Jackson's, McDonalds, Mall Food Court*  
6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*  
7p Chancel Choir, *Music Suite*

### Thursday, May 3

National Day of Prayer  
6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*  
8p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

### Friday, May 4

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*  
5p Camp Tekoa Church Retreat

### Saturday, May 5

Church Retreat, *Camp Tekoa*

### Sunday, May 6

Church Retreat, *Camp Tekoa*  
8a UMM/UMW Breakfast, *CFC*  
9a Health Cabinet Screenings, *CFC*  
9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*

Myers Meals This Week ~ May 2 ~ 5:30p

*Jackson's Cafeteria, Akers Center*  
*McDonald's, 1500 E. Franklin Blvd*  
*Eastridge Mall Food Court*

Reservations are not required, yet helpful, so not to overburden a restaurant. Please let us know via today's connection card or by contacting the church office.

### Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Jim Warnock  
Scripture Reader: Lathan Flake  
Acolytes: Adam Anderson, Mattie Queen  
May Coffee Time Hosts: Drifters

### A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, April 22, 2018  
Sunday School: 136 Worship: 224  
Online Worship: 18  
Offering Received last Sunday: \$8,417

Wednesday, April 25, 2018  
Prayer Walk ☺ Worship: 30

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# Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

April 29, 2018



## 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.

April 29, 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

TFWS = The Faith We Sing Hymnal Supplement, the black softcover book

### 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 *Air* Wesley

#### \* Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

**All: Alleluia!**

\* Opening Hymn *To God Be the Glory* UMH #98

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

**Jesus Christ,**  
**you have taught us that what we do to each other, we do to you.**  
**Make us quick to help and slow to hurt,**  
**knowing that in our neighbor**  
**it is you who receive our love or our neglect. Amen.**

Children's Time Pastor Sally

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 *Pass it On* UMH #572

Offering

Offertory *Gavotte* Wesley

\* 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 1 John 4:7-21 Lathan Flake

New Testament, page 241

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Arr. Jack Schrader  
Chancel Choir

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. "Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!" Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me! Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

Scripture Lesson John 21:15-19 New Testament, page 116

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Resurrection ~ Gives us a Mission Rev. Sally Queen

\* Closing Hymn *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* TFWS#2241

#### Reception of New Members with Profession of Faith ☺ Baptismal Covenant

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin, and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons with a community of love ☺ forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them, that they may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

\* Profession of Faith UMH #35

*Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Please stand as you are able.*

*Do you believe in God the Father?*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ?*

**I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

**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.**

Baptism with Laying on of Hands

Profession of Faith

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.*

Congregation:

**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 *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 *Trumpet Processional* German