

Prayers of the People

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Trinity United Methodist Church

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.



40th Anniversary of the Love Feast at Myers Memorial UMC Since 1978, Myers Memorial UMC has been hosting a traditional Moravian Love Feast, a service of singing of hymns and music that center on the themes of love and harmony. We will enjoy Moravian Spice Cake and sweet Coffee as we gather together in celebration of the season. We hope you'll join us on Sunday, December 9 at 7pm in the Sanctuary as we gather for this Christian Fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the *koinonia* (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ.

Pastries with the Pastors Are you new to Myers? Have you been attending and would like to know more? You're invited to join with members (new and long established) and Pastors Sally and Sarah for Pastries in the CFC on Sunday, December 9 at 10am. Please mark your interest on today's Connection Card.

New Member Sunday On December 16, we'll welcome new members into the life of Myers Memorial UMC. If you are interested in becoming a member of Myers, please mark your interest on today's Connection Card or speak with Pastor Sarah by calling the church office.

Youth & In}{Between are spreading Christmas cheer immediately following worship next Sunday, December 9th. Grab lunch together at a local restaurant before singing and sharing a small gift with residents at a few local nursing homes. Youth will return to the church around 2p. Bring money for food and dress in your most cheerful holiday attire!

Angel Tree Sorting Monday, December 10, 9:30a. Before we send off the Angels and Christmas Critters, we need to make sure we have abundant gifts for them! Join us in the CFC to sort and tag all of our gifts! The more the merrier!

Angel Tree Warehouse Work, Thursday, December 13. Meet at the church at 9a as we travel to the Salvation Army on Union Road to sort all the Christmas Angel Tree gifts from around our community. Anyone is invited to join in the fun work of playing elf! College Students are invited to join Tresca for lunch following the morning's work.

HalfTime: Blessing of MidLife Thursday, December 13 at 6:30pm. We're headed to Stowe Gardens for the Holiday Lights for live music and fellowship. Meet in the lobby of Stowe Gardens and if you are a member, please share your membership discount with others in the group.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, December 2 Communion First Sunday in Advent

8a UMMen & UMWomen
9a Health Cabinet Screenings, CFC
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Time
9:30a Scholastic Book Fair Open
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10a Church Tour, Narthex
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
12p Scholastic Book Fair Open
5:15p Youth & In}{Between, McAdenville
5:30p Children & Family Advent Adventures, CFC
5:30p Disciple 1 Fast Track, Trinity UMC
5:30p Disciple 3 Fast Track, E105

Monday, December 3

Scholastic Book Fair
9a Weekday Preschool
2p Sandwich Making, Kitchen
4:30p Supper Club @ WGBGC

Tuesday, December 4

Scholastic Book Fair
9a Weekday Preschool
10a GriefShare, Parlor
11a AI-Anon, Asbury
6p Chancel Bells, Music Suite
6:30p World Religions, E-105

Wednesday, December 5

Scholastic Book Fair
9a Weekday Preschool
9:30a Women's Bible Study, Asbury
10a Staff Meeting, Parlor
6p Finance, Asbury
6p Knit for Christ, Parlor
6p Holiday Shopping, CFC
6:30p Chancel Choir, Music Suite

Thursday, December 6

Scholastic Book Fair
9a Weekday Preschool
6p Men's Basketball, CFC
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

Sunday, December 9

Angel Tree Donations Due
Poinsettias Orders Due
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Time
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10a Pastries with the Pastors, CFC
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
12p Youth & In}{Between Caroling
7p Lovefeast, Sanctuary

Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

First Sunday in Advent

December 2, 2018



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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Sunday Servants

Usher: Ken Avery
Scripture Reader: Cassie Fehrs
Crucifer: Jake Hoskins
Acolytes: Brock Davis @ Charlotte Hearne
Nursery: Judy Seay, Annie Oliver, Angie Flake, Robin Perlman, Elizabeth Lanier, Jennifer Gross

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

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, November 25, 2018
Sunday School: 81 Worship: 169
Online Worship: 19
Offering Received: \$13,168

Upcoming Dates

40th Annual Love Feast: December 9, 7p
Lessons @ Carols: December 16, 7p
Caroling at CaroMont: December 23, 12:15p
Christmas Eve Services: 5:30p @ 11p

December 2, 2018 Martha Dickson, Liturgist 10:50am

Order of Worship

Gathering for Worship

As you gather today, you are invited to light a candle to remember the saints in your life.

