

## 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.

2018 Leadership Summit is TODAY! If you have been asked to serve on a church committee, we hope you have made plans to attend the Leadership Summit Today from 2p to 5p. All members of teams or committees are encouraged to attend. This gathering will give us the chance to reflect on the theme of conversations. We will do this in a 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 2018. It will be a full afternoon.

Coming this Summer! The Weekday Preschool will be offering Summer Camp for preschool and elementary aged children for 6 weeks this summer. More details will be available February 1st when registration will be open. Summer Camp weeks will be five days a week, June 11 through July 27 (no camp the week of July 4th). It's going to be a full summer of fun activities and quality care! Stay Tuned!

Save the Date for a Myers Music Ministry Music Camp! This summer, elementary aged children will be invited to a Music Camp July 30 to August 3 from 9 to 3 each day. On Friday the kids will stay later and then everyone will be invited to the performance at 6pm followed by a reception for all!! Registration information will be available in February.

New Member Sunday February 11 will be our next Sunday to receive new members into the life of our congregation. If you are feeling led to become a member of Myers Memorial UMC and support it with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness then please reach out to Pastor Sally or **Pastor Sarah** via today's connection card or call the church office, 704-864-3222 or email churchoffice@myersmemorialumc.com.

Let your [conversations] always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone. Colossians 4:6

Conversations are the informal exchange of ideas by spoken words. Over the next year, we are going to engage in conversations about our faith, our United Methodist membership vows, and other topics we really need to talk about. We hope you will join in the conversation!

## This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

### Sunday, January 14

9a Trinity Ringers, *Music Suite*  
9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*  
2p Leadership Summit, *CFC*  
5:30p Sunday Night Live  
Disciple 1 Fast Track, *E-105*  
Child Care, Preschool Choir & Worship Arts, Elementary Choirs  
Youth Main Event  
6:30p Elementary Open Gym/Childcare  
7p SoulFire, *Music Suite*

### Monday, January 15

5p SPRC, *Parlor*  
6p Koinonia UMW, *Panera*  
6:30p Disciple II Fast Track, *Asbury*  
6:30p Cub/Boy Scouts, *Scout Hut*

### Tuesday, January 16

10a Grief Share, *Parlor*  
11a AI-Anon, *Asbury*  
6p Girl Scouts, *First Floor*  
6p Finance, *Asbury*  
6p Trustees, *CFC*  
6:30p Disciple IV, *E-105*  
6:30 Divorce Care/DC4K  
6:30p Chancel Bells

### Sunday Servants

**Head Usher:** Debbie Brown  
**Crucifer:** Hallie Walker  
**Scripture Reader:** Lathan Flake  
**Acolytes:** Andrew Walker ☺ Brianna Lambert  
**Nursery:** Allison Buchanan, Elizabeth Lanier, Angelica Brown, Chris McCullen, Matthew McCullen  
**January Coffee Time Hosts:** Contemporary Class

### Wednesday, January 17

9:15a Women's Bible Study, *Asbury*  
10a Staff Meeting  
5:15p Connect | Eat, *CFC*  
5:45p Connect | Gather  
Nursery, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults  
6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*  
6:15p Connect | Worship, *Sanctuary*  
6:45p Youth CORE  
7p Chancel Choir, *Music Suite*

### Thursday, January 18

11:30a 60+ Fellowship, *CFC*  
6p Aldersgate Bells, *Music Suite*  
6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*  
8p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

### Friday, January 19

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*

### Sunday, January 21

9a Trinity Ringers, *Music Suite*  
9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*  
5:30p Sunday Night Live  
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### A Record of Our Faithfulness

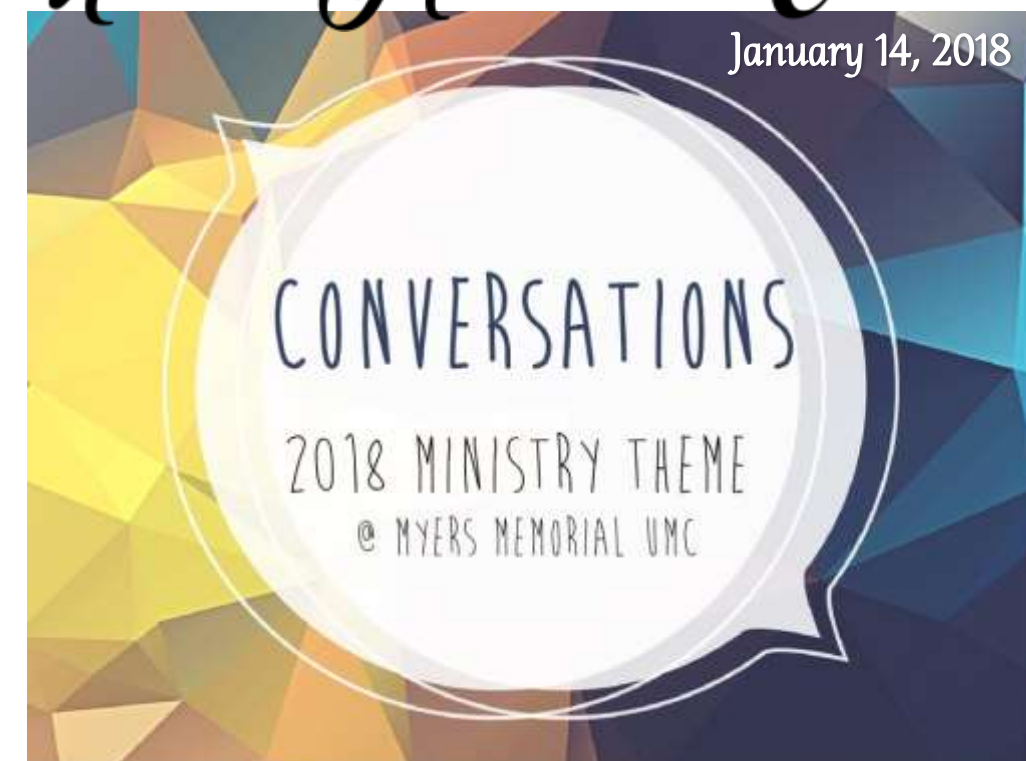
Sunday, January 7, 2017  
Worship: 201  
Online Worship: 22  
Wednesday 1/10 Connect Worship: 53  
Offering Received last Sunday: \$10,044

