

## Prayers of the People

Families of Fallen Military Service Personnel, Oren Hudson,  
Ruby Voigt, Max Erwin, Melanie Lambert, Jackie Gross,  
Helen Jolly, Jim ☺ Margaret Bright, 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.

Vacation Bible School will be Rip Roaring Fun! Won't you be a lifesaver & volunteer? Volunteers with a variety of skills & abilities are needed the week of July 15-18. Please contact Connie if you're available and willing to take the ride of a lifetime with the children of our community or simply join us this Wednesday at 6:30p in the CFC for a leaders/volunteer meeting.

Last Chance to Submit Graduate Information! Next Sunday we will recognize our high school and college graduates in worship. If you are, or know of, a graduate, please share their graduation details and future plans with Tresca McSwain, Director of Youth & Young Adults, thmcswain@gmail.com or 704-477-7447.

Gathering Garden Dedication ~ June 3 The Boy Scouts of America Troop 21 invites you to the Gathering Garden Dedication next Sunday from 12:15p to 3p. Enjoy a hot dog lunch, refreshments and live music by The White Water Bluegrass Band. Sponsored by Troop 21, Eagle Scout Timmy Robinette, and Life Scout Thomas Jolley. Donations will be received for lunch and proceeds will support the future upkeep of the garden space.

Created By God ~ Saturday, June 9, 9a to 2p Families with 4th-6th graders are encouraged to sign up for this workshop on "Faith & Human Sexuality". Conversations with children can be difficult at times, especially on this topic! You're invited to join with gifted Christian Educators Connie Elzey and Cindy Smith as they help facilitate a healthy conversation with parents and children. Contact Connie Elzey to register and stop by to receive your parent & student books. Cost is \$15 for resources and lunch.

Peace with Justice Sunday Today, The United Methodist Church celebrates *Peace with Justice Sunday*. On this Special Sunday, follow in the footsteps of our founders who left us a legacy to care for and support the oppressed. "Peace with Justice" represents many things - an absence of war, striving to live in harmony with others who may or may not share our beliefs, advocacy and support. For over 100 years, The UMC has pursued advocacy for strangers and friends around the globe. We believe that all God's children deserve to live full lives. When you give on this Special Sunday, you are joining together to break down barriers so that all God's children have equal access to: jobs, education, food, clean water, health care and more. Will you join us today in supporting vulnerable and oppressed children, youth and adults? Please use the Special Sunday envelope in the bulletin to give. Together, we will make a lasting impact today. Your offering will reach around the world, because together, we do more.

#ourmissionistolove

## This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

### Sunday, May 27

9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*  
2p Ashley Lowry Recital, *Sanctuary*

### Monday, May 28 Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, May 29

10a Grief Share, *Parlor*  
11a AI-Anon, *Asbury*  
6p Girl Scouts, *First Floor*

### Wednesday, May 30

9a Staff Meeting, *Parlor*  
5:30p Myers Meals, *Jackson's, Tres Pesos, Lucky Samurai*  
6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*  
6:30p VBS Leaders Meeting, *CFC*  
7p Chancel Choir, *Music Suite*

### Thursday, May 31

6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*  
8p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

### Friday, June 1

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*

### Saturday, June 2

9a Walk for Justice, *Gaston Christian*  
4p Wedding, *Sanctuary*

### Sunday, June 3 Communion Graduate Recognition Sunday

8a UMM/UMW Breakfast  
9am Health Cabinet Screenings  
9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10a Graduate Brunch, *CFC*  
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*  
12:15p Gathering Garden Dedication

Final Gathering of Myers Meals ~ May 30 ~ 5:30p

*Jackson's Cafeteria*, Akers Center  
*Tres Pesos*, 1414 E. Franklin Blvd.  
*Lucky Samurai*, 116 N. New Hope Rd

Reservations are not required, yet helpful, so not to overburden a restaurant. Please let us know via today's connection card or by contacting the church office.

