

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.

Coming in May: Half-Time: The Blessing of Mid Life What's your view and attitude on mid-life as you deal with aging parents, empty nesting, career options, looking ahead at retirement and who knows what else? If this sounds like where you are in life, gather with others that are coping with mid-life to discuss this part of life. Rev. Eddie Ingram, Pastoral Psychotherapist will guide our discussion on Monday, May 21 at 7 pm in the Youth Lounge.

Spring Ring ~ April 15 at 4:30pm The Handbell Ensembles of Myers Memorial UMC invite you to an afternoon of ringing. Selections will include both secular and sacred works that highlight the beauty of handbell music. We'll enjoy cookies and lemonade on the lawn immediately following.

Graduation Information Being Sought We are looking to collect information about those who are graduating this spring so we might celebrate them! If you know of a college or high school graduate, please share their graduation details and future plans with Tresca McSwain, Director of Youth & Young Adults, thmcswain@gmail.com or 704-477-7447.

Companions in Ministry: Making Disciples The Catawba District of the United Methodist Church is excited to offer our laity opportunities for learning and growing in faith, through the Companions in Ministry series. Do you struggle with sharing your faith with others or wrestle with how to reach out beyond the walls? If you want to develop a robust evangelistic mission sense and a desire to build your confidence in sharing your faith story, come and join our guest facilitator Rev. Dr. Heather Lear, from 9a to 12pm on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Boger City UMC in Lincolnton. Heather Lear is the Director of Evangelism at Discipleship Ministries of the UMC in Nashville, TN. In her current role, Heather provides evangelism training and resources to local churches, districts, and annual conferences. To register, please visit <https://wnc-reg.brtapp.com/CiMApril2018>

Summer Fun at Myers Memorial UMC

Weekday Preschool Summer Camp for children six weeks through Elementary Aged Children. Summer Camp weeks will be five days a week, June 11 through July 27 (no camp the week of July 4th) from 9a to 1p each day. Visit www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/weekday-preschool for more.

Myers Memorial UMC Music Camp July 30-August 3, 9a to 2p for elementary aged children. It's a musical in a week! On Friday August 3, everyone is invited to the performance at 6pm. Visit www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/music-ministry for more information

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, April 8

8a UMM/UMW Breakfast, CFC
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9a Health Cabinet Screening
9:15a Health Cabinet Meeting
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10a Pastries with the Pastors, CFC
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
5:30p Sunday Night Live
Disciple 1 Fast Track
Children's Worship Arts
Youth Main Event
7p SoulFire, Music Suite

Monday, April 9

1p Congregational Care, Asbury
6p Koinonia Circle, Panera
6p Cub Scouts, First Floor
6:30p Boy Scouts, Scout Hut

Tuesday, April 10

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

Wednesday, April 11

9:15a Staff Meeting, Parlor
9:15a Women's Bible Study, Asbury
11a Warlick Mentoring

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Debbie Brown
Crucifer: Matthew Walker
Scripture Reader: Ashley Lowry
Acolytes: Adam Anderson ☺
Nursery: Elizabeth Lanier, Allison Buchanan, Jennifer Stroupe
April Coffee Time Hosts: New Life

Wednesday, April 11 continued

6p Prayer Walk
6p Knit for Christ, Parlor
6:45p Youth CORE, Youth Lounge
7p Chancel Choir, Music Suite

Thursday, April 12

12p Joy Circle, Firestone Grill
6p Witness Committee, Asbury
6p Men's Basketball, CFC
6p Aldersgate Ringers, Music Suite
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

Friday, April 13

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

Sunday, April 14

8a Mission Possible Build
9a Companions in Ministry, Boger City UMC

Sunday, April 15

8:30a Nurture Committee
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
12p Picnic Lunch, CFC
4:30p Spring Ring, Sanctuary
5:30p Sunday Night Live
Children's Worship Arts
Youth Main Event
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A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, April 1, 2018
Sunday School: 115 Worship: 365
Online Worship: 16
Offering Received last Sunday: \$17,716

Lenten Prayer Stations: 30
Maundy Thursday Service: 97
Good Friday Tenebrae: 98
Easter Sunrise Service: 66

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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.

