

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.

Myers' Got Talent! It's going to be so much fun! We hope to see you on tonight at 6p in the CFC! We'll enjoy the many talents of Myers Memorial while raising funds for the Resource Connection Gateway. From stand up to dance, baking to art, the people of Myers are sharing their talents in many ways! We'll welcome Dwayne Burks, chaplain of the Gateway Resource Center and learn more about how Gateway provides a single connection point to resources to address crisis and long term situations of our community. The Gateway extends a hand-up and not just a hand-out to anyone in need.

Myers 60+ Fellowship ~ Thursday, March 15 ~ A Local trip through history with a guided tour of the Kessell History Center at Loray Mill followed by lunch at Growler USA. If you would like to carpool or the ride the church bus, please plan to leave the church at 11:25 am. Please make your reservation via the Connection Card in today's bulletin or by calling the church office by Tuesday, March 13.

Lenten Sacrifice: A Gift for the Journey Typically during Lent, folks give up some activity or vice and take on a practice that helps them draw nearer to God. This year, during Lent, the finance committee, along with Pastor Sally, ask you to consider giving up that extra cup of Starbucks or drive thru meal and contributing that money to the church. Maybe you take on the practice of making a consistent financial gift or take on the practice of true tithing, giving 10% of your income during Lent. Online giving information can be found at www.MyersMemorialUMC.org. During Lent, you are invited to leave a gift at the altar at the conclusion of worship each week.

Easter Egg Lunch & Hunt ~ March 25 Immediately following worship, the Children's Committee invites the whole church to gather for lunch in the CFC! On the menu: Chicken Sandwiches. The children are invited to bring their baskets for an egg hunt following the lunch. New this year, a scavenger hunt for the In}Between group (3rd-7th grades). Everyone is invited! Make your reservations on today's Connection Card.

A Season of Letting Go

Lent 2018

3/18 Letting Go: Greed Matthew 19: 16-22
3/25 Palm Sunday Letting Go: Indifference Proverbs 24: 30-34
3/28 Lenten Prayer Stations 6:15p, Sanctuary Building
3/29 Maundy Thursday Love One Another 7p, Sanctuary
3/30 Good Friday Tennebrae: Service of Darkness, 7p, Sanctuary
4/1 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, 7a, Pumpkin Patch; Coffee Fellowship, 9:30a; Sunday School 9:45a; Worship 10:50a, Sanctuary

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, March 11 ~ Girl Scout Sunday Second Sunday Sing

9a Trinity Ringers, Music Suite
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
1p Bumgardner/Current Shower, Parlor
4:30p Talent Show Sound Check
6p Myers' Got Talent Show, CFC

Monday, March 12

6p Koinonia UMW, Panera
6p Cub Scouts, Downstairs
6:30p Disciple II Fast Track, Asbury
6:30p Boy Scouts, Scout Hut

Tuesday, March 13

10a Grief Share, Parlor
11a AI-Anon, Asbury
6p Girl Scouts, First Floor
6:30p Disciple IV, E-105
6:30p Chancel Bells

Wednesday, March 14

9:15a Women's Bible Study, Asbury
10a Staff Meeting
5:15p Connect | Eat, CFC
5:45p Connect | Gather
Nursery, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Debbie Brown
Crucifer: Jillian Medlin
Acolytes: Mattie Queen ☺ Ella Queen
Nursery: Carrie Allen, Chris McCullen,
Jennifer Stroupe, Karen Carrick, Katie Carpenter, CJ Carpenter
March Coffee Time Hosts: Young Adult Class

Wednesday, March 14 continued

6p Knit for Christ, Parlor
6:15p Connect | Worship, Sanctuary
6:45p Youth CORE, Youth Lounge
7p Chancel Choir, Music Suite

Thursday, March 15

11:30p 60+ Fellowship, Loray Mill
6p Men's Basketball, CFC
6p Aldersgate Ringers, Music Suite
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

Friday, March 16

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

Saturday, March 17

Private Party, CFC

Sunday, March 18

9a Trinity Ringers, Music Suite
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
12p Singles Lunch
5:30p Sunday Night Live
Disciple 1 Fast Track, E-105
Children's Worship Arts
Youth Main Event
7p SoulFire, Music Suite

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, March 4, 2018
Sunday School: 105 Worship: 215
Online Worship: 18
Offering Received last Sunday: \$21,797

Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Connect Worship: 50

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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 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 both men and women's restrooms.

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.

