

**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.

Pumpkin Patch Volunteers The Pumpkin Patch not only serves as the Youth's main fundraiser, it's a wonderful way to get to know our Gastonia Community as they shop in the Pumpkin Patch each fall! Volunteer to work in the patch this fall by signing up online at <https://tinyurl.com/MyersPumpkins> or in the church office. The Pumpkin Patch is open 10a until dark, and Sundays 12:30p to dark.

The Fall Brings New Service Opportunities Nominations and Lay Leadership is beginning its work to prayerfully consider members of our congregation for the various ministry work areas. If you would like to be considered for a committee, team or work area, please note it on today's connection card or contact Pastor Sally, 704-864-3222 or [pastor@myersmemorialumc.com](mailto:pastor@myersmemorialumc.com). Please remember that indicating an interest does not commit you nor guarantee you will be serving in this way in 2018.

**We're LIVE!** Not only do we celebrate the opportunity to view worship live on Facebook each Sunday, Myers can now accept online giving through our webpage. It's fast and easy! All you need is your bank routing number and account number, a computer and the secure website found via [www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/give](http://www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/give). Simply click the orange "Give Online" button and you will be directed to the Vanco secure giving website that is used by United Methodists across the country. Creating your profile on the secure website allows you to automate your giving as well as make changes, see past giving patterns and receive emails when your giving has been received by the church. Using your routing number as opposed to your debit/credit card will save us the fees and 100% of your contribution will go to directly into the church budget. And coming soon...online giving to designated funds! Got Questions? You can contact the Church Office at 704-864-3222. Click and give!



Adult Disciple Class  
Children's Music & Worship Arts  
Youth Group & Choir

Sundays, 5p to 7p

**Wednesday CONNECT**

eat 5:15p to 6:15p	gather 5:45p to 6:15p	worship 6:15p to 6:45p
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**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday, September 24, 2017 Worship: 240 Online Worship: 8  
Wednesday CONNECT September 27: 49 Sunday School: 114  
Last Sunday's Offering: \$7,105 Year to Date Giving: \$443,506

**This Week at Myers Memorial UMC**

**Sunday, October 1**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
8a UM Men  
9a Health Cabinet Screenings  
9a Trinity Ringers  
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  
Disciple 1 Fast Track, E-105  
Child Care, Preschool Choir & Worship Arts, Elementary Choirs  
6p Staff Parish Committee  
6p Elementary Worship Arts  
6:30p Elementary Open Gym/Childcare  
7p Soul Fire Youth Choir

**Monday, October 2**  
6p Trustees, E-105  
6:30p Cub/Boy Scouts, Scout Hut

**Tuesday, October 3**  
10a GriefShare, Parlor  
11a AI-Anon, Asbury  
6p Girl Scouts, First Floor  
6:30p Chancel Hand Bells, Music Suite  
6:30p Disciple IV, E-105  
6:30p Divorce Care/DC4Kids

**Wednesday, October 4**  
9:15a Women's Bible Study, Asbury  
10a Staff Meeting, Parlor  
5:15p CONNECT | Eat, CFC  
5:30p Childcare

**Wednesday, October 4**  
5:45p CONNECT | Gather  
Children, Nursery, 3rd Floor  
Youth, Youth Lounge  
Young Adults, E-105  
Upper Room Study, Asbury  
Focus Prayer Group, Library  
PLOW, E-07  
6p Knit for Christ, Parlor  
6:15p CONNECT | Worship, Sanctuary  
7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 5**  
6p Men's Basketball, CFC  
6p Nominations, E-105  
6p Aldersgate Ringers, Music Suite  
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

