

### 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.*



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. Lent begins this year on Wednesday, March 6 and lasts 40 days (not counting the 'little Easters' of Sundays). Everyone is invited to begin a Lenten journey with the Ash Wednesday Service at 6p. Ashes from last year's Palm Sunday Service will be burned and the ashes used to make the sign of the cross on our foreheads as a sign of our mortality and to signify the sorrow for the mistakes we have made.

**Myers' Got Talent | March 10 | 6p** Enjoy an evening showcasing the talents of the Myers Memorial Family! Donations will be accepted to benefit Gaston County's Resource Gateway Connection. Got Talent? Sing? Dance? Bake? Show it off! Submit your talent to Tresca@myersmemorialumc.com!

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 in Hickory.

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.

Lenten Resources During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally "turn around" and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. You are invited to stop by the Church office to pick up a Lenten devotional, The Upper Room devotional, purchase a copy of *Pauses for Lent*, sign up for a small group, or search umc.org for online Lenten resources.

## This Week at Myers Memorial

### Sunday, March 3 Communion

8a UMM/UMW Meeting, CFC  
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower  
9:30a Coffee Time CFC  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10a General Conference Follow Up, CFC  
10:30a Health Cabinet Screenings, Bridal Room  
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary  
5p Youth Chorale, Music Suite  
5:30p SNL  
5:30p Lenten Fair, CFC  
5:30p Youth & InXBetween  
5:30p Disciple 1 Fast Track, Asbury  
5:30p Disciple 3 Fast Track, E105

### Monday, March 4

9a Weekday Preschool  
3p Making Sandwiches, Kitchen  
4p Supper Club, WGBGClub  
5p Aldersgate Bells, Music Suite  
6:30p Pack/Troop 21 Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, March 5

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

### Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday

9a Weekday Preschool  
9:30a Women's Morning Bible Study  
11a Warlick Mentoring  
5:15p Connect Meal, CFC  
6p Ash Wednesday Worship, Sanctuary  
6p Knit for Christ, Parlor  
6:30p Small Group Space  
Men's Study, Asbury  
Faithful Families, E-105  
Whole30 Support, Youth Lounge

### Thursday, March 7

9a Weekday Preschool  
6p Men's Basketball  
7p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

### Friday, March 8

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor  
Weekday Preschool Closed

### Sunday, March 10

9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower  
9:30a Coffee Time CFC  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary  
6p Myers' Got Talent, CFC

## Lent 2019: Reset

Ash Wednesday Service  
Wednesday, March 6 @ 6p

### Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Ken Avery

Scripture Reader: Brendan Rooney

Crucifer: Evan Falls

Acolytes: Mattie Queen & Lilly Allen

Nursery: Judy Seay, Donna Lutz, Lori

Kimble, Louisa Suggs, Jennifer Stroupe,  
Allison Buchanan

### Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Sunday School: 88 Worship: 182

Online Worship Views: 389

Offering Received: \$6,125

Wednesday Connect Worship: 25

### Giving on the Go

www.MyersMemorialUMC.org  
/Online-Giving

# Myers Memorial United Methodist Church



March 3, 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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March 3, 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                      Variations on “CWN Rhondda”                      J Leavitt

\* Call to Worship (responsively)  
Leader: Lord, you have called us.  
People: Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.  
Leader: Help us listen carefully to the words of your love.  
People: Open our hearts and spirits to focus on the mission you set forth.  
Leader: Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways.  
People: Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you.

\* Opening Hymn                      The Church’s One Foundation                      UMH #545

\* Affirmation of Faith                      The Apostle’s Creed                      UMH #881  
I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
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.                      \* universal

\* 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                      Pastor Sally

Scripture Lesson                      Micah 6:8 (OT p. 866)  
John 15:12 (NT p.109)  
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem                      Let Us Break Bread Together                      Arr. Althouse  
Mike Rhodes, soloist

Let us break bread together on our knees, let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together on our knees, let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Scripture Lesson                      Matthew 28:16-20                      NT, page 34  
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon                      Focused on the Mission                      Rev. Sally Queen

\* Hymn                      We Are the Church                      UMH #558

Offering

Offertory                      Chorale Improvisation on “Hyfrydol”                      P. Manz

\* Doxology                      Praise God, from whom all blessings flow                      UMH #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

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 Great Thanksgiving                      UMH #13

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give thanks and praise  
It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...  
...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...  
...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.  
Amen.

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup  
Assisting with Communion: Rev. Sarah Watkins Davis, Jim & Phyllis Windham,  
Greg Carnes, Becky Garner, Camellia Jenkins, Tresca McSwain, Connie Elzey

\* Closing Hymn                      Sent Forth by God’s Blessings                      UMH #664

\* Benediction

\* Response                      Blest Be the Tie that Binds                      L. 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

\* Postlude                      Toccata on “Grosser Gott”                      M. Corl



The Flowers in the Sanctuary  
are given to the Glory of God in honor of  
Ed & Judy Fritzsche’s 40th Wedding Anniversary

Announcements

Lenten Fair | Tonight | 5:30p-7p | CFC Lent is not the stuff in our belly buttons! Designed for Families with children in Preschool through 3rd grades, the event will help us discover what Lent is all about and how we can share the Easter Faith with our children! Enjoy a snack supper followed by activities that bring the story of God’s love for each of us to life! You do not want to miss meeting Burrita the donkey!