

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.



Sanctuary Flower Calendar Multiple dates are available for 2019. You may reserve your date(s) by signing up on the flower calendar outside the work room in the office area. Please print clearly and make note if you wish the flowers to be *in honor* or *in memory* and who is reserving the flowers. There is room for two sponsors/two arrangements each week. If you have any special wording, please contact the church office at 704-864-3221 at least one week in advance. By reserving your date, you are committing to a cost of \$45. We will take care of ensuring the flowers are present on that Sunday and you are welcome to take the flowers home to enjoy or share with others.

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.

Support our Scouts The Boy & Cub Scouts of Pack & Troop 21 are sponsoring a Country Style Breakfast Buffet next Saturday from 7a to 10:30a. Stop by for a delicious breakfast and support this ministry at Myers Memorial UMC. All proceeds will be invested in the scouting ministry by providing scholarship, supplies and camping equipment.

Whole 30 Kick Off ~ Saturday, January 5, 1-4p ~ The Whole30 is a meal plan that changes your mindset about eating habits. This event is to help you further understand the Whole30 way of eating, maybe try a few of the food items from the food plans, and gain support for this lifestyle change. Sponsored by the Myers Health Cabinet. Please mark your interest on today's Connection Card or follow the Health Cabinet link on our website.

Know your numbers! The Health Cabinet Blood Pressure Screenings are now more convenient to you coming worship! Beginning next Sunday, January 6, you are invited to stop by the Bridal Room located across from the Parlor between 10:30a and 10:50a to have your blood pressure checked.

Leadership Summit If you have been asked to serve on a church committee, please mark your calendars for the 2019 Leadership Summit on Sunday, January 6 from 2p to 5p. All members of teams or committees are invited and encouraged to attend. This gathering will give us the chance to reflect on the theme of conversations. We will do this in the large group and then break into our ministry teams/committees. We will be setting dates for our annual events and each committee will be designing goals to guide our work in 2019. It will be a full afternoon as we dream and make plans for the future of Myers Memorial UMC.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, December 30
College Student Sunday
9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:30a Coffee Time
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*
12:15p Rake & Run

Monday, December 31
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 1
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2
9a Weekday Preschool
10a Staff Meeting, *Parlor*
2p Make Up Pictures, E-105
5:15p Connect Meal, *CFC*
6p Worship, *Sanctuary*
6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*
6:30p Small Group Space
Men's Study, Asbury

Thursday, January 3
9a to 12p Church Office Open
8p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

Friday, January 4
9a to 12p Church Office Open
7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*
Girl Scout Lock-In, *CFC*

Saturday, January 5
7a BSA Troop & Pack 21 Pancake
Breakfast, *CFC*
1p Whole30 Kick Off, *CFC*

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*
5p Myers Youth Chorale
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*

Coming in 2019

Wednesday Connect Resumes: January 2
5:15p Dinner, 6p Worship, 6:30p Small Group Space
Leadership Summit: January 6, 2p-5p
Sunday Night Live Resumes: January 6, 5:30p
Grief Share Support Resumes: January 8, 10a
Weekend Backpack Fundraiser Luncheon: January 20, 12p
Youth Winter Retreat: January 25-27
Parenting Tweens & Young Teens Gathering: January 27, 12p
Souper Bowl Chili Cook-Off for CAM: February 3, 12p
DivorceCare and DivorceCare4Kids: February 5, 6:30p

Sunday Servants

Ushers: College Students
Crucifer: Marie Kalinoski
Acolytes: Brock Davis & Charlotte Hearne
Nursery: Judy Seay, Annie Oliver, Carrie Allen, Debbie Brown, Angelica Brown

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Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

College Student Sunday

December 30, 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 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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December 30, 2018 College Student Sunday 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

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 "Sussex" Variations F. Ashdown

* Call to Worship (*responsively*) Kimberly Shellman

Leader: Through Christ, we are one with God.

