

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.

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.

Pumpkin Palooza 2017 It's time to party in the patch! Join us in the pumpkin patch on Saturday, September 30 from 11am to 1pm for fun, games and all things pumpkin! We'll enjoy fun and games, a hay ride, bouncy house, and you're invited to share your prayers on the Prayer Pumpkin! This is a great time to meet those who come to our patch every fall to pick their pumpkins! Volunteers are needed to greet guests, keep an eye on the bouncy house, make popcorn & cotton candy, help with pumpkin crafts and more! Please note your interest on today's Connection Card.

NOTE: Sunday Night Live Participants All participants on Sunday evenings are asked to please enter the building from the back parking lot of the church. This door will remain unlocked and monitored for the evening. Parents are asked to walk the children to their third floor classrooms, sign them in and notify the leader when you will pick up. Pick up at 6:30pm is on the 3rd floor. Pick up at 7pm is in the CFC.

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, E-105
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 & Drama, 3rd Floor
6:30p **Children's Open Gym/Childcare**
7p Youth Choir, Music Suite

Wednesday CONNECT

eat

gather

worship

5:15p to 6:15p

5:45p to 6:15p

6:15p to 6:45p

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

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
12p Pasta with the Pastors, CFC
5p Youth Open Gym
5:30p Sunday Night Live
Disciple 1 Fast Track, E-105
Child Care
Youth Main Event
Preschool Choir & Worship Arts
Elementary Choirs
6p Elementary Worship Arts
6:30p Elementary Open Gym/
Childcare
7p Soulfire, Youth Choir

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

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, September 20

9:15a Women's Bible Study, Asbury
5:15p CONNECT | Eat, CFC
5:30p Childcare

Wednesday, September 20

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, September 21

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

Friday, September 22

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

Sunday, September 24

Pumpkin 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 Lunch, CFC
Unloading the Pumpkins
5:30p Sunday Night Live
Disciple 1 Fast Track, E-105
Child Care
Preschool Choir & Worship Arts
Elementary Choirs
6p Elementary Worship Arts
6:30p Elementary Open Gym/
Childcare

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Susan Martello

Acolytes: Adam Anderson ☺ Evan Falls

Crucifer: Andy Lowry

Scripture Reader: Chloe Jordan

Nursery: Allison Buchanan, Carrie Allen, Karen Carrick, Jennifer Stroupe,
Katie Carpenter

Coffee Hosts Next Week: Dreamers ☺ Builders

A Record of Our Faithfulness

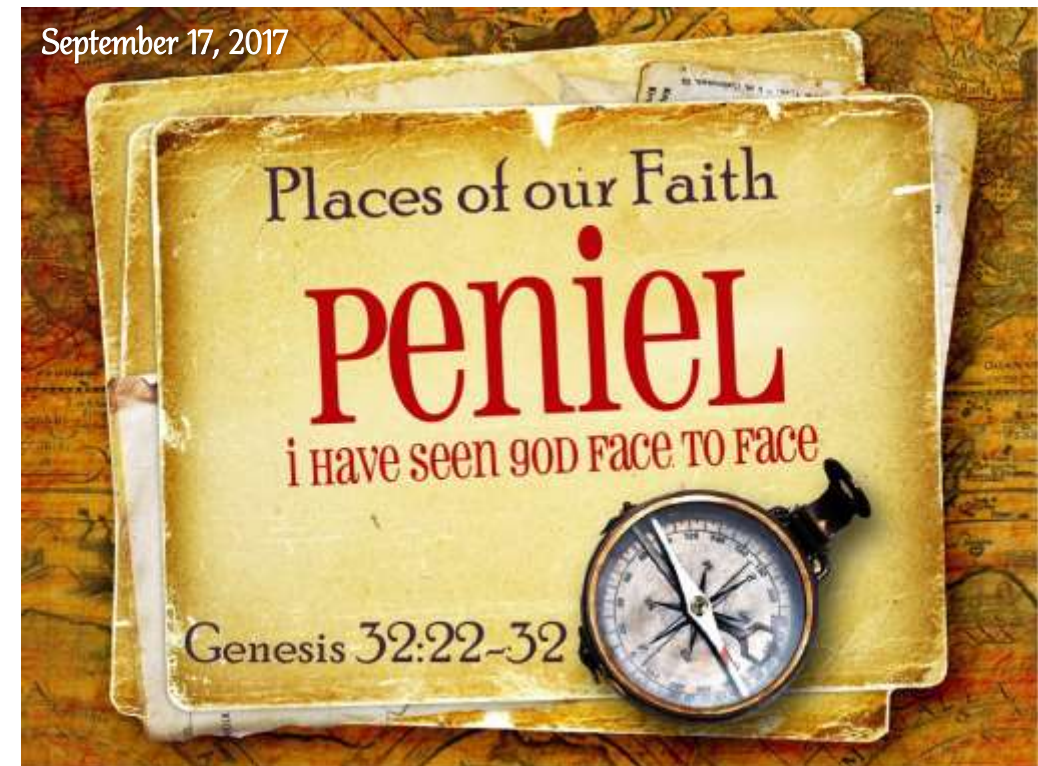
Sunday, September 10, 2017 Worship: 276 Sunday School: 153
Last Sunday's Offering: \$8,714 Year to Date Giving: \$423,065

