

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.

School is back in session! Our partner schools were very grateful for our contributions to their successful school year! There are more ways you can support our schools...Connect your Harris Teeter VIC Card with one of our partner schools: Sherwood Elementary, Grier Middle or Warlick Academy, or any school for that matter! It costs you nothing! ...If you shop at Office Depot/Office Max, our schools can receive a percentage of your purchase! Go online to connect with one today! ...Clip Box Tops!. These little coupons are worth 10 cents each for participating elementary and middle schools. You are invited to bring Box Tops to the church office to be shared with Sherwood and Grier....volunteer to be a reading buddy or a lunch buddy with a child at Sherwood.

Responding to Natural Disasters is simple via the United Methodist Committee on Relief ~ UMCOR. You can give through the offering plate, simply mark your contribution UMCOR Disaster Response. Or give online at umcor.org/donate. 100% of what you give goes directly to the need. All administrative costs are covered by our apportionment giving!

Sunday Night's NEW Line Up Begins TONIGHT!

Adult Disciple Class

Children's Music & Worship Arts
Youth Group & Choir



5p Youth Open Gym, CFC
5:30-7p Childcare for infant/toddlers
5:30-7p Disciple I, Asbury Room
5:30-6p Youth Dinner, Youth Lounge
5:30-6:30p Preschool Choir & Worship Arts, 3rd Floor Musik Makers
5:30-6p Elementary Choirs, 3rd Floor
Spirit Singers (K-2 grades) Cantate Choir (3-5 grades)
6 - 7p Youth Group, Youth Lounge
6 - 6:30p Elementary Worship Arts, Handbells or Drama, 3rd Floor
6:30p Children's Open Gym/Childcare
7p Youth Choir, Music Suite

Wednesday CONNECT

eat

5:15p to 6:15p

gather

5:45p to 6:15p

worship

6:15p to 6:45p

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, September 10

9a Trinity Ringers
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a First Responder Appreciation Breakfast, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10a Confirmation
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
5p Youth Open Gym
5:30p Sunday Night Live
Disciple 1 Fast Track, Asbury
Child Care
Youth Main Event
Preschool Choir & Worship Arts
Elementary Choirs
6p Witness Committee Meeting
6p Elementary Worship Arts
6:30p Elementary Open Gym/Childcare
7p Soulfire, Youth Choir

Monday, September 11

6p Koinonia UMW Circle, Panera
6:30p Cub/Boy Scouts
6:30p Stewardship
6:30p Disciple II, Asbury

Tuesday, September 12

9:30a Appreciation Brunch
10a GriefShare, Parlor
11a AI-Anon, Asbury
6p Girl Scouts, first floor
6:30p Chancel Hand Bells, Music Suite
6:30p Disciple IV, Asbury
6:30p Divorce Care/DC4Kids

Wednesday, September 13

9:15a Women's Bible Study, Asbury
5:15p CONNECT | Eat, CFC
5:30p Childcare
5:45p CONNECT | Gather
Children, Nursery, 3rd Floor
Youth, Youth Lounge
Young Adults, E-105
Upper Room Study, CFC-106
Focus Prayer Group, Prayer Rm.
PLOW, E-07
6p Knit for Christ, Parlor
6:15p CONNECT | Worship, Sanctuary
7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 14

12p JOY UMW Circle, Milanos
6p Men's Basketball, CFC
6p Aldersgate Ringers, Music Suite
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

Friday, September 15

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

Sunday, September 17

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 Youth Open Gym
5:30p Sunday Night Live
5:30p Disciple 1 Fast Track, Asbury
7p Soulfire, Youth Choir

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Debbie Brown

Acolytes: Ella Queen, Rhett Buchannan

Crucifer: Jake Hoskins

Nursery: Elizabeth Lanier, Jennifer Gross, Tresca McSwain, Victoria Flake,
Angie Flake

Coffee Hosts Next Week: New Life Class

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, September 3, 2017 Worship: 196 Sunday School: 108
Last Sunday's Offering: \$14,965 Year to Date Giving: \$414,351

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September 10, 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 Evening Fellowship Meal, 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

