



Making an Offering What a blessing it is to be part of the ministry at Myers Memorial. Our church continues to offer itself to our community acting as a bridge to connect others to God's love. All that we have and all that we are is because of God's generosity to us and we return our thanks to God by giving to the church through our tithes, offering and service. During this season we will be making an offering of our spiritual gifts, our tithes, and ourselves. It is in 2 Corinthians 9, when we are invited to "Give what we have decided in our hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion because God loves a cheerful giver."

The Stewardship Committee has chosen to use "Making an Offering" as our theme for the 2017 Stewardship Campaign. We hope you will prayerfully commit to making a joyful offering to our church. You should have received a letter in the mail that included an Estimate of Giving Card, a tool to use in deciding how much financially you plan to give to Myers Memorial in the year 2018. Also in the letter you will find a Time & Talent Survey, a tool for indicating how you will be able to offer yourself in ministry during 2018. If you have not received one, please contact the church office.

During worship on October 29, there will be time in the service to give thanks to God for all that this church has offered you and to commit yourself to the offering you are making to the church as you lay your commitments on the altar. If you wish, you may return these cards at anytime in October via the baskets outside the sanctuary doors or to the church office. As your friends on the stewardship Committee have said, we consider YOUR presence in our church family a treasured offering. Together we look forward to making an abundant offering.

Remembering our College Students We have 35 college students from our congregation who are studying hard this fall! Help us share the love of Myers and send a bit of love from home by contributing items for exam care packages. Ideas of what to include: gum, candy that won't melt, pens/pencils, popcorn, hot chocolate packets, gift cards, handwritten notes, individually wrapped homemade goodies, ect. All items need to be brought to Tresca's office by November 19.

Prayers of the People

Rachel Broome, Ellen Brown, Sue Auten, Frances Woodyard

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.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, October 22

9a Trinity Ringers
 9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
 9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*
 9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
 10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*
 4:45p Soul Fire Youth Choir
 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 *The Great Pumpkin, Pumpkin Patch*

Monday, October 23

6:30p Disciple II, *Asbury*
 6:30p Cub/Boy Scouts, *Scout Hut*

Tuesday, October 24

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

Wednesday Connect Menu:
 Baked Chicken, Salad Bar, PB&J

Wednesday, October 25

9:15a Women's Bible Study, *Asbury*
 10a Staff Meeting, *Parlor*
 5:15p CONNECT | Eat, *CFC*
 5:30p Childcare
 5:45p CONNECT | Gather
 Children, *Nursery, 3rd Floor*
 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, *Music Suite*
 7p Youth Core, *Youth Lounge*

Thursday, October 26

6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*
 6p Aldersgate Ringers, *Music Suite*
 8p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

Friday, October 27

November Newsletter Deadline
 7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*

Sunday, October 29

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 Trunk O Treats

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Richard Lindner **Acolytes:** Evan Falls, Andrew Walker
Crucifer: Kathleen Sharp **Scripture Reader:** Lathan Flake
Nursery: Linsy Aul, Jacklyn Tant, Pagie Falls, Katie Carpenter
Coffee Time Hosts Next Sunday: Asbury Class

