

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.

The Pumpkins are Coming! Myers Memorial UMC is known as the Pumpkin Church in our community and on Sunday, September 30th the pumpkins will arrive! The entire Myers Memorial family is encouraged to sign up for a spot in the patch to offer our wonderful Myers hospitality and assistance in finding the perfect pumpkin! There is a large sign up board outside Pastor Sally's office. Stop by today to claim your spot in the patch during the month of October!

Fifteen Cents Changes the World The United Methodist Connection has - and continues to make - an impact around the world. Did you know that 85¢ of every dollar we collect in the offering plate remains in our church? What about the other 15¢? As a connected church, we work together to accomplish what could never be done on our own. This is what we call our Connectional Giving. On September 23, you are invited to an extended coffee time brunch starting at 9a in the CFC to learn more about our connectional giving and how that 15¢ transforms the lives of those around the world, including some individuals at Myers Memorial UMC. We will receive a special offering designated for our contribution to connectional giving.

Coming in October: Parties in the Patch! These events are being planned to reach out to our neighborhood and community through and beyond the pumpkin patch! Join us on Thursday nights in October at 6:30p for a free concert series with local artists, stop by on the weekends to have your photo taken by a professional photographer, enjoy preschool story time in the patch, and even painting in the patch! We'll be hosting our neighboring businesses for lunch one day! Don't forget Trunk o Treats on October 28th! Details can be found at www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/Party-in-the-Patch. Start spreading the news! If you are interested in making these things happen, please contact Pastor Sarah or make note on today's Connection Card.

Help Spread the Good News! Worship at Myers is vibrant and energizing! Help share the message of The Good News by assisting with the Sound Board and/or the Facebook Livestreaming. Please mark today's connection card if you are interested and training is provided!



This is Us: Sermon Series
Sundays, September 9, 16, 23 10:50a in the Sanctuary
Wednesdays, September 12, 19, 26 at 6p in the Sanctuary
Methodism 101: Sunday School Sundays, September 9, 16, 23, 30 from 9:45a to 10:40a in the CFC. This is open to all who wish to participate, classes and individuals.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, September 9

9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*
12p Acolyte/Crucifer Lunch & Learn
Sunday Night Live Begins
5p Youth Chorale, *Music Suite*
5:30p In}{Between & Youth Dinner
5:30p Children's Music & Worship
Arts, 3rd Floor
5:30p Disciple 1 Fast Track, *Trinity UMC*
6p Disciple 3 Fast Track, *E105*
6p In}{Between & Youth

Monday, September 10

9a Weekday Preschool
6p Boy Scouts
6p Koinonia UMW, *Panera*

Tuesday, September 11

9a Weekday Preschool
10a Grief Share, *Parlor*
11a AI-Anon, *Asbury*
6p Girl Scouts
6:30p Stewardship, *Asbury*
6:30p Divorce Care/DC4Kids
6:30p World Religions, *E-105*
6:30p Chancel Bells. *Music Suite*

Wednesday, September 12

9a Weekday Preschool
9:30a Women's Bible Study, *Asbury*
10a Staff Meeting

Sunday Servants
Head Usher: Debbie Brown
Scripture Reader: Sydney Shugart
Crucifer: Ashley Fehrs
Acolytes: Evan Falls & Mattie Queen
Nursery: Elizabeth Lanier, Karen Carrick,
Angie Flake, Sydney Shugart
September Coffee Time Hosts: New Life
Sunday School Class

Wednesday, September 12 continued

5:15p Connect Dinner, *CFC*
6p Connect Worship, *Sanctuary*
6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*
6:30p Small Group Space
HalfTime Book Study, *E105*
7p Chancel Choir, *Music Suite*

Thursday, September 13

9a Weekday Preschool
6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*
6p Aldersgate Ringers, *Music Suite*
6:30p Witness, *Asbury*
8p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

Friday, September 14

9a Weekday Preschool
7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*
9a WNC Camping & Retreat Ministry

Sunday, September 16

9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*
12p Conversation: Anatomy of
Peace
5p Youth Chorale, *Music Suite*
5:30p In}{Between & Youth Dinner
5:30p Children's Music & Worship
Arts, 3rd Floor
5:30p Disciple 1 Fast Track, *Trinity UMC*
5:30p Disciple 3 Fast Track, *E105*
6p In}{Between & Youth

A Record of Our Faithfulness
Sunday, September 2, 2018
Sunday School: 82 Worship: 177
Online Worship: 25
Offering Received: \$12,335
Wednesday, September 5, 2018
Connect Worship: 41

Giving on the Go
www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/Online-Giving



5:15p Dinner in the CFC
September 12: Spaghetti
6p Worship in the Sanctuary

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 church meals, share prayer concerns or comments. Please use it as a way to note your attendance in worship today and return it during the offering as an act 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.