### Sunday Servants

**Head Usher:** Melinda Brown  
**Scripture Reader:** Victoria Flake  
**Crucifer:** Andy Lowry  
**Acolytes:** Mattie Queen ☺ Brock Davis  
**May Coffee Time Hosts:** Drifters

### A Record of Our Faithfulness

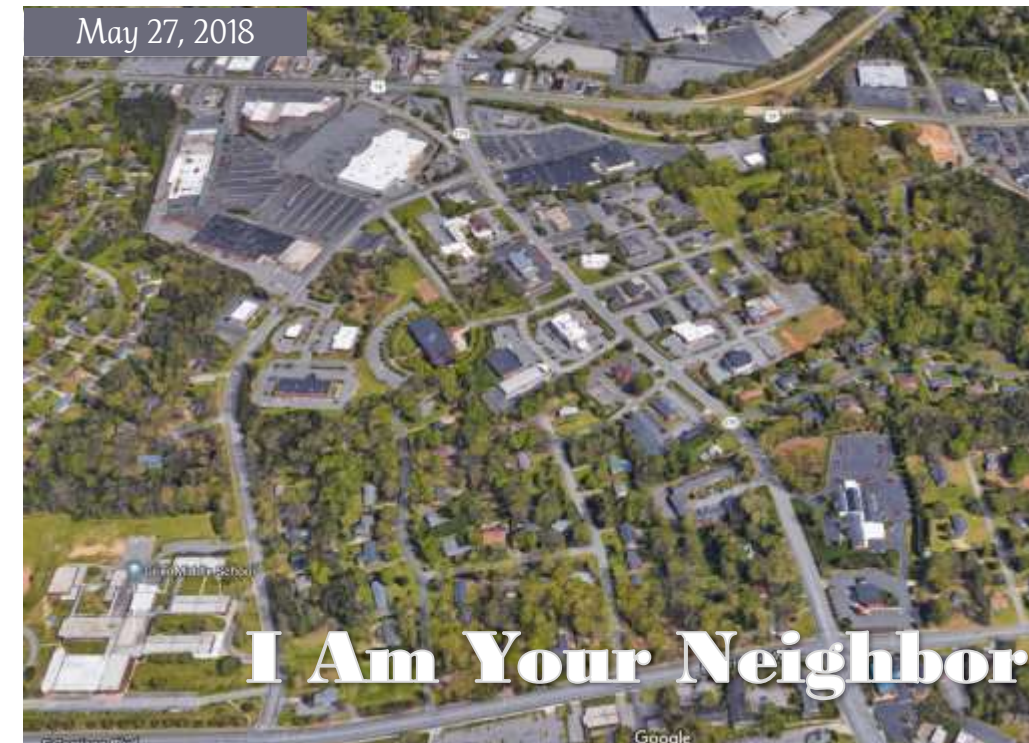
Sunday, May 20, 2018  
Sunday School: 159 Worship: 234  
Online Worship: 12  
Offering Received last Sunday: \$12,029  
Wednesday, May 23, 2018  
Myers Meals: 57

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# Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

May 27, 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 Wednesday Connect Meals, share prayer concerns or comments. Please use it to note your attendance in worship today and return it during the offering as a way of offering yourself to God this week.

Additionally, if you have any prayer concerns or celebrations that you would like shared during worship, please write clearly on the prayer card found in the pew and bring it to the railing at the front of the Sanctuary during the first hymn.

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 just 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.

May 27, 2018 Ken Stroupe, Liturgist 10:50am

## Order of 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 Hymnal Supplement, the black softcover book

### Gathering for Worship

### 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

Introit *Holy, Holy, Holy* Schubert  
Chancel Choir

#### \* Call to Worship

Leader: We are called together this day to praise God.

**People: We ask that God will put us in pathways to service to others.**

Leader: The Lord will walk with us as we faithfully witness to Christ's love.