April 8, 2018 Debbie Brown, Liturgist 10:50am

Order of 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

Gathering for Worship

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 *Ye Sons and Daughters of the King* Burkhardt

* Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

All: Alleluia!

* Processional Hymn *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* UMH #304

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

God, we confess that we are often not the Easter People we should be, living in the certain knowledge of your great mercy and love. Distracted by the world around us we fail to hear your voice, or hide when faith is challenged as we wander off the path. Forgive us, we pray; restore the love that we first had with a faith that can endure. We will keep our eyes fixed on you, Lord. Amen.

Special Recognition of Sue Auten Jim Windham

Children's Message Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer *Nearer, My God to Thee* Adams/Mason
Chancel Choir

*Nearer, my God, to thee nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be, nearer my God to thee; Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sarah Watkins 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.

* Hymn of Thanksgiving *Blessed Assurance* UMH #369

Offering *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* Biery

Offertory

* Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; UMH #94
Praise him 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 1 John 1:8-2:2 Ashley Lowry

New Testament, page 239

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Arr. M. Wilberg

Chancel Choir

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am
his, and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul
he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. And so
through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing
thy praise within thy house forever.*

Scripture Lesson John 20:19-23 New Testament, page 115

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Resurrection ~ Paves the Way for Forgiveness Rev. Sally Queen

* Closing Hymn *Thine Be the Glory* UMH #308

* Benediction

* Response *The Lord Bless You ☺ Keep You* Lutkin

Chancel Choir

*The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord lift His countenance upon you, And give
you peace, and give you peace, The Lord make His face to shine upon you, And be
gracious unto you, be gracious, The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.*

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude *Fanfare-Trumpet Tune* Ashdown



Announcements

Let's Go For A Walk, A Prayer Walk On Wednesdays in April, you are invited to gather at the church at 6pm, go for a walk, and return for brief worship service that will conclude by 7pm. We will gather for prayer on April 11, 18, and 25. You are invited to wear walking shoes, bring strollers for the youngest and dress for the weather. The path will not be the same for all of us and a variety of areas will be designated for varied abilities. Should it be pouring rain, we will still gather to pray, yet not walk.

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. Volunteers are needed to assist in this endeavor! Please mark your interest on today's connection card!

Myers Health Cabinet Desires Your Input! Take a moment to fill out their survey at www.MyersMemorialUMC.org or paper copies are located in the church office.

Joy Circle of the United Methodist Women will be meeting this Thursday, April 12 at 12p at Firestone Grill located on West Franklin Blvd.

Mission Possible Work Day On Saturday, April 14, Myers Memorial UMC's construction ministry will be building a wheelchair ramp at a house in Dallas. Volunteers are welcome! We'll depart from the church at 8am that day. If you have battery powered drill/screw gun, you're welcome to bring it. If you are interested in providing lunch for the workers or hospitality with the family we're serving, please make note of it on today's connection card.

Camp Tekoa Church Retreat "What's Up: Tekoa Conversations" It's time to register for the 2018 Camp Tekoa Church-wide Retreat at Camp Tekoa in Hendersonville, NC. May 4-6 is going to be 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). Please complete your registrations sooner than later so t-shirts can be ordered and meal planning can begin!

2018 Vacation Bible School: Rolling River Rampage July 15-18, 5:30p to 8p invites children and adults on a white-water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river we'll discover (and remember) that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that we can trust God to be us through anything. Want to join the fun as a volunteer or a participant? Mark today's connection card and we'll send you the information!

Relay for Life Picnic (themed) Lunch Next Sunday You are invited to join the UMWomen and UMMen for a benefit luncheon on April 15th following worship. All proceeds from this lunch will benefit Myers' Relay for Life Team. Please mark your interest on today's Connection Card If you would like to walk on the team, please speak with Debbie Brown, dabbrown1@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 forms in your bulletin, 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".

New Member Sunday ~ April 29 If you feel led to join the congregation of Myers Memorial UMC, please make note of it on today's connection card and one of the Pastors will contact you.