

## Prayers of the People

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Melanie Lambert, Jean Campbell, Jim Bright

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.

**Flowering the Cross** It's a beautiful tradition of Myers Memorial UMC to decorate a cross on Easter Sunday with fresh cut flowers. We invite everyone to bring flowers to the kneeling rail prior to worship so that the children may decorate the cross during the service.

**2018 Annual UMM BBQ and UMW Bake Sale** Friday, April 20. BBQ tickets will soon be available for purchase at \$9 per plate and you can dine in, carry out or place an order for delivery (10 plates or more). Don't forget to stop by the UM Women's Bake Sale table for delicious homemade goodies! All proceeds go to the mission and ministry of the United Methodist Men and Women of Myers Memorial UMC.

**2018 Relay for Life** is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and Myers Memorial has the honor to be one of the top ten local fundraising teams over the past 10 years. You are invited to join the UMWomen and UMMen for a benefit luncheon on April 15th following worship. If you would like to be a part of the Relay team and walk on April 27th, please mark your interest on today's Connection Card or speak with Debbie Brown, dbbbrown1@gmail.com or 704-516-9578.

**Relay for Life Luminarias** If you would like to place a candle in memory or in honor of a loved one, there are purple forms in the narthex, church office or in the April Newsletter. The cost is \$10 per luminaria and checks must be received prior to April 11 and are to be made to Myers Memorial UMC, marked "Relay".

### Camp Tekoa Church Retreat "What's Up: Tekoa Conversations"

We hope you've saved the date (May 4-6) and are ready to register for the 2018 Camp Tekoa Church-wide Retreat at Camp Tekoa in Hendersonville, NC. It's a wonderful time of fun, fellowship, relaxation and excitement for all ages in the mountains of WNC. Pick up a brochure around the church or on the church website ([www.MyersMemorialumc.org/camp-tekoa](http://www.MyersMemorialumc.org/camp-tekoa)).

**Schedule Changes** The Health Cabinet Screenings, UMMen and UMWomen Breakfast meetings have all been shifted to Sunday, April 8.

A Season of Letting Go

Lent 2018

3/28 Lenten Prayer Stations 6:15p, Sanctuary Building  
3/29 Maundy Thursday Love One Another 7p, Sanctuary  
3/30 Good Friday Tenebrae: 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 25 Palm Sunday

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 Easter Egg Lunch & Hunt  
5:30p Sunday Night Live  
Disciple 1 Fast Track, E-105  
Children's Worship Arts  
Youth Main Event  
7p SoulFire, Music Suite

### Monday, March 26

6p Cub Scouts, First Floor  
6:30p Disciple II Fast Track, Asbury  
6:30p Boy Scouts, Scout Hut

### Tuesday, March 27

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 28

10a Staff Meeting, Parlor  
9:15a Women's Bible Study, Asbury  
5:15p Connect | Eat, CFC  
6p Knit for Christ, Parlor  
6:15p Lenten Prayer Stations, Sanctuary Building  
6:45p Youth CORE, Youth Lounge  
7p Chancel Choir, Music Suite

### Thursday, March 29 ~ Maundy Thursday

6p Men's Basketball, CFC  
7p Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary  
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

### Friday, March 30 ~ Good Friday

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor  
7p Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

### Saturday, March 31 ~ Holy Saturday

### Sunday, April 1 ~ Easter Sunday Communion Sunday

7a Sunrise Service, Pumpkin Patch  
Continental Breakfast, CFC  
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary

### Sunday Servants

**Head Usher:** Richard Lindner  
**Scripture Reader:** Brooke Cox  
**Acolytes:** Evan Falls ☺ Brianna Lambert  
**Nursery:** Carrie Allen, Tresca McSwain,  
Linsy Aul, Katie Carpenter, Marie Kalinoski  
**March Coffee Time Hosts:** Young Adult Class

### A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, March 18, 2018  
Sunday School: 117 Worship: 215  
Online Worship: 12  
Offering Received last Sunday: \$15,362

### Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

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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.

