

## 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 via email.*



Acolyte Training | February 24 | 12p 4th-8th graders are invited to stay after worship for the latest Acolyte training. Training will last approximately 15-20 minutes.

**Praying Our Way Forward** This Week, February 23-26, the people of The United Methodist Church will be gathering in St. Louis for a special session of the General Conference. This global gathering, and top policy making body of the UMC, will receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward. The 32-member commission was authorized by the General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council on Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church. You are invited to set an alarm to alert you each day and between the time of 2:23 and 2:26, please pray. Pray specifically for the delegates traveling from around the globe to attend this meeting. Pray for **the work they will be doing. Pray that God's will be done. You are also** invited to pray specifically for Pastor Sally during the General Conference session. An hourly prayer list is posted outside her office awaiting our names as we support her through constant prayer.

**Faithful Families** | Begins February 27 | 6:30p | E-105 The Myers Health Cabinet, in conjunction with the Gaston County Health Department, are excited to offer this program as a way to promote health for individuals and families associated with our church family. This 9-week faith based nutrition program is open to everyone to participate in discussions, recipe tasting, and activities as we set goals for leading **healthier lives!** Please mark today's Connection Card with your interest.

**What Can I Do To Help Someone Who Has Cancer?** In the narthex over the next couple of weeks you will find a basket filled with colored paper and pens. Take one or more with you, write a note of love and encouragement, returning the notes to the baskets with specific names. **You will also find a basket that says 'our neighbors'.** These notes will be given to the new head of Oncology at the hospital for her to give to patients that may need a little encouragement. Every two weeks Debbie Brown will pick up the notes and distribute them accordingly.

**Warlick Academy BBQ** | March 1 | 10a to 6p As part of the Missional Network of UMC churches that support Warlick Academy, our Myers Memorial UMC family is encouraged to support Warlick Academy through their annual BBQ cooked by Ole Carolina BBQ. Chicken and BBQ plates are available at \$8 per plate. All proceeds will generate funds for Warlick Academy Student Incentives. Delivery within a 20 mile radius is available for 10 or more plates. You can place your order in the church office or by contacting Donna Lutz at 704-836-9608 or dplutz@gaston.k12.nc.us

## This Week at Myers Memorial

### Sunday, February 17 ~ Day of Service

9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*  
9:30a Coffee Time, *CFC*  
9:45a Children's Hugs & Kisses  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10a General Conference Q&A with Pastor Sally, *CFC*  
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*  
12p Share The Love Lunch, *CFC*  
*Day of Service*  
2:23p Pray for General Conference  
5p Youth Chorale, *Music Suite*  
5:30p SNL  
5:30p Children's Music Ministry  
5:30p Youth & InXBetween  
5:30p Disciple 1 Fast Track, *Asbury*  
5:30p Disciple 3 Fast Track, *E105*  
7p Church Council, *Asbury*

### Monday, February 18

*Weekday Preschool Closed*  
2:23p Pray for General Conference  
5p Aldersgate Bells, *Music Suite*  
6:30p Pack/Troop 21 Boy Scouts  
6:30p Cub Scout Pack Meeting, *CFC*

### Tuesday, February 19

9a Weekday Preschool  
10a Grief Share, *Parlor*  
11a Alanon, *Asbury Room*  
2:23p Pray for General Conference  
6p Girl Scouts, *1st floor*  
6:30p DivorceCare/DC4K  
6:30p Chancel Bells, *Music Suite*

### Wednesday, February 20

9a Weekday Preschool  
2:23p Pray for General Conference  
5p Health Cabinet Screenings  
5:15p Connect Meal, *CFC*  
6p Connect Worship, *Sanctuary*

### Wednesday, February 20 *continued*

6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*  
6:30p Small Group Space  
General Conference Conversation  
Men's Study, *Asbury*  
Whole30 Support, *Youth Lounge*

### Thursday, February 21

9a Weekday Preschool  
9:30a 60+ to Aviation Museum  
2:23p Pray for General Conference  
6p Health Heathy Dinner, *CFC*  
7p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

### Friday, February 22

*Pastor Sally Departs for General Conference*  
*Praying Our Way Forward Prayer Vigil*  
7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*  
9a Weekday Preschool  
2:23p Pray for General Conference

### Saturday, February 23

*Praying Our Way Forward Prayer Vigil*  
*General Conference, St. Louis*  
2:23p Pray for General Conference  
6p Festival of Tables

### Sunday, February 24

*Praying Our Way Forward Prayer Vigil*  
*General Conference, St. Louis*  
9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*  
9:30a Coffee Time *CFC*  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*  
12p Acolyte Training, *Sanctuary*  
2:23p Pray for General Conference  
5p Youth Chorale, *Music Suite*  
5:30p SNL  
5:30p Children's Music Ministry  
5:30p Youth & InXBetween  
5:30p Disciple 1 Fast Track, *Asbury*  
5:30p Disciple 3 Fast Track, *E105*



### Sunday Servants

**Head Usher:** John Crain  
**Scripture Reader:** Dawson Moore  
**Crucifer:** Ashley Fehrs  
**Acolytes:** Charlotte Hearne & Ella Queen  
**Nursery:** Judy Seay, Annie Oliver,  
Jennifer Gross, Carrie Allen, Karen  
Carrick, Louisa Suggs

### Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, February 10, 2019  
Sunday School: 102 Worship: 267  
Online Worship Views: 715  
Offering Received: \$9,015  
Wednesday Connect Worship: 65

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# Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

# Serve

STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE



February 17, 2019

## 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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February 17, 2019Ken Stroupe, Liturgist10:50am

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

Welcome & Announcements

\* Passing the Peace of Christ  
Offer signs of greeting in the name of Jesus to those seated around you.

