

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.

Summer Nursery Assistants It's summer time and we're always on the look out for a few extra loving hands to serve in our Sunday Morning Nursery. If you'd like to volunteer with the youngest among us, please contact Christina Carpenter, our Nursery Coordinator. 704-214-1380

Pictorial Directories are Here! If you had your photo made last summer, there is a directory with your name on it. If not or have joined the church recently, please see Heather in the church office, there are a small number available. Please stop by the gathering area outside the CFC doors and pick up your directory today!

Today's Conversation is one in a series this year. Today we welcome Rev. Amy Coles, Assistant to Bishop Leeland, to lead us in conversation on *The Way Forward*. At the 2016 General Conference of The UMC, all items concerning human sexuality were referred to the Commission on a Way Forward. This commission has completed their work and offered a report to the Council of Bishops. The Council of Bishops has received their work and currently the reports are being translated to be shared with the global church in preparation for a special session of the General Conference to be held in February 2019. You are invited to come hear where we have been as a denomination in regards to human sexuality and where we are headed as we prepare for the special session. The goal of this conversation is to cultivate fertile ground for continuing the conversation with each other, so we can hear God's voice and listen to one another. You are encouraged to come with an open mind and heart to listen and learn.

Myers 60+ Fellowship Group is headed to the Billy Graham Library on June 21. Meet at the church at 9:30a to ride the bus & carpool. There will be time to take a self-guided tour, visit Ruth's Attic Bookstore and enjoy lunch onsite in the Graham Brother's Dairy Bar. You may use today's Connection Card to confirm your RSVP or let Connie know by June 18th.

2018 Vacation Bible School is in just over a month! We are looking forward to an interactive and energizing Bible based program for all ages! Won't you join in the adventure and go deeper on this Rip Roaring Adventure in Faith?

Notes of Thanks

Dear Church Family, Thank you for your prayers, cards and well wishes. I have had some wonderful Doctors but I know that what has helped the most of all is your prayers. Loving Christ, Jim Bright

Dear Church Family, I want to thank everyone for the wonderful cards and phone calls. Also helping with transporting Jennifer to work and church, I feel so loved. I have three major tests June 4-7. Hopefully I can get on the road to healing. Yours in Christ, Jackie Gross.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, June 10

9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*
12p Conversation, *CFC*
4:45p Youth Depart for Xcape Room
6:30p InBetween Pool Party

Monday, June 11

9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp
6p Community Book Study, *Asbury*

Tuesday, June 12

9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp
10a Grief Share, *Parlor*
6p Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony,
Garden
11a Al-Anon, *Asbury*

Wednesday, June 13

9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp
10a Staff Meeting, *Parlor*
6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*
7p Chancel Choir, *Music Suite*

Thursday, June 14

9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp
6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*
8p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

Friday, June 15

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

Sunday, June 17 Father's Day

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

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Debbie Brown
Scripture Reader: Jillian Medlin
Crucifer: Ashley Fehrs
Acolytes: Evan Falls @ Mattie Queen
Nursery: Paige Falls, Carrie Allen, Katie Carpenter, Chris McCullen
June Coffee Time Hosts: Contemporary Class

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, June 4, 2018
Sunday School: 162 Worship: 248
Online Worship: 12
Offering Received last Sunday: \$14,893

Going DEEP A Summer Study of 1 John

What does it mean when we say we want to "go deeper" in our faith? How can we live deeper in Christ? Join us as we dive deep in the words of 1st John.

June 10 ~ Deep Joy ~ 1 John 1:1-4

June 17 ~ Deep Walk ~ 1 John 1:5-7; 2:3-6; 3:7-10

July 1 ~ Deep Clean ~ 1 John 1:8-2:2

July 8 ~ Deep Desire ~ 1 John 2:12-17

July 15 ~ Deep Truth ~ 1 John 2:22; 4:1-3, 9-10

July 22 ~ Deep Hope ~ 1 John 2:28-3:2

July 29 ~ Deep Love ~ 1 John 2:9-11; 3:16-18; 4:7-21

August 5: ~ Deep Creativity ~ 1 John 5:11-20

Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

Going DEEPER

a study of 1 John

June 10, 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 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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June 10, 2018 Melinda Brown, 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

Prelude *Blessed Jesu, at Thy Word* JS Bach

* Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People: **sing the glory of God's name.**

* Opening Hymn *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* UMH #160

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**God of life, we rejoice in your love which has filled creation
from the beginning and which calls all life into being.**

**We praise you for Jesus Christ who reveals most fully
your loving purpose for all people.**

**We bless you for your Spirit who draws all humanity
into the circle of your tender love.**

**Gracious God, bless us with your presence
so that our worship and our lives may be a joyful celebration
of your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Children's Time Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Bradbury
Chancel Choir

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In
seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief. And oft escaped the
tempters snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sarah Watkins Davis

The Lord's Prayer

**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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH #92

Offering

Offertory *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* JS Bach

* Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;* UMH #94

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 Lesson 1 John 2:24-25 (THE MESSAGE) Jillian Medlin

"Stay with what you heard from the beginning, the original message.