March 11, 2018 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

Celebration of Girl Scouting and Flag Ceremony Rene Crump

* Passing the Peace of Christ

Offer signs of greeting in the name of Jesus to those seated around you.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *Beach Spring* McCheseny
Aldersgate Ringers

* Call to Worship

Leader: In returning and rest you shall be saved;

People: **In quietness and in trust shall be your strength.**

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

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**All-seeing God, teach us to be open with you about our needs,
to seek your support in our trials, to admit before you our sins,
and to thank you for all your goodness; for Jesus sake. Amen.**

Children's Time Second Sunday Sing
Musik Makers, Spirit Singers, Cantate Singers

Call to Prayer *Fairest Lord Jesus* UMH #189
Led by the Cantate Singers
congregation to sing verses 2 @ 4

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sarah Davis

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.**

Offering

Offertory *I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger* arr. Waldrop
Aldersgate Ringers

* Doxology ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*** in unison

Scripture Lesson Philippians 4:6-7 Hala Freeman
New Testament, page 198
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Arise, My Soul, Arise* Forrest
Chancel Choir Text: Charles Wesley
*Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; The bleeding sacrifice, in my
behalf appears; Before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His
hands. Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary; They pour effectual
prayers; they strongly plead for me: "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Nor let
that ransomed sinner die!" My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear; He
owns me for His child; I can no longer fear With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry. Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Scripture Lesson Matthew 6:25-34 Zianne Perry
New Testament, page 6
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Letting Go: Control Rev. Sally Queen

* Closing Hymn *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* UMH #128
During the Closing Hymn, you are invited to the altar for prayer
and to leave a financial gift for the journey.

* Benediction

* Response *Christ, we do all adore Thee* DuBois
Chancel Choir
*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 *When in Our Music God is Glorified* Stanford/Limbaugh



Announcements

Today We Celebrate the ministry of Girl Scouts in our congregation. Girl Scouts meet at Myers Memorial UMC on Tuesday evenings on the first floor of the education building. Should you be interested in this ministry, please note that on today's connection card!

Girl Scouts at Myers Memorial UMC

Troop 2103 Cadettes Leader: Leslie Miller Co-Leaders: Delilah Freeman & April Perry Anna Miller Zianne Perry Hala Freeman Arionna Helms Melissa Quinn Jada Satterwhite Savannah Caldwell M'riyha Corry Davalyn Hope	Cadettes Leader: Michelle Deen Co-Leader: Ana Ortiz Maya Sadler Valeria Vivas Camila Vivas Sabrina Lorca-Lozano Madison Deen Erandi Guadarrama- Santana Mariana Araujo Troop 20417 Daisy Scouts Leader: Tia Whitaker Co-Leaders: Janet Cranford, Rene Crump & Jamie Huneycutt Maelee Adams Clair Calhoon Lizzy Carter Trinity Clay Ashley Clemmer Katie Davis TiCianna Green-Gordon Katie Hardin Lilly McCord Sarah Phelan Laisa Salcedo Layla Sartin Courtney Smith	Troop 02528 Brownies & Juniors Leader: Kimberly Hamm Co-Leader: Tosha Haney Kyla Ballard Madison Barnes Madalyn Baucom Jenna Beck Marie Bell Malaya Bryan Karly Cahoon Carmen Caldwell Catie Carle Aliyah Clinton Jaina Dugan Katie Fikes Parker Gordon Haiden Greene McKinleigh Greene Sydney Greene Alyssa Haney Whitney Johnson Jada McCluney Kaleigh Prince Justice Rivera Lorelai Robinson Tessa Robinson Karleigh Smith Zoey Trudelle
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BSA Gathering Garden Dedication has been postponed. We will keep you informed of a new date to celebrate in this beautiful space!

Singles Luncheon Date Change We have often heard singles would like to have lunch with others after worship! The Nurture Committee is scheduling our Singles of all ages to gather once a month after worship to go to lunch! This month there will be a church wide luncheon after church on March 25 for Palm Sunday and the Egg Hunt; therefore, we are moving our March Singles lunch to Sunday, March 18.

On the Hunt for Easter Candy! The Children's Council is hosting the annual Easter Egg Lunch & Hunt on Sunday, March 25. Donations of Candy would be greatly appreciated to sweeten this event! Please donate candy in the designated container in the hallway leading from the Sanctuary to the Education building (the ramp hallway). Allergy free or non candy treats are also welcome.

You are Invited to a Wedding Shower in honor of Ms. Lauren Bumgardner and Mr. AJ Current this afternoon, March 11 from 2 to 4 pm in the Church Parlor.