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September 17, 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 17, 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 *Trompette in Dialogue* Clérambault

* Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations. I am exalted in the earth."

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob in our refuge.

* Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Almighty King* UMH #61

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Revealing God,
We want to see Jesus.
Open our eyes now to Christ's living presence
as we attend to your word in holy scriptures
and listen for the voice of Christ speaking to us.
Through prayer and praise,
let us know that you are in our midst. 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 Rev. Sarah 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.**

* Hymn of Thanksgiving *Be Thou My Vision* UMH#451

Offering

Offertory *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* S. Landon

* 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! Alleluia!* UMH #94

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 Chloe Jordan
NT, page 175
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *He Never Failed Me Yet* Ray
Chancel Choir; Mark Bridges, solo; Fred Little, percussion

I will sing, of God's mercy, every day every hour, He gives me power. I will sing and give thanks to thee, for all the dangers, toils, and snares that he has brought me out. He is my god, and ill serve him, no matter what the test. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet. I know my God is able to deliver in time of storm. I know he'll keep you safe from all earthly harm. One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever bless'd. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet. Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh? And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? When I think of what my God can do, He delivered Daniel, I know he can deliver you. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet

Scripture Lesson Genesis 32:22-32 OT, page 30
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Peniel: I Have Seen God Face to Face Rev. Sally Queen

* Closing Hymn *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown* UMH #386

* 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 *Tocatta in E Minor* Pachelbell



The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God in celebration of
Lloyd ☺ Sue Pyles' 61st Wedding Anniversary

Welcome Charlie Austin to the organ bench today. We give thanks for Charlie's gifts and his willingness to share them with us. Charlie will be with us as an interim organist through the end of the year.

Pumpkin Sunday is Next Sunday! 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? The deadline to order is today. 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.

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 you designate. Currently UMCOR is responding globally and locally to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma as well as to the wildfires in the west and the landslides around the world just to name a few. All administrative costs are covered by our apportionment giving!

Appreciation Brunch Rescheduled ~ You are Invited! The staff would like to show appreciation for the office volunteers who answer the phones while Heather Steffey is away for meetings and/or lunch. Please join us for a brunch on Wednesday, September 27 at 11:15a in the CFC. Please RSVP to Heather at 704-864-3222 or Heather@myersmemorialumc.com.

I've Never Done That... If you're interested in being an office volunteer, please join us on Wednesday, September 27 at 11:15a in the CFC. This is a great time to learn more about what it means to volunteer in the office for an hour or two. Please RSVP to Heather at 704-864-3222 or Heather@myersmemorialumc.com.

The Fall Brings New Service Opportunities The fall of the year is when the church leadership prepares for the next year. Nominations and Lay Leadership begins to meet and 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. Please remember that indicating an interest does not commit you nor guarantee you will be serving in this way in 2018.