

# Calendar

## DR. HOWELL'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Howell's weekly Bible study on *Familiar Bible Passages: A Closer Look* is on holiday break until January 9, when class resumes to explore *Moments In The Life Of Jesus, In The Gospel Of Luke*. The study meets Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Room 108 of the Parish Life Building. No need to sign up, just come and bring a friend. Come any week you can; each week is an independent entity. Details: james@mpumc.org.

### THROUGHOUT DECEMBER

- Donate new and gently used winter coats and other clothing in the bin in the Parish Life lobby for Crisis Assistance Ministry and neighbors in need.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

- The H.O.T. Wednesday meal and fellowship returns to Jubilee Hall from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019

- Search Charlotte welcomes Dr. Ben Witherington to a forum from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Jubilee Hall, exploring *A Singular Jesus In A Pluralistic Culture*. The free event and dessert reception are open to the congregation and community. Dr. Witherington, a Bible scholar and author with deep ties to Myers Park United Methodist, has spoken at the church over the years. Details: Davis Kuykendall at 704-591-9834 or charlotte@searchnational.org.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

- Give blood in the Youth Building Gym. Details coming soon.

### FEBRUARY 8-10, 2019

- The 13th annual Women's Retreat at Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro will explore *Encounter - The Everyday Art Of Worship*. Leading the program will be Megan Argabrite, our Director of Worship and the Arts. Cost is \$210 double or \$250 single. Charter bus transportation is available for another \$30. To learn more or register, visit [www.myersparkumc.org/women](http://www.myersparkumc.org/women). Questions? Reach Rev. Barbara Barden at 704-295-4813 or bbarden@mpumc.org.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019

- Rev. Bill Roth and counselor Bronah Livingston lead a *Marriage Matters* seminar from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Room 108 of the Parish Life Building. This meets the premarital counseling requirements for those getting married at our church. Details: Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or crivera@mpumc.org.

### ALL THE TIME

- The church needs van drivers to pick up and return folks to the Aldersgate retirement community on Sunday mornings. You'll pick up residents in time for 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and return after the 11:00 a.m. service. Reach Rev. Bill Roth at 704-295-4835 or broth@mpumc.org.
- Each Thursday and Friday night through March 31, the church offers warm meals, beds and fellowship for homeless neighbors through Room In The Inn. Opportunities for individuals, families and groups to participate include driving the van, preparing and serving a meal, and staying overnight. Reach Greg Wells at 704-609-4036 or greg@willisengineers.com.
- Donate to our relief fund for hurricane victims at [www.myersparkumc.org/disasterrelief](http://www.myersparkumc.org/disasterrelief) or write a check to the church with *Disaster Relief* in the memo line and put it in the offering plate, drop it off at the front desk or mail it to 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC 28207.
- Give to *Jubilee Plus!* to support ministry partners around the world. Donate to our *Jubilee Plus!* outreach fund year-round at [www.myersparkumc.org/jubileeplus](http://www.myersparkumc.org/jubileeplus) or write a check to the church with *Jubilee Plus!* in the memo line and put it in the offering plate or mail to the church.
- Let the church know when you or a loved one is in the hospital, has had a baby or faces a sudden need. Call 704-376-8584.
- Join the team that meets the second Wednesday of each month from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Loaves & Fishes warehouse at 648 Griffith Road to sort donated food. Details: Laura Weller at lauraoweller@yahoo.com.

# ADVENT, DAY BY DAY

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

- The Goodness Gracious! gift shop in the Parish Life lobby is open 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 22. Sales support outreach.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

- Family Worship Sunday. No Sunday School for children. Worship care for eight weeks old through those not yet in kindergarten.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

- Noon, Jazz Service, Jubilee Hall.
- 2:00 p.m., Carols and Candlelight Service, Sanctuary.
- 4:00 p.m., Church In The Round Service, Jubilee Hall.
- 6:00 p.m., Carols and Candlelight Service, Sanctuary.
- 8:00 p.m., Candlelight and Communion Service, Sanctuary.
- 11:00 p.m. Candlelight and Communion Service, Sanctuary.
- No child care on Christmas Eve. The 6:00, 8:00 and 11:00 p.m. services will be livestreamed at [www.myersparkumc.org](http://www.myersparkumc.org). The Christmas Eve offering will go to our school partnerships and mission partner ZOE in Kenya. Write a check to the church with *Christmas Eve Offering* in the memo line. Arrive early and enjoy a few moments' quiet time.

## DECEMBER 25-26

- Church is closed for Christmas. Those in need can call 704-376-8584 and follow the prompts to the pastor on call.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

- Blended services in the Sanctuary at 8:45, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. only. No Sunday School for children. Worship care for eight weeks old through those not yet in kindergarten.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019

- Church is closed on New Year's Day (we close at 1:00 p.m. December 31). Those needing help can call 704-376-8584 and follow the prompts to the pastor on call.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

- Epiphany Party for Grades K-1 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall. Donations of baby items go to Baby Bundles.

## THIS AND THAT

- Questions? Call 704-376-8584, reach Director of Communications Ken Garfield at 704-295-4819 or [ken@mpumc.org](mailto:ken@mpumc.org) or visit [www.myersparkumc.org](http://www.myersparkumc.org).
- There is no shuttle bus on Christmas Eve. It runs every Sunday throughout the year.
- Support our school partners in honor of a favorite teacher, or other worthy causes. View the Alternative Gift Market catalog at [www.myersparkumc.org/alternative-gift-market](http://www.myersparkumc.org/alternative-gift-market) or shop at the table in the Parish Life lobby from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, December 23.
- Children's Ministries' free devotional filled with reflections and artwork – *Emmanuel, God With Us* – is around the church, as long as supplies last. One per family, please.



**Among our Advent highlights:** Youth Ministries' annual Christmas tree sale to raise money for outreach, and to raise spirits everywhere. This year, our youth sold 230 trees and 250 wreaths and garlands. From The Tree Team: "We thank all the youth who came out and especially the parents who ran the chainsaw and worked the order table and lot. It was great fellowship and a mission-oriented weekend."