Let it sink into your life. If what you heart from the beginning lives
deeply in you, you will live deeply in both Son and Father."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *There is an Everlasting Kindness* Getty/Townend
Chancel Choir arr. Shakley

There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us When the Radiance of heaven Came to
rescue the lost; You called the sheep without a shepherd To leave their distress For your streams
of forgiveness And the shade of Your rest. And with compassion for the hurting, You reached
out Your hand As the lame ran to meet You And the dead breathed again; You saw behind the
eyes of sorrow And shared in our tears, Heard the sigh of the weary, Let the children draw near.
What boundless love, What fathomless grace You have shown us, O God of compassion! Each
day we live An offering of praise As we show to the world Your compassion. We stood beneath
the cross of Calvary And gazed on Your face At the thorns of oppression And the wounds of
disgrace, For surely You have borne our suffering And carried our grief As You pardoned the
scoffer And showed grace to the thief. How beautiful the feet that carry This gospel of peace To
the fields of injustice And the valleys of need—To be a voice of hope and healing, To answer the
cries Of the hungry and helpless With the mercy of Christ.

Scripture Lesson 1 John 1:1-4 New Testament, page 238

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Deep Joy Rev. Sally Queen

* Closing Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH #89

* Benediction

* Congregational Response *Shalom to You* UMH#666

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.

May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving,

Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude *Prelude ☺ Fugue in C* JS Bach

**The Flower Arrangements in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God**

**In honor of Doug ☺ Jackie Gross' Anniversary
and**

**In honor of Evan ☺ Kinslee Falls' Birthdays
by Paige ☺ Kenny Falls**



Announcements

Youth Activity | June 10 | 4:45p ~ Stuck with You?! Catch the church bus at 4:45p to test your teamwork and strategy to escape a locked room! Bring money for dinner in the Mall. We'll return to the church by 6:45p.

In}Between | June 10 | 6:30p ~ Pool Party In-Betweeners (rising 4th through 8th graders) and their families are invited for a casual night of fun at Ella and Mattie's house. Eat dinner before arriving and enjoy ice cream & cool off in the pool! Parents, don't drop off the kids, the whole family is invited to fellowship and learn about this specific age level ministry and the great things coming this fall!!

Summer Camp Fun! The Weekday Preschool is hosting six weeks of summer camp for infants through rising 6th graders! Elementary campers will be headed off campus for adventures each day while the younger ones will discover fun and exciting times here at church! Contact the Weekday Preschool Director, Janet Lagos (preschool@myersmemorialumc.com) to secure your child's spot!

We've got a story to tell! Does your small group have a summer event? Have you been reflecting on the activities of the last few months and have a story to tell where you've experienced God in our neighborhood? Please let us know in writing by the June 15th deadline for the July Newsletter. Submissions can be dropped off in the church office, or via email at churchoffice@myersmemorialumc.com, or mailed to Sarah at the church's mailing address. This is a firm deadline this month as Sarah will be attending Annual Conference the next week.

Fire Drill! No, there isn't a Fire Drill being planned today, however, one never knows when that bell will go off! Be prepared! And at the First Annual Myers Memorial UMC Music Camp, the kids will learn exactly what to do in a fire drill as well as learn some important lessons from the Bible. Music Camp is July 30-August 3 from 9a to 2p each day. Then, on Friday, August 3, the performance will be at 6p in the Sanctuary. You won't want to miss these kids sharing their faith through drama and music!

Headed out of town? It's easy to maintain consistent financial giving to the church through online means! Simply visit the church website at MyersMemorialUMC.org & click on the "click to give online" button. You will be redirected to a secure giving page. Avoid fees by securely linking your giving to your debit/checking account. You can set up reoccurring gifts or make a one time contribution. If you have any questions about online giving, please contact Heather in the church office. You can always mail your gift to 301 S. New Hope Rd, Gastonia, NC 28054.