

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.



Summer Camp Registration is Now Open! Registrations are now being accepted for summer camp sponsored by the Weekday Preschool. Summer Camp is for one year olds through 5th grade children for six weeks, 5 days a week this summer. Fun themes & activities that will include water play, cooking and field trips! Contact the Preschool office (704-864-3222) or visit www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/weekday-preschool for more details! **Deadline to register is April 1 ~ No Foolin'.**

It's BBQ & Bake Sale Time! The Annual UMM BBQ and UMW Bake Sale will be held Friday, April 12 from 10:30a to 6:30p in the CFC. BBQ tickets are now available! It'll be a choice between a Half- Chicken BBQ plate or a Pork BBQ plate with all the delicious sides for \$9 and special pricing of \$7 per plate is available for First Responders. And you mustn't forget the UMW Bake Sale items for dessert! Delivery is available for orders of 10 or more. If you are available to help in either area by selling tickets, baking, setting up or serving the day of, please mark today's connection card!

What's Up, Zak! Is the name of the 2nd Annual Music Camp for children sponsored by our music department July 29-August 2. It'll be great fun for rising 1st through 6th graders as they encounter God through music! Mark your calendars for the evening performance on August 2 at 6p. Registration forms can be found on our church website or in the church office. Registration is open through July 1st and all children are invited!

Sunday School is for All God's Children If you have not been attending Sunday School lately we hope you will challenge yourself to rise and shine on Sunday mornings, join us for Coffee Time in the CFC at 9:30 am and then check out one of our 7 adult Sunday School classes! For more information about Adult Sunday School Classes please contact Connie Elzey or check out our Sunday School listing online.

Preschool Spring Fundraiser Tired of pollen on your car? Let the Weekday Preschool help wash your car! Beginning March 29 through April 29, the preschool will be selling gift cards to Sam's Xpress Car Wash for \$20 to be used on any service you wish! Why buy from the preschool? Because the preschool receives 50% of all sales which will be invested into the classrooms and students! Cards will be available March 29th!

Easter is Coming! April 21st is Easter Sunday! Now is the time to start inviting friends and family to worship with you at Myers Memorial UMC. We'll begin early that morning at 7am in the Gathering Garden with worship and communion followed by a continental breakfast in the CFC. Our regularly schedule Sunday mornings continue with Prayer in the Chapel at 9am, Coffee Fellowship at 9:30a, Sunday School for all ages at 9:45a and Worship at 10:50a. Take time this week to invite someone!

This Week at Myers Memorial

Sunday, March 24

9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:30a Coffee Time *CFC*
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*
4p Present Over Perfect Study, *Parlor*
5p Youth Chorale, *Music Suite*
5:30p SNL

5:30p Children's Music, *3rd fl.*

5:30p Youth & InXBetween, *1st fl.*

5:30p Disciple 1 Fast Track, *Asbury*

5:30p Disciple 3 Fast Track, *E105*

Monday, March 25

9a Weekday Preschool
5p Aldersgate Bells, *Music Suite*
6:30p Pack/Troop 21 Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 26

9a Weekday Preschool
10a Grief Share, *Parlor*
11a Alanon, *Asbury*
4p AAUW, *CFC*
6p Girl Scouts, *1st floor*
6:30p DivorceCare/DC4K
6:30p Chancel Bells, *Music Suite*

Wednesday, March 27

9a Weekday Preschool
9:30a Women's Morning Bible Study
5:15p Connect Meal, *CFC*
6p Connect Worship, *Sanctuary*
6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 14

- Worship at 10:50a with the procession of palms led by the children.
- Church Wide Easter Egg Lunch & Hunt at 12p in the CFC followed by Egg Hunts for Toddlers through 3rd Graders

Lenten Prayer Stations, April 17 at 6p in the Narthex and Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 7p in the Sanctuary, Communion

Good Friday, April 19 at 7p in the Sanctuary

- A Service of Darkness: a Tenebrae Cantata based on the Seven Last Words of Christ.