IntroitCome Into God’s PresenceSpark Choir  
Spark Choir: Come into God’s presence singing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
All: Come into God’s presence singing  
...Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
...Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.  
...Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb.  
...Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God

Chiming of the Hour

PreludeInterludeA. Boely

\* Call to Worship (responsively)  
Leader: Praise the Lord, who has shown us the wonders of his unfailing love;  
People: and who, for the sake of his name, leads us and guides us.  
Leader: In you, O Lord, we put our trust,  
People: You are our God, and our lives are in your hands.  
Leader: Lord, let the light of your face shine upon us  
People: as we celebrate together in your presence.

\* Opening HymnLift High the CrossUMH #159

\* Opening Prayer (in unison)  
Faithful God,  
you draw near to us in our joy and in our grief,  
in our hope and in our despair.  
God of compassion and love, move among us this hour.  
Open our eyes, dispel our fears,  
and show us the real life you have to offer.  
We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Children’s MessageChildren’s Choirs

Call to PrayerLord, Listen to Your Children PrayingK. Medema  
Chancel Choir  
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Pastoral PrayerRev. Sarah Davis  
During the Pastoral Prayer you are invited to come to the front left side of the Sanctuary where you will find a basket of cloth strips. You are invited to pray for The United Methodist Church and the unity of all Christians then tie the strip to the end of what will become one long strand symbolic of our lives that are bound together in Christian love.

The Lord’s PrayerUMH #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

OffertoryPastoraleLefebure-Wely

\* DoxologyPraise God, from whom all blessings flowUMH #94  
Praise God, 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 LessonJoshua 24:15  
Old Testament, page 216  
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.  
People: Thanks be to God.

AnthemWade in the Waterarr. Emmerson  
Chancel Choir; Fred Little, percussion; Chuck Brimmer, bass  
Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, Wade in the water, God’s a gonna trouble the water.  
River Jordan is chilly and cold! God’s a gonna trouble the water. Chills the body but not the soul,  
God’s a gonna trouble the water. Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, Wade in the water,  
God’s a gonna trouble the water. If you get up there before I do, God’s a gonna trouble the water. Just  
tell my friends I’m a coming too, God’s a gonna trouble the water. Wade in the water, wade in the  
water, children, Wade in the water, God’s a gonna trouble the water.

Scripture Lesson1 Peter 4:1-10NT, page 234  
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.  
People: Thanks be to God.

SermonServe: Stewards of God’s GraceRev. Sally Queen

Handwashing Service  
At the end of the sermon, Pastor Sally will invite you to come forward to one of the two handwashing stations. We do this as a commitment to love and serve our neighbors. The act of washing our hands is a remembrance of the humility of Jesus and the humble service we provide each day as we walk through life seeking to share the love of Jesus.

\* Closing HymnPass It OnUMH #572

\* Benediction

\* Congregational ResponseBlest Be the Tie that BindsL. Mason  
Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love; the  
fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

\* Chimes of the Trinity

\* PostludeTocotta on Old HundrethR. Lau

The Flowers in the Sanctuary  
are given to the Glory of God in honor of Brannon Seay’s birthday  
by Hillis & Judy Seay

Announcements

Blest Be the Tie that Binds At the front of the sanctuary you will find a basket of fabric strips. As we actively pray for the special session of General Conference, you are invited to take a strip, say a prayer, and tie it to the end of what will become one long strand symbolic of our lives that are bound together in Christian love. You are invited for further prayer and conversation on Wednesday evening at 6p in the Sanctuary.

Day of Service | Sharing God’s Love | Today| 12p  
You are invited to a church-wide Day of Service to share God’s Love! Immediately following worship, we’ll gather for a light lunch, assembling treat bags before heading out to make visits with members of our congregation. Join us to share the love!

60+ Fellowship | February 21 | 9:30a We’re on the road this month to visit the Carolinas Aviation Museum and the 10th Anniversary Exhibit of the “Miracle on the Hudson” We will meet at the church at 9:30a, visit the museum and then have lunch together. Please RSVP by tomorrow.

Heart Healthy Cooking Class | February 21 | 6p | CFC A heart healthy diet is one of the most important lifestyle factors that can help reduce heart disease. Join us for a free cooking class conducted by Executive Chef Michael Ryan to learn how to make an easy and delicious meal that is good for your heart. Funded by Caromont Heart Foundation, space is limited! Please RSVP by calling the church office at 704-864-3222. Menu: Spinach & artichoke hummus, Tex-mex garden veggies, seared chicken breast with pineapple salsa, strawberry & banana sorbet.

VBS 2019 Preview Workshop | February 23 It’s going to be out of this world as we gather with other churches at St. Andrews UMC in Charlotte to preview “To Mars & Beyond! Explore Where God’s Power Can Take You!” We’ll leave the church at 8:15a. This event is free for our volunteers and includes lunch! Sign up with Connie by Monday, February 18.