

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.

Sunday Night Live Resumes Tonight The Children & Youth Music Ministry program resumes tonight, January 7! The Children's Choirs, Musik Makers, Spirit Singers, and Cantate Singers will meet from 5:30 to 6:30p on the third floor of the education wing. This spring the children will not only sing but learn to play the Orff instruments and each group will also include a segment of Liturgical Arts ~ exploring the Bible through various mediums, activities and movements that will complement the season. Now is the time to join! When you arrive on Sunday nights, please enter the building from the rear parking lot and walk your children to the third floor. Unless otherwise directed by the parents, the children will head to the gym at 6:30p for 30 minutes of free play and a snack. Parents are invited to pack a snack supper for their child.

2018 Leadership Summit is next Sunday If you have been asked to serve on a church committee, we hope you have made plans to attend the Leadership Summit on Sunday, January 14 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 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. The program staff along with Pastor Sally look forward to hosting this event and your presence is very important to us. Our church is better and more vibrant because of you. Please RSVP to Heather Steffey in the Church office. Childcare can be provided upon request, so let Heather know if this is needed when you tell us you're coming. You can call the church office at 704-864-3222 or email Heather at heather@myersmemorialumc.com.

Disciple I is moving on to the New Testament so it's the perfect time to join the group meeting at 5:30p on Sunday nights with Pastor Sally in room E-105. Disciple II Fast Track meets on Mondays at 6:30pm and Disciple 4 meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Join us at the start of this new year!!

Wednesday Connect | Gather Groups will resume this Wednesday with groups for children, youth, adults! Join us for dinner at 5:15p followed by groups for all ages at 5:45p and then Worship at 6:15p each week. Childcare is available beginning at 5:30p. Youth will connect for fun & fellowship at 5:45p in the Youth Lounge, Worship at 6:15p and CORE at 6:45p.

fail: what to do when things go wrong The Young Adult Connect Group on Wednesday nights will explore this topic through Matt Miofsky's book & DVD. No need to read the book unless you want to, just come and let's talk! Wednesdays at 5:45p in room E105.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, January 7

9a Trinity Ringers, *Music Suite*
9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10a Communion Steward Training
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*
12p Trustees Meeting, *Parlor*
2p District Leadership Conference, *St. Luke UMC, Hickory*
5p Youth Open Gym
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 8

11a AI-Anon, *Asbury*
6p Koinonia UMW, Panera
6:30p Disciple II Fast Track, *Asbury*
6:30p Cub/Boy Scouts, *Scout Hut*

Tuesday, January 9

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

Wednesday, January 10

9:15a Women's Bible Study, *Asbury*
11a Warlick Mentoring
5:15p Connect | Eat, *CFC*

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Ken Avery
Crucifer: Andy Lowry
Acolytes: Ella Queen, Evan Falls
Nursery: Linsy Aul, Carrie Allen,
Jennifer Gross, Katie Carpenter
January Coffee Time Hosts:
Contemporary Class

Wednesday, January 10 cont.

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 11

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

Friday, January 12

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*

Saturday, January 13

7a Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
6:30p Choir Social

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A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, December 31, 2017
Worship: 160
Online Worship: 22
Offering Received last Sunday: \$18,634
Offering Received in 2017 \$659,423

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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 the 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 7, 2018

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

Prelude in D Major

JKF Fischer

Baptism of our Lord

Mark 1:4-11

Rev. Sarah Davis

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

People: Thanks be to God.

* Opening Prayer

**Living God,
when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water
you revealed him as your own beloved Son.
You anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Grant that all who are baptized into his name
may keep the covenant they have made,
and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
now and for ever. Amen**

* Opening Hymn

For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH #57

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

UMH #50

Today is the Sunday in our Christian calendar when we remember the baptism of Jesus. We will also remember our own baptisms and the promises that God made to us through the waters of baptism. All who have been baptized are invited to come forward and receive water on their forehead in the sign of the cross and hear the words, "remember your baptism and be thankful."

United Methodists believe that baptism is a one-time sacrament that initiates a person into the Body of Christ and incorporates the person into God's act of salvation through water and God's spirit. Our service today is a reaffirmation of our baptismal promises and a remembrance of God's continual work in our lives. If you have not yet been baptized, please reach out to Pastor Sally this week, as she would love to talk with you about this sacrament.

Anthem

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

arr. T. Kirkland

Chancel Choir

Come, Thou fount of every blessing. Tune My heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for song of loudest praise. I am bound for the Kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord. Here I raise my voice to heaven, hither by Thy help I'm come. And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. I am bound for the Kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord. O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy grace, Lord, Like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. I am bound for the Kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

Children's Time

Pastor Sally

* Hymn

Wash, O God, Our Sons @ Daughters

UMH #605

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7, 18-19

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Precious, Honored @ Loved

Rev. Sally Queen

Offering

Offertory

In Green Pastures

H. Darke

* Doxology

***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!***

UMH #94

* 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 Great Thanksgiving

UMH #13

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

Assisting with Communion: Rev. Sarah Watkins Davis, Greg Carnes, Mike @ Jennifer Rhodes, Connie @ David Elzey, Tresca McSwain, Melissa Mantooth

* Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

UMH #723

* 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

Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley



The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God in honor of Sally Queen
by her family on the occasion of
Sally's 40th birthday on Tuesday, January 9th.

Announcements

2018 Flower Calendar We are blessed by the live floral arrangements that decorate our sanctuary each week and we will have new arrangements for 2018. By reserving your date, you are committing to a cost of \$40 for one floral arrangement. There is space for up to two arrangements/two acknowledgements each Sunday. Please make payment for the arrangement in a timely manner. 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. If you would like to reserve your date(s) you may make note of it on today's connection card or 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 - you'll have to write small! If you have any special wording, please contact the church office at 704-864-3221 or churchoffice@myersmemorialumc.com at least one week in advance.

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!