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Randy Black

Scripture Reader: Angelica Brown

Crucifer: Katie Carpenter

Acolytes: Charlotte Hearne & Ella Queen

Nursery: Judy Seay, Annie Oliver, Pam Shoemaker, Caroline Shoemaker, Linsy Aul, Angie Flake

Wednesday, March 27 *continued*

6:30p Small Group Space
Men's Study, *Asbury*
Faithful Families, *E-105*
Whole30 Support, *Youth Lounge*

Thursday, March 28

9a Weekday Preschool
10a Staff Meeting, *Parlor*
6p Men's Basketball
6:30p Koinonia, *AmberJacks*
7p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

Friday, March 29

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*
9a Weekday Preschool

Saturday, March 30

10a-3p Created by God, *Youth Lounge*
2p Pack 21 Pinewood Derby, *CFC*

Sunday, March 31

UMW 150th Celebration
9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:30a Coffee Time *CFC*
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*
4p Present Over Perfect Study
5p Youth Chorale, *Music Suite*
5:30p SNL
5:30p Children's Music, *3rd fl.*
5:30p Youth & InXBetween, *1st fl.*
5:30p Disciple 1 Fast Track, *Asbury*
5:30p Disciple 3 Fast Track, *E105*

Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, March 17, 2019
Sunday School: 97 Worship: 221
Online Worship Views: 395
Offering Received: \$13,445
Wednesday Connect Worship: 28

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

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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March 24, 2019 Arnold Brackett, 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

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 *Kyrie* C. Mokolbust
Chancel Bells

* Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Leader: The season of Lent can be barren and lonely,

People: but God goes with us through the wild wilderness.

Leader: Our lives our lived in seasons of transitions and transformations.

People: **Lent is a time to ponder God's persistence**

Leader: Together, we seek fruitfulness, for it has been promised to us;

People: The barrenness of Lent will give way to the fruitfulness of Easter.

Leader: In this season of pausing and resetting, let us gather before God

People: We come, as a family, to wait for the Lord with strength and courage.

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

* Opening Hymn *Lord of the Dance* UMH #261

* Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Good Shepherd,
we take your care for granted.

In the midst of your many blessings,
we complain of not having enough.

In the presence of danger,
we fail to trust your abiding love.

When you set a table before us,
we turn aside from you.

Call us back into your care
and help us trust your caring presence,
that our actions may proclaim your truth. Amen.

* Words of Assurance: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives. God forgives our failures and calls us back to the flock.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

Children's Message Pastor Sally

Call to Prayer There is a Balm in Gilead Arr. WF Smith
Chancel Choir

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Pastoral Prayer

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 *Precious Name* UMH #536

Offering

Offertory *In the Shadow of the Cross* Arr. WE Moats
Chancel Bells

* Doxology UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Philippians 1:1-11 Angelica Brown

New Testament, page 196

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile* D. Wood
Chancel Choir Poem: FW Faber

O come and mourn with me awhile, O come ye to the Savior's side O come, together let us mourn, Jesus our Lord is crucified. Seven times He spake seven words of life; And all three hours His silence cried for mercy on the souls of me: Jesus our Lord is crucified. O loe of God! O sin of man! In this dread act Your strength is tired; and victory remains with love; for He our Love, is crucified.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 23 OT, page 501

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **Reset: Don't Get Stuck** Rev. Sally Queen

* Closing Hymn *God Will Take Care of You* UMH #130

* Benediction

* Response *Adoramus te, Christe* Dubois
Chancel Choir

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever. For on the holy cross thou has 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

* Postlude *Festival Voluntary* R. Williamson



The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God
Celebrating the March Birthdays of
Douglas S., Jennifer, and Jackie Gross

Announcements

Lent 2019: Reset It's time to push the 'reset' button and refocus our lives. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. We are in a season of Lent, lasting 40 days (not counting the 'little Easters' of Sundays) and ends on Easter Sunday, April 21st this year.

Stuff Those Eggs! The Children's Council is accepting donations of small treats and candies to stuff inside Easter Eggs. What fits in an egg? Lots of things! Consider individually wrapped candies (non-chocolate, non-peanut), erasers, bouncy balls, finger puppets, fun band-aids, gummies, bracelets, small cars and more! Donations can be dropped in the church office or in a bin in the Narthex. Please bring contributions to the church by April 7.

Created By God | Saturday, March 30 | 10a to 3p God created us male and female and God created us Good! Now, how do we talk about that with our tweens? *Created By God* is a program designed to communicate to 4th-6th graders the topics of human sexuality, values, and relationships are approached in a frank, honest, and Bible-based manner. Sign up via the connection card and contact Tresca with any questions (Tresca@myersmemorialumc.com, 704-477-7447) The cost is \$15 which includes resources and lunch.

General Conference Follow Up with Bishop Leeland | March 31 Bishop Leeland will be recapping General Conference at a gathering on Sunday, March 31 at 3pm at St. Luke's UMC in Hickory.

Walking & Praying You are invited to gather on April 3 and 10 at 6pm to walk and pray through the neighborhood. We'll gather outside the sanctuary door, divide into prayer teams, walk our immediate neighborhood, and return at 6:20p to the Gathering Garden for reflection and prayer.