We are flesh and spirit, joy and sorrow.

People: We are more than what we seem.

Leader: **Christ was God's gift to us,**
And we celebrate always this gift of eternal grace.

People: We are redeemers and we are the redeemed.

Leader: We have received the most lovely gift,
And for that, we sing of a great song of peace.

People: We have received it in order to go forth,

To share Christ's love with all who love to listen.

* Opening Hymn *The First Noel* UMH #245

During the opening hymn, you are invited to bring a gift to the altar, placing it in the manger.

* Opening Prayer (*in unison*)

God of Promise and mysterious Light,
be with us this day as we journey in our faith; to meet your Gift.

Give us courage and hope along our way,
as your light will continue to glow brightly in our path,

leading us to service and discipleship in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message Megan Farris

Call to Prayer & Pastoral Prayer April Martin

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 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* UMH #229

Offering

Offertory *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* R. Purvis

* 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 Ashley Broadwater

Scripture Lesson Timmy Robinette

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Slayton Fletcher

Anthem Coventry Carol Arr. Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir, Haley Wise, soloist

Lullay, Thou little tiny Child, By, by, lully, lullay. Lullay, Thou little tiny Child. By, by, lully, lullay. O sisters, too, how may we do, For to preserve this day: This poor Youngling for whom we sing, By, by, lully, lullay. Herod the King, in his raging, Charged he hath this day: His men of might, in his own sight, All children young, to slay. Then woe is me, poor Child, for Thee, And ever mourn and say: For Thy parting, nor say nor sing, By, by, lully, lullay.

Scripture Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Victoria Flake

* Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH #230

Scripture Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hannah Black

* Closing Hymn *Go Tell it on the Mountain* UMH #251

* Benediction Cameron Dennis

* 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 *Fanfare on "In Dulci Jubilo"* D. Dicie

Known College Aged Students

Mallory Alman
Hannah Black
Reagan Bridges
Ashley Broadwater
Jamison Brown
Dylan Cooper
Cameron Dennis
Megan Farris
Lathan Flake
Victoria Flake
Slayton Fletcher
Amelia Hoskins
Dalton Hoskins
Chloe Jordan
Elizabeth King
Andrew Lanier
Anna Lanier
Ashley Lowry
Austin Lowry
Logan Mantooth
Harrison Mantooth

Whitney Marr
April Martin
Tori McLean
Jonathan McMillian
Katie Proctor
McKenzie Rankin
Timmy Robinette
Amanda Rogers
JP Rooney
Mikayla Sage
Kimberly Shelman
Madison Shoemaker
Samantha Stacy
Fisher Stines
Conrad Tolbert

Graduate Students

Cole Hairston
Stephen McMillian
Blake Smarr
Alexa Smarr

Announcements

Welcome Home College Students! Regardless of where you attend school, we want to stay in contact with you! There is an ongoing college student class that meets on the 1st floor. Can't be here on Sunday? The lesson comes to you electronically, along with our prayers! Please make sure we have the most up-to-date information for all our college students so we can properly care for you!

2019 Estimate of Giving Cards may be dropped off at the church office or mailed to Angie Rutledge c/o Cherry Beakert at 322 Burtonwood Dr, Gastonia, NC 28054.

Annual Rake & Run ~ Today! College Students, Youth, In} {Betweeners, their families (and everyone else) are invited to bring your rakes, leaf blowers, and tarps. Following worship, we'll fuel up on pizza for the annual Rake & Run. Our mission is to get every last leaf out of the yards of our older Myers' members before the end of the year! We'll return to the church around 4p. How many leaves can we rake? It all depends on your participation! More people, more rakes, more yards, less leaves!

Happy Birthday to You! On Wednesday, January 2, we'll gather again for Wednesday Connect Meal at 5:15p and Worship at 6p. It's our annual Birthday Party for everyone in the church and a dessert for every month! If you are willing to make a dessert, please mark today's Connection Card.