**People: Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your words and will.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

**People: Let us sing our praises to our God. Amen.**

\* Opening Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* UMH #64

#### \* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**God our Mother and Father, we come to you as children.**

**Be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes,**

**hear one another with new hearts,**

**and treat one another in a new way. Amen.**

Children's Time Rev. Sarah Watkins Davis

### Choral Call to Prayer

### 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 of Thanksgiving *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH#454

### Offering

Offertory *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Biery

\* Doxology UMH #94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise him 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 Psalm 119:12-18 Victoria Flake

Old Testament, page 566

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Sinnuh Man* Kenny Potter

Chancel Choir

*Sinnuh man, where you gonna run to? Where you gonna go when it's time to die? Where you gonna be on the judgment day? Will you see the light on the other side? Sinnuh man, you are in the final days! Sinnuh man, you better change your ways! Sinnuh man, if you ever wanna be saved, sinnuh, get down on your knees and pray! Bow down, sinnuh, bow down and pray for the Lord will be comin' for you someday! When the Lord comes down from heav'n, will you be ready for the other side?*

Scripture Lesson Luke 10:1-11 New Testament, page 71

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon I Am Your Neighbor

\* Closing Hymn *God of Grace ☺ God of Glory* UMH#577

#### \* Benediction

\* Benediction Response *Benediction* John Ness Beck

#### \* Chimes of the Trinity

\* Postlude *Trumpet Tune* Swann



### The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God

in celebration of the marriage of

Jordan and Kaitlyn Brown on May 26, 2018

### Candle on the Altar

is to celebrate the birth of *Hannah Grace Erwin*

born March 24, 2018 to parents Matt ☺ Jordan (Huntley) Erwin.

Myers Memorial Family includes Dan ☺ Sondra Huntley (Grandparents),

Max ☺ Nancy Huntley (Great Grandparents)

## Announcements

Final Myers Meals in May This Week Our church is situated among some of Gastonia's most popular dining establishments and we have an opportunity to witness to our faith as we gather together for a meal around the tables on Wednesdays in May at 5:30p. Gather with us Wednesday for our final Myers Meals in May. Participants will pay for their own meals. A dinner host from Myers Memorial UMC will be present to help facilitate conversation yet it is each of our responsibilities to welcome all who wish to join the fellowship.

Senior Recital ~ Please join the families of Ashley Lowry & Lathan Birmingham for their Senior Recital with Gaston School of the Arts on Today at 2pm in the Myers Memorial UMC Sanctuary.

Half-Time: Blessings of Mid Life will meet again on June 18 at 7p. Details are forth coming yet mark your calendars for the third Monday of each month. If you're interested in planning upcoming events, speakers and socials, please meet with Connie Elzey on Monday, June 4 at 12:30p in the Asbury Room.

Walk for Justice Hannah Black is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Walk for Justice in memory of her grandfather, Rev. Henry Justice with support from the Myers Health Cabinet. You are invited to participate by walking, running, or financially supporting her endeavor to support cancer fighters and their families. Join Hannah on Saturday, June 2, 9am to 12noon, 10am Survivor Ceremony, Gaston Christian School Track (1625 Lowell Bethesda Rd, Gastonia) \$15 Participant Fee and walkers are encouraged to solicit pledges. All donations are tax deductible through Cancer Services of Gaston County. Sponsor Forms can be picked up in the church office.

Summer Youth Activities begin June 3 with Messy Water Games at 5:30p That says it all! You never know what messy surprises are in store! Bring a towel, something to sit on for the ride home and a friend! We will eat dinner before getting messy and wet through fun fellowship in the pumpkin patch field! Make plans to gather with friends each Sunday evening this summer!

Young Adult Sunday School Cook Out ~ June 7 The Young Adult Sunday School will gather on Thursday, June 7 at 6p at Goat Island Park in Cramerton for an evening of fun and fellowship. Families are invited and everyone is encouraged to bring a sides, desserts and/or drinks to share! Hamburgers, Hot Dogs (including condiments) will be provided and grilled onsite.

Weekday Preschool Summer Camp for children six weeks through Elementary Aged Children. Summer Camp weeks will be five days a week, June 11 through July 27 (no camp the week of July 4th) from 9a to 1p each day. Visit [www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/weekday-preschool](http://www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/weekday-preschool) for more information or contact Janet Lagos, Director, at 704-864-3222.

Myers Memorial UMC Music Camp July 30-August 3, 9a to 2p for elementary aged children. It's a musical in a week! On Friday August 3, everyone is invited to the performance at 6pm. Visit [www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/music-ministry](http://www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/music-ministry) for more information.