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September 9, 2018 Jim Windham, 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

TFWS = The Faith We Sing Hymnal Supplement, the black softcover book

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 *Salvation Unto Us Has Come* J. Walther

* Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: By grace you have been saved through faith and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the results of works, so that no one may boast.

People: We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

* Opening Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH #384

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

God, confront us in this time of worship.
Confront us with the fears we hold so tightly,
the favorite sins to which we cling.
Confront us with our closedness.
Knock at all the locked doors of our hearts.
Do not let us rest until you gain entrance.
Tell us the painful truth about ourselves
that we might receive the truth of Christ -
the very truth that will set us free. Amen.

Celebration of Jean Campbell's 90th Birthday Jim Windham

Children's Time Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer *Hear My Prayer, O God* H. Hopson
Chancel Choir

Hear my prayer, O God, and listen to my plea; faithful, righteous one, give ear and answer me. Judge me not, I Pray; no merit dare I claim; knowing my own faults, I trust in your just name.

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 *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* UMH #402

Offering

Offertory *Reckless Love* Asbury/Culver/Jackson
Susan King, soloist

* 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 Lesson Romans 10:5-13 Sydney Shugart
NT, page 160
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *For God So Loved The World* A. Pote
Chancel Choir
Those who believe in the son of God shall have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him, shall not perish but have eternal life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him, shall not perish but have eternal life.

Scripture Lesson John 3:1-20 NT, page 93
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon This is Us: Are United Methodists Saved? Rev. Sally W. Queen

* Closing Hymn *Amazing Grace* UMH #378

* Benediction

* Choral Response *A Parting Blessing* J. Jerome Williams
Chancel Choir
May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude *I Will Sing of My Maker's Praises* J.F. Doles



The Flower Arrangement in the Sanctuary
is given to the Glory of God
in celebration of Jean Campbell's 90th Birthday
with love from Jeanna ☺ Bill Hyland ☺ Mark Campbell

The Candle on the Altar
is to celebrate the birth of *Savannah Grace Hyland*
born July 11, 2018 to Cory ☺ Brooke Hyland
Grandparents: Jeanna ☺ Bill Hyland
Great grandmother: Jean Campbell

Announcements

September Conversation On September 16, you are invited to a conversation rooted in the book Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict by The Arbinger Institute. Reading the book prior to the September conversation will be most fruitful to our time together as we discover a heart of peace. Books can be purchased online at your preferred book seller and is available in multiple formats from Amazon. A few copies are available for purchase in the Church Office. We will gather on Sunday, September 16 from 12 to 2p in the CFC. **Lunch and childcare will be provided with reservation. Please mark today's Connection Card.**

SNL: Sunday Night Live begins Tonight, September 9

- Myers Youth Chorale: Grades 4-12 will meet in the Choir Room located behind the Sanctuary beginning Sunday, September 9 from 5p to 5:30p. Musicians of all abilities can come (whether or not you can read music). We will learn to read basic music, sing and have an introduction to handbells during this time.
- In}Between & Youth Dinner 5:30p in the Youth Lounge
- In}Between (4-8th grades) & Youth Group (9-12th Grades), 6-7p
- Spark Choir: Grades K-3 will meet in the Spark music room on the 3rd floor of the education building from 5:30p to 6:30p. This time will be divided between choir, hand bells and worship arts. Children will learn to read music and sing during this time.
- Musik Makers: Preschoolers will meet in the Musik Makers room on the 3rd floor from 5:30p to 6:30p. The preschoolers will sing, play games and learn about music!
- Disciple 1 Fast Track, 5:30 to 7p, held at Trinity UMC, facilitated by Pastor Sarah Davis
- Disciple III Fast Track, 5:30 to 7p, E-105, facilitated by Pastor Sally Queen *(Tonight only: class begins at 6pm)*

Myers 60+ Fellowship is headed to Valdese on the Third Thursday in September. Leaving at 9:30a on September 20 for a visit to The Waldensian Heritage Museum and lunch at 100 Main. Please make your reservation on today's Connection Card or by calling the church office.