September 10, 2017 John Harrington, 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 *Jesus, Lead Thou On* Manz

* Call to Worship (responsively)

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 *O Worship the King* UMH #73

Honoring First Responders (in unison)

**Gracious God,
We give you thanks for those who, day and night,
respond to emergencies and work to keep our community safe.**

**Send down your blessings on these your servants,
who so generously devote themselves to helping others.**

**Grant them courage when they are afraid,
wisdom when they must make quick decisions,
strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work.**

**When the alarm sounds and they are called to aid both friend and stranger,
let them faithfully be a reflection of your love. Amen.**

Children's Message Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* Berhier
Chancel Choir

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

Pastoral Prayer

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 *Hymn of Promise* UMH#707

Offering

Offertory *Largo* S. Wesley

* 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 Isaiah 43:1-4

OT, page 672

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Be Not Afraid* Courtney

Chancel Choir

*Be not afraid for I have redeemed you. Be not afraid I have called you by name When you pass
through the waters I will be with you. When you pass through the floods they will not sweep o'er you
When you walk through the fire you will not be consumed You are mine you are precious in my
sight. My love for you is everlasting my love for you shall have no end When you pass through the
waters I will be with you When you pass through the floods they will not sweep o'er you When you
walk through the fire you will not be consumed You are mine you are precious in my sight.*

Scripture Lesson Genesis 28:10-22 OT, page 24

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Bethel: The Lord is in this Place Rev. Sally Queen

* Closing Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* UMH #529

* Benediction

* Response *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* Dubois

Chancel Choir

*Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever. Christ, we do all adore
Thee, and we do praise Thee forever. For on the holy cross Thou hast the world from
sin redeemed. Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever. Christ, we
do all adore Thee*

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude *God of Grace and God of Glory* Manz



The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God in celebration of
Mark ☺ Susan Arney's 6th Wedding Anniversary

Welcome to the first responders and their families worshipping with us today. We give thanks for their presence in our community and the families that support them. Thank you for being here today and the valuable work you do each day!

United Methodist Women resume their monthly meetings this week. The Koinonia Circle meets on the second Monday, tomorrow, at 6p at the Panera Bread on Franklin Blvd. The JOY Circle meets on the second Thursday of each month at a local restaurant. They will meet September 14 at 12noon at Milano's. You are invited to find one that fits your schedule and join them!

Pasta with the Pastors Are you interested in knowing more about Myers Memorial UMC and maybe how you can live out your faith here beyond Worship? Curious about what it means to be a member? Join Pastors Sally and Sarah for lunch on September 17th immediately following worship. We'll fellowship around the table, share more about Myers Memorial UMC and answer any questions you may have. RSVP to Rev. Sarah Watkins Davis, 704-864-3222, churchoffice@myersmemorialumc.com.

Pumpkin Sunday is September 24 Join us for Youth Led Worship at 10:50a followed by a light lunch and the fun, church wide tradition of unloading the 18-wheeler full of beautiful pumpkins for the annual pumpkin patch! Everyone is invited to help and there is a job for everyone! Even if you are not able to do the physical work, we need cheerleaders!! Immediately following the unloading, the Pumpkin Patch is open for business!

Need a Myers' Pumpkin shirt? On Pumpkin Sunday you're invited to wear your pumpkin shirt or simply wear orange to worship! There's an order form in the Church office or call Cindy Gillespie at 704-930-3984. If you have a pumpkin t-shirt that you or your children have outgrown ~ donate or exchange it in Tresca's office.

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

Confirmation is a time for our youth to claim their faith as their own. Our confirmation program consists of classes, mentors, trips and a retreat to help give our youth the foundation they need for making this important decision. Confirmation began this morning with an orientation meeting in the middle school classroom. Our prayers remain with the confirmands, parents and mentors during this foundational faith journey. Please contact Tresca for more information about this exciting program!

Attention College Families We want to continue to care for the college students while they are away from home. Please be sure to update your college mailing addresses, emails and phone numbers by contacting Heather Steffey in the church office, Heather@MyersMemorialUMC.com