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

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

Ave Verum Corpus

WA Mozart

Tony Sane, *Trombone*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Ken, Katrina & Jennifer Stroupe

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-3

Prayer: Hope of the world, speak to our longing hearts this day.

Assure us of your abiding presence.

In this holy season, make us over in your image

that Your light might shine in us. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH #211

verses 1, 2, 4, 6, 7

* Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

UMH #881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

UMH #71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children's Message

Gifts at the Manger

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Children's Choirs & Youth Chorale

Scripture Lesson

Psalms 130

Cassie Fehrs

Old Testament, page 573

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes

Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir

Thou shalt know Him when he comes not by any din of drums, nor his manners nor his

airs, nor by anything he wears. Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown

or by his gown, But his coming known shall be by the holy harmony which his coming

makes in thee. Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6

OT, page 640

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Unexpected Roots

Rev. Sally Queen

* Hymn of Thanksgiving *Lo, How a Rose E'r Blooming*

UMH #216

Offering

Offertory

Gesu Bambino

Arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

Aldersgate Ringers

* Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above ye

heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Rejoice!

Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel. Amen.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy Communion

Rev. Sally Queen

Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. This is our family meal.

All are invited to come forward and receive a piece of bread and then dip the bread into

the cup of grape juice. A gluten free station is available at the center-right station

The Table is open to all who wish to partake. The altar is always open for prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH #13

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Stewards: Brad & Pat Rivers, Alison Evanoff, Greg Carnes,

Steve & Karen Carrick, Lydia Smith, Rev. Sarah Watkins Davis

Music during Communion

Noel/The First Noel

Tomlin/Cash/Redman

Myers Praise Team

* Closing Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH #196

* Benediction

* Reception of New Members

UMH #38

* Congregational Response

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

UMH #204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Paul Manz

The Flower Arrangements in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God

in memory of Leon Ledford 11/13/34-5/19/17

and Pam Ledford Bumgarner 3/8/64-11/17/16

by Phyllis and Jeff Ledford

and

in honor of Dean ☩ Len Suggs' Anniversary



Announcements

Angel Tree Deadline ~ Sunday, December 9 please return all unwrapped gifts in a large bag with the tag or Angel number clearly noted.

Have you made your list? The Weekday Preschool is hosting a Christmas Shopping Spree in the CFC on December 5th from 6 to 8pm. You're invited to come shop and support the vendors coming! Free admission for shopping as the vendors will be paying to participate. Handcrafted items, direct sales vendors, Scholastic Book Fair will be present! If you have interest in participating as a seller of handmade or direct sales items, please contact Janet Lagos (preschool@myersmemorialumc.com). Come Shop for the Cause!

Scholastic Book Fair is Open! Books make the perfect stocking stuffers! The Scholastic Book Fair is set up in the CFC and your purchases support the Myers Preschool. The Book Fair is open after worship today, and before and after Preschool each day this week. You may also shop during Wednesday's Holiday Shopping event in the CFC between 6-8p.

Advent Adventures for Children and Family ~ Tonight, December 2 A special adventure is being planned for the preschool through 3rd grade children and their families! Join us at 5:30p to go caroling to two local nursing homes to share a little Christmas Cheer! We'll return to the church for Pizza and activities that will prepare our hearts and homes as we wait for baby Jesus.

2019 Estimate of Giving Cards may be dropped off at the church office or mailed to Angie Rutledge c/o Cherry Beakert at 322 Burtonwood Dr, Gastonia, NC 28054.

Poinsettia Orders You're invited to decorate the sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias this season. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

Don't miss church on December 16 as we celebrate Gingerbread Sunday! It's the sweet way Louisa Suggs shares God's love with everyone! We hope you'll find a way to share God's love with others this season too!