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 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.

[www.MyersMemorialUMC.org](http://www.MyersMemorialUMC.org)

March 25, 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

\* Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Chiming of the Hour

Proclamation of the Entrance of Jerusalem      Mark 11:1-11

Prelude      *Mediation on "Beautiful Savior"*      *arr. Moglebust*  
Chancel Bells

\* Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

\* Processional Hymn      All Glory, Laud, and Honor      UMH #280

\* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Almighty God, on this day**

**your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem**

**and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments**

**and palm branches along his way.**

**Let those branches be for us signs of his victory,**

**and grant that we who bear them in his name**

**may ever hail him as our Lord,**

**and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.**

**In his name we pray. Amen.**

Anthem      *Procession and Hymn for Palm Sunday*      C. Courtney  
Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, Children's Choir

*If you keep silent, these very stones will cry out, will cry out. Blessed is He, O blessed is He who comes in the name, the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest! Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.*

Children's Time      Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer      *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*      Pollard-Stebbins  
Chancel Choir

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      *All Glory, Laud and Honor*      S. Tucker  
Chancel Bells

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

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music      The Holy City      Weatherly-Adams  
Tony Sane, soloist

Scripture Lesson      Proverbs 24:30-34      Brooke Cox  
Old Testament, page 607

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon      Letting Go: Indifference      Rev. Sally Queen

Service of Healing

Scripture affirms the ministry of healing. In Greek, the root of the word *healing* is the same as that of salvation. Healing is offered by God and the church has traditionally used oil as sign of invoking the Holy Spirit and the healing presence of Christ on an individual.

Today we acknowledge all that we need to let go of and offer this space for people to find God. This part of the service will be a time of prayer for all to seek God's healing presence. Perhaps you or someone you know is in need of physical, spiritual, mental or emotional healing. Perhaps you are holding on to monetary gift that through giving to the church will release you to a fuller life in God. Perhaps your healing is in the from a broken relationship or a grieving heart. Perhaps you are holding on and need to let go. Perhaps your healing is a recommitment of your faith in God.

All are invited to bring forward your palm branches to the communion rail and then stay for a time of prayer. Pastor Sally, Pastor Sarah, and Connie will be available to pray with you and to anoint you with oil reminding you that God through the power of the Holy Spirit is with you.

You may come alone, you may come with your family, or you may come with a friend. You may come for yourself or on behalf of someone you love who needs prayer. We are creating the space for you to come, pray, and experience God's healing presence.

\* Closing Hymn      *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*      UMH #301

\* 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



## Announcements

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](http://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 ~ Today! Immediately following worship, the Children's Committee invites the whole church to gather for lunch in the CFC! On the menu: Chicken Sandwiches. For the youngest among us there will be various egg hunts after the meal. The 3rd-7th graders (In} {Between) will have a special scavenger egg hunt too! We hope you'll join us for the fun and fellowship of the season!

Final Wednesday Connect Meal & Programs ~ March 28 will be the final night of Wednesday evening Connect Meals and programs. We've had a wonderful spring season and we look forward to dining together again soon! Stay tuned for special programming in April and May.

Lenten Prayer Stations You're invited to participate in the Lenten Prayer Stations this coming Wednesday, March 28 from 6:15-7:15p. The Prayer Stations are designed to be an interactive way of praying through tangible acts of worship and reflection regardless of age, ability or stages of faith. We hope you will make time during Holy Week to pray in this way. So much of faith requires us to believe in something we can not detect with our five senses. Especially in times when the world around us bombards us with so much physical evidence to doubt our faith, sometimes we need something to physically cling to in order to find strength to believe.

Pastries with the Pastors Are you interested in knowing more about Myers Memorial UMC? Are you new here? Have you been attending and want to be more connected? Please join Pastors Sally and Sarah and others for Pastries on Sunday, April 8 at 10am in the Christian Fellowship Center.