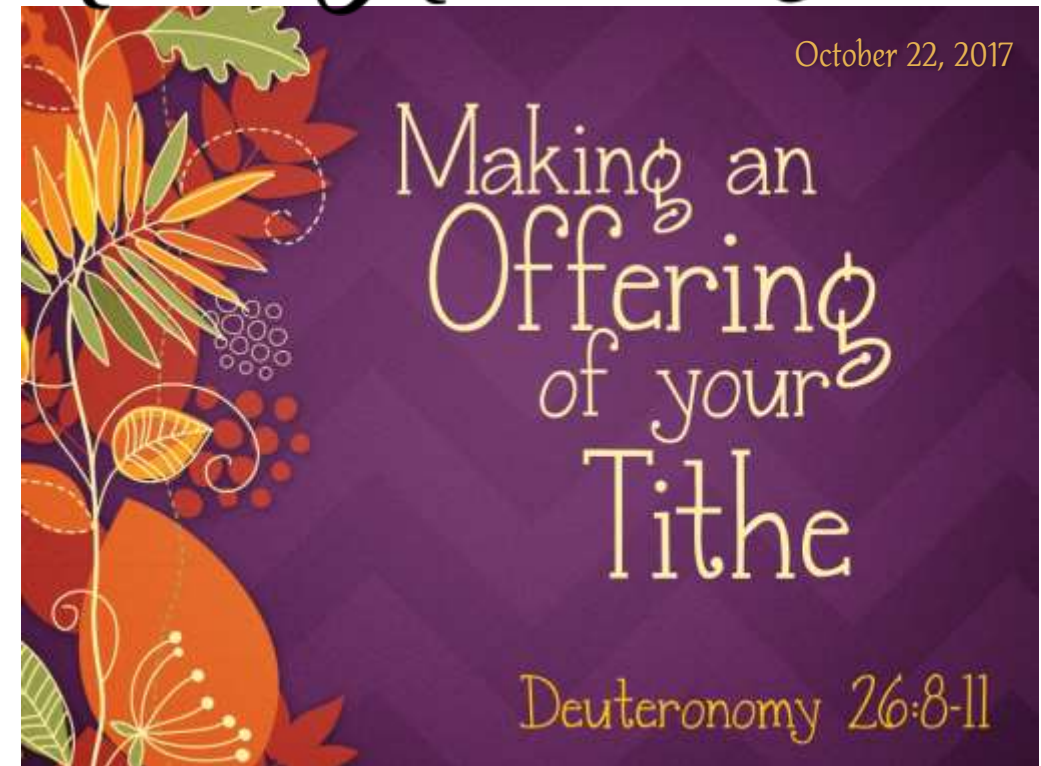
A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, October 15, 2017 Worship: 158 Choir Retreat: 39 Online Worship: 10
 Sunday School: 108 Wednesday CONNECT Worship 10/18: 51
 Last Sunday's Offering: \$7,053 Year to Date Giving: \$483,392

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Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

October 22, 2017



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

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

October 22, 2017

10:50am

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sarah Davis

* Closing Hymn

Take My Life, and Let it Be

UMH #399

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

Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
 and give thanks to God's holy name!**

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,
 and bless your name for ever and ever.

**People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
 and God's greatness is unsearchable.**

* Opening Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

UMH 389

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**O Lord our God,
 You are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to
 seek them,
 and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve.
 Help us so to seek that we may truly find,
 so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
 so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us;
 through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

Children's Message

Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Mason

Chancel Choir
*My faith looks up to Thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine!
 Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
 O let me from this day be wholly thine!*

The Lord's Prayer

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 *This is My Father's World*

UMH #144

Offering

Offertory

* 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

Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Lathan Flake

New Testament, page 183

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Stewardship Moment

Jennifer Wilbanks

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

Rutter

Chancel Choir

*For the beauty of the earth For the beauty of the skies For the love which from
 our birth Over and around us lies Over and around us lies Lord of all, to thee
 we raise This our joyful hymn of praise For the beauty of the hour Of the day
 and of the night Hill and vale and tree and flower Sun and moon and stars of
 light Sun and moon and stars of light Lord of all, to thee we raise This our
 joyful hymn of praise For the joy of human love Brother, sister, parent, child
 Friends on earth and friends above For all gentle thoughts and mild For all
 gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of
 praise For each perfect gift of thine To our race so freely given Graces human
 and divine Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n Flow'rs of earth and buds of
 heav'n Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn, our joyful hymn of
 praise This our joyful hymn of praise*

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:8-11

OT, page 180

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Making an Offering: Tithing

Rev. Sally Queen

* Benediction

May the Peace of God

Burrows

*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.*

* Response

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude



The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God to celebrate the marriage of

Anna Elzey ⊕ Anthony Blake

who were married in Raleigh on October 21, 2017.

Given with love from her parents, David ⊕ Connie Elzey

Trunk O Treats is coming to the Pumpkin Patch parking lot next Sunday, October 29th from 5p to 6:30p. Invite your friends and neighbors, bring the children and grandchildren, donate some candy, help set up, help clean up, serve hotdogs, make plans to decorate your trunk, and join us as we provide a safe place to trick or treat! Contact Tanya Martin volunteer, 704-678-7122 or make your commitment on today's Connection Card.

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.

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown will be showing in the Pumpkin Patch tonight at 7pm. Bring your own blankets or chairs and join us for this great family movie.

Save the Date for Pastries with the Pastors on Sunday, November 12th at 10am. If you have an interest in joining the church, Pastors Sally & Sarah would love to gather to talk with you about membership at Myers Memorial UMC. Our Next Joining Sundays will be November 19 and December 10th. Please mark your interest on today's Connection Card.

Charge Conference will be Sunday, November 5 immediately following worship. A light lunch will be included. All members of the Church Council are needed to be at this business meeting. Please make note of this meeting on your calendars and note any dietary restrictions on today's Connection Card.