

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

Grief Share will resume on January 9 at 10a. Grief Share regularly meets on Tuesday mornings at 10am in the Parlor and supports those working through the grief of losing a loved one. Contact Connie Elzey, dce@myersmemorialumc.com.

Leadership Summit ~ Today If you have been asked to serve on a church committee, please mark your calendars for the 2019 Leadership Summit. All members of teams or committees are invited and encouraged to attend today, January 6 from 2p to 5p. This gathering will give us the chance to reflect on the 2019 theme word "Serve". It will be a full afternoon as we dream and make plans for the future of Myers Memorial UMC. Child care will not be available.

Pastries with the Pastors Are you interested in knowing more about Myers Memorial UMC? Thinking of becoming a member? Have you recently joined and would like to know a little bit more about the church and how to get involved? Pastor Sally and Pastor Sarah invite you to join them on Sunday, January 13 at 10am in the CFC for an informal gathering (with delicious pastries) to talk more about how we live out our calling to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world at Myers Memorial UMC. You may RSVP via the Connection Card or by emailing churchoffice@myersmemorialumc.com.

Faithful Families ~ February 2019 The Myers Health Cabinet, in conjunction with the Gaston County Health Department, are excited to offer this program as a way to promote health for individuals and families associated with our church family. This 9-week faith based nutrition program is open to everyone, so invite your friends to participate in discussions, recipe tasting, and activities as we set goals for leading healthier lives! The Health Cabinet is looking for 10 interested persons to sign up from Myers with a goal of starting in February 2019. Please mark today's Connection Card with your interest.

Wee Ones Worship Yes, the youngest among us worship too! Each Sunday the children in the nursery learn what it means to feel God's love by the love shared with them by the people who care for them while the parents are in 'big church'. They hear the silly Jesus songs and the organ over the speaker. They dance and move and eat snacks too! Don't you want to be a part of this amazing opportunity to worship with the youngest among us? Janet Lagos, our Sunday morning Nursery coordinator is currently seeking volunteers for the next quarter. If you are able and willing to help one to two Sundays in the next 3 months, please contact Janet Lagos at preschool@myersmemorialumc.com or 704-864-3222. You can still listen to the sermon while you snuggle and play with the youngest among us!

This Week at Myers Memorial

Sunday, January 6

Epiphany Sunday

8a UMMen & UMWomen
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Time
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:30a Health Cabinet Screenings, Bridal Room
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
2p Leadership Summit, CFC
5:30p SNL
5:30p Children's Music Ministry
5:30p Youth & In}Between
5:30p Disciple 1 Fast Track, Trinity UMC
5:30p Disciple 3 Fast Track, E105

Monday, January 7

9a Weekday Preschool
3p Sandwich Making for WGBGC, Kitchen
5p Aldersgate Bells, Music Suite
6p Ashbrook Cross Country Banquet, CFC
6:30p Cub/Boy Scouts, Scout Hut, 1st Floor

Tuesday, January 8

9a Weekday Preschool
10a Grief Share, Parlor
11a Alanon, Asbury Room
6p Girl Scouts, 1st floor
6:30p Chancel Bells, Music Suite

Wednesday, January 9

9a Weekday Preschool
11a Warlick Mentoring, Warlick
5:15p Connect Meal, CFC
6p Worship, Sanctuary
6p Knit for Christ, Parlor
6:30p Small Group Space
Men's Study, Asbury

Thursday, January 10

9a Weekday Preschool
10a WNCC Retreat Ministries, Asbury
12p Joy Circle, Amberjacks
6p Men's Basketball, CFC
7p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

Friday, January 11

9a Weekday Preschool
7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

Saturday, January 12

6p Choir Party, CFC

Sunday, January 13

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Time
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10a Pastries with the Pastors, CFC
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
3:30p In}Between, on the go
5:30p SNL
5:30p Children's Music Ministry
5:30p Youth, Youth Lounge
5:30p Disciple 1 Fast Track, Trinity UMC
5:30p Disciple 3 Fast Track, E105

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Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Ken Avery
Crucifer: Matthew Walker
Scripture Reader: Brendan Rooney
Acolytes: Ella Queen & Andrew Walker
Nursery: Judy Seay, Annie Oliver, Karen Carrick, Chris McCullen, Paige Falls, Jaclyn Tant

Giving on the Go

www.MyersMemorialUMC.org
/Online-Giving

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, December 30, 2018
Sunday School: 89 Worship: 176
Online Worship: 25
Offering Received: \$18,014

Christmas Eve Worship
5:30p: 285 11p: 86

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 church meals, share prayer concerns or comments. Please use it as a way to note your attendance in worship today and return it during the offering as an act 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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January 6, 2019

10:50am

Children's Message

Pastor Sally

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH #13

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

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

The Star Proclaims the King is Here

Flor Peters

Epiphany Prayer (in unison)

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls,
you brought the nations to your light
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations;
through him who is the true light and the bright and morning star,
even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

We Three Kings

UMH #254

* Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

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

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Brendan Rooney

Old Testament, page 690

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

What Strangers are These?

Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir

What strangers are these that wander through the town? Hush, 'tis Joseph and weary Mary.

And what does he seek so hopeless and in vain? He is seeking shelter for Mary.

For she is the blest and chosen of the Lord, Who will bear to us a goodly King.

And who is this King of whom ye proudly sing? Know ye not the Christ, Jesus the Savior?

What wee child is this that in a manger lies? Hush, 'tis Jesus Christ, Son of Mary.

Say what fair maid is this whose joy is mixed with awe? O 'tis Mary, Holy Mother of Jesus.

O these are the shepherds and these the magi kings Who have brought him their gifts of gold and myrrh. But why kneel in homage here before a babe? They adore their King, Jesus the Savior.

Who are these that march from death unto life? These are they who love Jesus the Christ Child.

And how do they triumph o'er the gates of hell? Through the grace of him, Jesus the Savior.

He is born to redeem mankind from sin and strife, To bring peace, joy, love and brotherhood.

O where shall I find him? Where shall I seek? He is here and now, Jesus your Savior.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

NT, page 2

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Unexpected Path

Rev. Sally Queen

* Hymn of Thanksgiving

He Leadeth Me

UMH #128

Offering

Offertory

Prelude on "Tempus adest Floridum"

Lester Groom

* Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow UMH #94

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!

* 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 altar is always open for prayer.

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

*Communion Stewards: Randy & Lee Black, Jamie Hester, Dick & Cindy Dey, Jackie Gross,
Rev. Sarah Watkins Davis*

* Closing Hymn

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

UMH #557

* Benediction

* Congregational Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

UMH #204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude

All the Bells on Earth

Colin Hand