

Myers Memorial United Methodist Church Making an Offering

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.

Today you will have the opportunity to give thanks to God for all this church has offered to commit yourself to an offering you are making to the church. Towards the end of the service, you will be invited to bring your Time & Talent sheet and the estimate of giving card to the altar. You are invited to spend time in prayer as you make your offering for 2018. Thank you in advance for your generosity. YOUR presence in our church family is a treasured offering and we are excited to make an abundant offering together.



Prayers of the People

Brenda Taylor, Rachel Broome, Jackie Gross,
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 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
5p Trunk O Treats

Monday, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

10a GriefShare, Parlor
10a Preschool Trick or Treating
11a Al-Anon, Asbury
6p Girl Scouts, First Floor
6:30p Chancel Hand Bells, Music Suite
6:30p Disciple IV, E-105

Wednesday Connect Menu:

Poor Man's Supper & Corn Dogs,
Salad Bar, PB&J

Wednesday, November 1

9:15a Women's Bible Study, Asbury
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

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Jim Warnock

Acolytes: Brianna Lambert, Rhett Buchanan

Crucifer: Ashley Fehrs

Scripture Reader: Ashley Lowry

Nursery: Carrie Allen, AJ Current, Glenn Carpenter, CJ Carpenter

Coffee Time Hosts Next Sunday: Asbury Class

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, October 22, 2017 Worship: 293 Online Worship: 11
Sunday School: 116 Wednesday CONNECT Worship 10/25: 42
Last Sunday's Offering: \$10,953 Year to Date Giving: \$491,345

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Wednesday, November 1 continued

6:15p CONNECT | Worship, Sanctuary
7p Chancel Choir, Music Suite
6:50p Youth Core, Youth Lounge

Thursday, November 2

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

Friday, November 3

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

Sunday, November 5

All Saints Day
Communion Sunday
9a Trinity Ringers
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
12p Church Council & Charge
Conference, CFC
5p Older Elementary Fun Night
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 SoulFire, Music Suite

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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 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 29, 2017 Martha Dickson, 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 *Come, Christians Join to Sing* Huestad

* 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 *A Mighty Fortress is our God* UMH #110

* Opening Prayer (in unison)
**Our heavenly Father,
 we your humble children invoke your blessing on us.
 We adore you, whose name is love,
 whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy,
 whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness,
 whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace,
 whose service is perfect freedom,
 and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life.
 Unto you be all honor and all glory;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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!*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sarah Watkins Davis

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.**

Offering

Offertory *Call Me Higher* Jordan
 Myers Praise Team

* 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! Alleluia!*

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 Ashley Lowry
 New Testament, page 183
 Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Stewardship Moment Steve Carrick

Anthem *Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace* McDonald
 Chancel Choir
*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there's despair, hope;
 Where there's darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. Lord, make me an instrument
 of Thy peace. O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to
 be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. Lord, make me an instrument of
 Thy peace. For it is in giving we receive. For it is by faith we believe For it is in
 forgiving, we are forgiven. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life! Make me an
 instrument of Thy peace.*

Scripture Lesson Luke 10:25-37 NT, page 71
 Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Making an Offering of Yourself Rev. Sally Queen

Making Our Offering *Blessed Assurance* Meyers
 Myers Praise Team
 As the Praise Team plays, you are invited to come to the altar to make an
 offering of your Time ⊕ Talents and estimate of giving for 2018.

* Closing Hymn *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* TFWS #2241

* 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 *Recessional in B* Wilson



The Flowers in the Sanctuary
 are given to the Glory of God to celebrate
 the 40th birthday of Cindy Stewart

The Flowers in the Narthex
 are given to the Glory of God to celebrate
 the 16th birthday of Brooke Cox
 with love from Mom ⊕ Dad

Announcements

Trunk O Treats is tonight from 5p to 6:30p. Invite your friends and neighbors, bring the children and grandchildren! Decorate your trunk, bring lots of candy and join us as we provide a safe place to trick or treat! We look forward to having children from our community at our church to have fun! Even if you aren't able to decorate a trunk or serve Hot Dogs, Join us and be a welcoming presence and a smiling face! Contact Tanya Martin volunteer, 704-678-7122.

Thank You, Pumpkin Patch Volunteers Only a few days left but these can be some of our busiest days! Please check with Tresca or check the sign up sheet in the Office or online to see if there are any places you can fill! Online: <https://tinyurl.com/MyersPumpkins>

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 next 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.