**Friday, October 6**  
7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

**Saturday, October 7**  
4:30p McCullen/Smarr Wedding

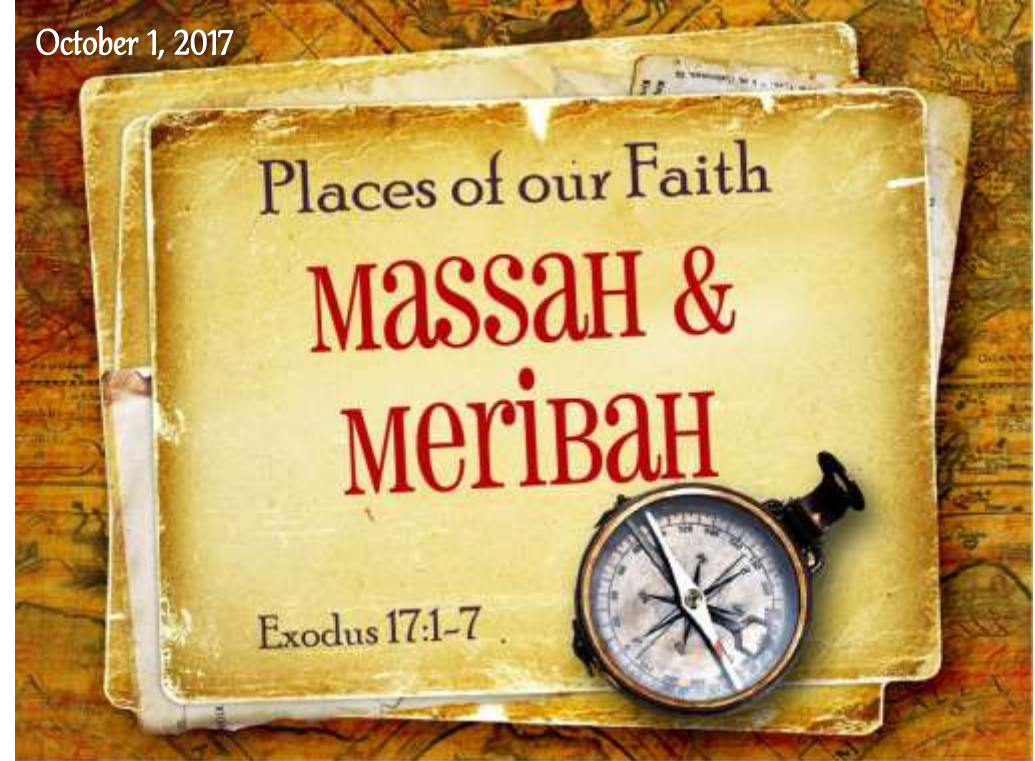
**Sunday, October 8**  
9a Trinity Ringers  
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary  
5:30p Sunday Night Live  
Disciple 1 Fast Track, E-105  
Child Care, Preschool Choir & Worship Arts, Elementary Choirs  
Youth Main Event  
6p Elementary Worship Arts  
6:30p Elementary Open Gym/Childcare  
7p Soul Fire Youth Choir

**Sunday Servants**

**Head Usher:** Ken Avery  
**Acolytes:** Brianna Lambert @ Andrew Walker **Crucifer:** Hallie Walker  
**Scripture Reader:** Janet Lagos, Rev. Sarah Watkins Davis  
**Nursery:** Allison Buchanan, Carrie Allen, Jennifer Stroupe, Lauren Snyder  
**Coffee Time Hosts Next Sunday:** Drifters

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**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 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



October 1, 2017 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 *Prelude in a Classic Style* Young

\* Call to Worship (responsively) Janet Lagos, Weekday Preschool Director  
Leader: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.  
**People: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.**  
Leader: All who are thirsty will find a fountain of grace here.  
**People: All who are lost will find safety here.**  
Leader: All who are lonely will find a friend here.  
**People: All who are broken will find healing here.**  
Leader: All who have been wandering will find a home here.  
**People: For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!**  
Leader: For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!

\* Opening Hymn *In Unity We Lift Our Song* TFWS #2221

\* Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed 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

Children's Message Pastor Sally

Scripture Lesson Psalm 133 Janet Lagos  
Old Testament, page 575 Rev. Sarah Davis  
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *This is My Song* arr. Terre Johnson  
Chancel Choir, Katie Carpenter, *violin*  
*This is my song, O God of all the nations, A song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is, Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine. But other hearts in other lands are beating, With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, And skies are everywhere as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, A song of peace for their land and for mine. This is my song for those who live in darkness: where warring tribes choose conquest over peace, where lives of joy and purpose seem illusive, where hatred reigns toward powerless and least. This is my song till morning breaks with justice, a song of light, till dark divisions cease. This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations: Let Thy rein come, on earth Thy will be done. In peace may all earths people draw together, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations; myself I give Thee; let thy will be done.*

Scripture Lesson Exodus 17:1-7 OT, page 64  
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Places of our Faith: Massah ☺ Meribah Rev. Sally Queen

\* Hymn *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* UMH #361

Offering

Offertory *Let Us Break Bread Together* D. Wood

\* 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.  
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

\* Closing Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH #127

\* Benediction

\* Response *May the Peace of God* Burrows  
Chancel Choir  
*May the peace of God that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

\* Chimes of the Trinity

\* Postlude *Chaconne* Louis Couperin



**The Flowers in the Sanctuary**  
are given to the Glory of God in celebration of  
Mike ☺ Bob Davoli's 66th Birthday  
by Mike, Kelly ☺ Tyler Caudle

Playground Caretakers Needed The weather is consistently beautiful and our playground is a prime location for area families. We are looking for a few folks to care for the playground, keeping the leaves raked and the equipment in working condition. Please mark your interest on today's Connection Card.

Snack Sack Restock The Snack Sack supplies are running low, please contribute crackers, water, slim jims, protein bars, cereal bars and the like. Please bring your donations to the church office. The youth will be assembling the snack sacks in mid October.