

## Prayers of the People

The Family of Mary Ellen Current, Mark Campbell, Karen Bentley, Angelica Brown, Kathy Wooten, Woodie Carothers, Melanie Lambert, Lois Rhyne, Nancy Westbrook, Trinity United Methodist Church, Special Session of General Conference (February 23-26), Pastor Sally Queen

*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 via email.*



What Can I Do To Help Someone Who Has Cancer? In the narthex over the next couple of weeks you will find a basket filled with colored paper and pens. Take one or more with you, write a note of love and encouragement, returning the notes to the baskets with specific names. You will also find a basket that says ‘our neighbors’. These notes will be given to the new head of Oncology at the hospital for her to give to patients that may need a little encouragement. Every two weeks Debbie Brown will pick up the notes and distribute them accordingly.

March 1 | 10a to 6p As part of the Missional Network of UMC churches that support Warlick Academy, our Myers Memorial UMC family is encouraged to support Warlick Academy through their annual BBQ cooked by Ole Carolina BBQ. Chicken and BBQ plates are available at \$8 per plate. All proceeds will generate funds for Warlick Academy Student Incentives. Delivery within a 20 mile radius is available for 10 or more plates. You can place your order in the church office or by contacting Donna Lutz at 704-836-9608 or [dplutz@gaston.k12.nc.us](mailto:dplutz@gaston.k12.nc.us)

Lenten Fair | Sunday, March 3 | 5:30p-7p | CFC Lent is not the stuff in our belly buttons! Children and Families are invited to discover what Lent is all about and how we can share the Easter Faith with our children! Volunteers are welcome to help make the meaning of Lent and Easter come alive for our children. Please mark your interest on today’s Connection Card.

Personal Safety Class | Thursday, March 7 | 6:30p Through our connectional ministry of fitness and spiritual wellness, you are invited to participate in this two-hour introductory class at First Presbyterian Church where you will learn basics strikes, escapes and strategies for personal safety. Athletic wear is strongly encouraged.

**Myers’ Got Talent | March 10 | 6p** Enjoy an evening showcasing the talents of the Myers Memorial Family! Donations will be accepted to benefit Gaston County’s Resource Gateway Connection. Got Talent? Sing? Dance? Bake? Show it off! Submit your talent to [Tresca@myersmemoiralumc.com](mailto:Tresca@myersmemoiralumc.com)!

Created By God | Saturday, March 30 | 10a to 3p God created us male and female and God created us Good! Now, how do we talk about that with our tweens? Human sexuality is one of God’s greatest gifts to people. *Created By God* is a program designed to communicate to fourth and sixth graders that we are a fantastic creation made by God. The topics of human sexuality, values, and relationships are approached in a frank, honest, and Bible-based manner. Sign up via the connection card and contact Tresca with any questions ([Tresca@myersmemoiralumc.com](mailto:Tresca@myersmemoiralumc.com), 704-477-7447) The cost is \$15 which includes resources and lunch.

## This Week at Myers Memorial

### Sunday, February 24

*Praying Our Way Forward Prayer Vigil  
General Conference, St. Louis*  
9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*  
9:30a Coffee Time *CFC*  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*  
12p Acolyte Training, *Sanctuary*  
2:23p Pray for General Conference  
5p Youth Chorale, *Music Suite*  
5:30p SNL  
5:30p Children's Music Ministry  
5:30p Youth & InXBetween  
5:30p Disciple 1 Fast Track, *Asbury*  
5:30p Disciple 3 Fast Track, *E105*

### Monday, February 25

*Praying Our Way Forward Prayer Vigil  
General Conference, St. Louis*  
9a Weekday Preschool  
2:23p Pray for General Conference  
5p Aldersgate Bells, *Music Suite*  
6:30p Pack/Troop 21 Boy Scouts  
6:30p Cub Scout Pack Meeting, *CFC*

### Tuesday, February 26

*Praying Our Way Forward Prayer Vigil  
General Conference, St. Louis*  
9a Weekday Preschool  
10a Grief Share, *Parlor*  
11a Alanon, *Asbury Room*  
2:23p Pray for General Conference  
6p Girl Scouts, *1st floor*  
6:30p DivorceCare/DC4K  
6:30p Chancel Bells, *Music Suite*  
7p Witness & Outreach, *Asbury*

### Sunday Servants Scripture Reader: Brooke Cox

Crucifer: Marie Kalinoski

Acolytes: Rhett Buchanan & Evan Falls

Nursery: Judy Seay, Donna Lutz, Lauren Hearne, Donna Fletcher, Paige Falls, Jaclyn Tant

### Wednesday, February 27

*Praying Our Way Forward Prayer Vigil  
General Conference, St. Louis*  
9a Weekday Preschool  
2:23p Pray for General Conference  
5:15p Connect Meal, *CFC*  
6p Connect Worship, *Sanctuary*  
6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*  
6:30p Small Group Space  
Men’s Study, *Asbury*  
Faithful Families, *E-105*  
Whole30 Support, *Youth Lounge*

### Thursday, February 28

9a Weekday Preschool  
6:30p Men’s Basketball  
7p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