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January 14, 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 in the women's restroom.

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

January 14, 2018 Phil Winter, Liturgist 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  
WS = Worship @ Song, the green 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 *Arise Toward the Light* Birchwood

\* Call to Worship  
Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good.  
People: **May the Lord give strength to the people!**  
Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is Good!  
People: **God is our refuge and strength.**

\* Opening Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH #577

\* Opening Prayer (in unison)  
**Almighty God,**  
**your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, is the light of the World.**  
**Grant that your people, illumined by your Word,**  
**may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory,**  
**that he may be known, worshiped and obeyed**  
**to the ends of the earth, now and for ever. Amen.**

Children's Time Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer *Healer of Our Every Ill* Haugen  
Chancel Choir  
*Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow. You know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness; spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sarah 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 TFWS#2223  
*They'll Know We are Christians by our Love*

Offering

Offertory *Safe in His Keeping* Marshall

\* Doxology UMH #94  
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***  
***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!***

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson Colossians 4:2-6 Lathan Flake  
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *When In Our Music God is Glorified* arr. Ziegenhals  
Chancel Choir  
*When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried, Allelujah! How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Allelujah! So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Allelujah! And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the Light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Allelujah! Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Allelujah! Amen.*

Scripture Lesson 1 Samuel 3:1-20  
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Conversations Start with God Rev. Sally Queen

\* Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* UMH #593

\* 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, 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 *Praise to the God of our Salvation* Hughes



## Announcements

60+ Fellowship this Week The New Year is moving quickly and it is time for our 3rd Thursday 60+ get together. We are going to meet in the CFC Thursday, January 18 at 12 noon for homemade soups and grilled cheese sandwiches. Please bring a donation for lunch. We will have some fellowship time and discuss ideas for our 60+ group for 2018! Please make a reservation for lunch today on the Connection Card or by Tuesday, Jan. 16 by calling the Church Office, 704-864-3222. Bring a friend!

2018 Souper Bowl of Caring: Chili Cook-off for CAM All over the country, faith communities use Super Bowl Sunday to make a difference in their community. We don't want to miss the party so on February 4, 2018, we're hosting a Chili Cook-off to benefit Crisis Assistance Ministry (CAM). We're looking for pots of chili to enter the competition to be named the 2018 Chili Champion! We'll all enjoy lunching on the various soups in exchange for a financial contribution to CAM. Think you have a discerning palate? Would you be willing to be a judge? Judges cannot have a chili in the completion. Please note your interest in providing a pot of chili, being a judge or coming to eat on today's connection Card. Question: please talk with Tresca McSwain, Tresca@myersmemorialumc.com or by calling the church office.

**What's Your Endgame?** Does your family know your end-of-life wishes? Gaston Hospice officers two Advance Directives clinics each month: First Thursday, 11:30a to 1p and Third Thursday, 4p to 5:30p. Receive an explanation of Healthcare Power of Attorney and Living Will documents, complete them and have them notarized at no charge to you. Clinics are offered at the Gaston Hospice office at Water Tower Place, 258 E Garrison. No appointment needed.

Volunteer Opportunity FaithHealth-Gaston This dynamic partnership between faith communities, health systems and other providers focused on improving health for those individuals who lack a support network. If you feel called to make a reassuring phone call; prepare and/or deliver a meal; run an errand to the store or pharmacy; transport someone to a doctors' appointment; to make someone's home safer by helping with simple home repairs, please contact Robin Burgess at 704-834-2756 for more information about volunteering with FaithHealth-Gaston.

Scarves for Sharing The Knit for Christ group invites us to help warm up Gastonia! You're invited to bring your unused warm winter scarves to the church office so we can share with those who are cold this winter. If you're a knitter or crocheter or a crafter, your invited to pick up a skein or two of yarn to create a warm woven scarf to share. Yarn is available in a bin in the church office. Take some as you need it and return the finished product for sharing when you can!

Youth Connect on Wednesdays Dinner at 5:15p (no dishes to do!) Fun & Fellowship at 5:45p in the Youth Lounge, Worship at 6:15p and CORE at 6:45p.

Table For One? No More! Join others singles for lunch on the 4th Sunday of each month. Meet in the CFC after church and those going will decide where they would like to eat that day. January 28th will be our first lunch date!