### Friday, March 1

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

### Saturday, March 2

*Praying Our Way Forward Prayer Vigil  
General Conference, St. Louis*

### Sunday, March 3 Communion

9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*  
9:30a Coffee Time *CFC*  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10a General Conference Follow Up, *CFC*  
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*  
5p Youth Chorale, *Music Suite*  
5:30p SNL  
5:30p Children's Music Ministry  
5:30p Youth & InXBetween  
5:30p Disciple 1 Fast Track, *Asbury*  
5:30p Disciple 3 Fast Track, *E105*



### Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, February 17, 2019  
Sunday School: 135 Worship: 223  
Online Worship Views: 629  
Offering Received: \$7,828  
Wednesday Connect Worship: 65

Giving on the Go  
[www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/Online-Giving](http://www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/Online-Giving)

## 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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February 24, 2019Ken Stroupe, Liturgist10:50am

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

PreludeWhosever Loveth GodJA Streicher

\* Call to Worship (responsively)  
Leader: Come and learn the ways of life.  
People: We have come to follow Jesus.  
Leader: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.  
People: We have come to follow Jesus.  
Leader: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you  
People: We have come to follow Jesus.  
Leader: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.  
People: We have come to follow Jesus.  
Leader: Come and learn the ways of life.

\* Opening HymnJoyful, Joyful, We Adore TheeUMH #89

Children’s MessageLouisa Suggs

Call to PrayerLord, Listen to Your Children PrayingK. Medema  
Chancel Choir  
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Prayer for General Conference  
You are invited to come to the front left side of the Sanctuary where you will find a basket of cloth strips. You are invited to pray for The United Methodist Church and the unity of all Christians then tie the strip to the end, continuing to grow the one long strand symbolic of our lives that are bound together in Christian love.

Prayer of Adoration ~ Silence ~Bell ~ Response: Hear Our Prayer, O God  
Prayer of Thanks ~ Silence ~ Bell ~Response: Hear Our Prayer, O God  
Prayer of Confession ~ Silence ~ Bell ~Response: Hear Our Prayer ,O God  
Prayer of Asking ~ Silence ~ Bell ~Response: Hear Our Prayer, O God

Pastoral PrayerRev. Sarah Davis

The Lord’s PrayerUMH #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.

\* HymnLord, Listen to Your Children PrayingTFWS #2193

Offering

OffertoryFrom God I Ne’er Will Turn MeD. Buxtehude

\* DoxologyPraise God, from whom all blessings flowUMH #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

Scripture LessonPsalm 37:1-11Brooke Cox  
Old Testament, page 510  
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.  
People: Thanks be to God.

AnthemMany Gifts, One SpiritA. Pote  
Chancel Choir

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice. O, God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above. In our differences unite us in the circle of your love. O, God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne. Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand. We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands. O, God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne. Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow. Give us life, Lord, make us whole.

Scripture LessonLuke 6:27-38NT, page 64  
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.  
People: Thanks be to God.

SermonThe Golden RuleRev. Sarah Watkins Davis

\* Closing HymnThe Gift of LoveUMH #408

\* Benediction

\* Congregational ResponseBlest Be the Tie that BindsL. Mason  
Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love; the  
fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

\* Chimes of the Trinity

\* PostludePasticcioJ. Langlais

The Flowers in the Sanctuary  
are given to the Glory of God in memory of  
Sylvia “Sissy” Neely by “Neely”



Announcements

Blest Be the Tie that Binds At the front of the sanctuary you will find a basket of fabric strips. As we actively pray for the special session of General Conference, you are invited to take a strip, say a prayer, and tie it to the end of what will become one long strand symbolic of our lives that are bound together in Christian love.

Acolyte Training | Today, February 24 | 12p 4th-8th graders are invited to stay after worship for the latest Acolyte training. Training will last approximately 15-20 minutes.

Praying Our Way Forward This Week, February 23-26, the people of The United Methodist Church will be gathering in St. Louis for a special session of the General Conference. This global gathering, and top policy making body of the UMC, will receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward. The 32-member commission was authorized by the General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council on Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church. You are invited to set an alarm to alert you each day and between the time of 2:23 and 2:26, please pray. Pray specifically for the delegates traveling from around the globe to attend this meeting. Pray for the work they will be doing. Pray that God’s will be done. You are also invited to pray specifically for Pastor Sally during the General Conference session.

Ways to follow what’s happening at GC2019 ~ United Methodist Communications will be livestreaming proceedings at the special General Conference in English, French and American Sign Language. The stream at [umc.org/live](http://umc.org/live) will include all open sessions when the lawmaking assembly meets Feb. 23-26. For more information about the special session, you are invited to visit [www.UMC.org](http://www.UMC.org).

General Conference Follow Up | Sunday, March 3 | 10a | CFC Pastor Sally will be available for questions and conversation next Sunday during Sunday School. All are invited to gather.

General Conference Follow Up with Bishop Leeland | March 31 Bishop Leeland will be visiting each district following General Conference. You are invited to the Catawba Valley & Appalachian District gathering on Sunday, March 31 at 3pm at St. Luke’s in Hickory.

Faithful Families | Begins February 27 | 6:30p | E-105 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 to participate in discussions, recipe tasting, and activities as we set goals for leading healthier lives! Please mark today’s Connection Card with your interest.