

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.

Announcements

Gathering Garden Dedication Today Immediately following worship, you are invited to the dedication of The Boy Scouts of America Troop 21 Gathering Garden. 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.

Youth Activity | June 3 | 5:30p ~ Messy Water Games 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!

Conversation: The Way Forward The 2018 ministry theme at Myers Memorial UMC is *Conversations*. You are invited to our next church wide conversation on Sunday, June 10 immediately following worship. Rev. Amy Coles, Assistant to the Bishop of Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, will join us to lead a 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. To learn more about the work of this Commission prior to our Conversation on June 10, please visit www.umc.org/wayforward. You may also find a video by Tom Berlin, a member of the Commission, helpful. Berlin uses sugar packets to illustrate the current reality in the UMC. You can find the video at <https://vimeo.com/217081225>. Again, please come with an open heart and mind as we gather on June 10, immediately following worship. Lunch will provided so please make your reservations with Heather Steffey, Administrative Assistant by calling the church office, 704-864-3222 or email heather@myersmemorialumc.com.

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 & s'mores by the campfire then 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!!!

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

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
5:30p Youth: Messy Game Night

Monday, June 4
12:30p Half-Time Planning, *Asbury*
6p Community Book Study, *Asbury*
6p Eagle Scout Court of Honor,
Sanctuary & CFC

Tuesday, June 5
10a Grief Share, *Parlor*
11a Al-Anon, *Asbury*

Wednesday, June 6
6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*
7p Chancel Choir, *Music Suite*

Thursday, June 7
6p Young Adult Cook Out, *Goat Island*
6p Witness Committee, *Asbury*
6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*
8p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

Friday, June 8
7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*

Saturday, June 9
9a Created by God, *Youth Lounge*

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

The Flower Arrangements in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of Karen Pyles by Lloyd & Sue Pyles
and
in loving memory of L.C. Lathan
and in honor Adam Knight, Victoria & Lathan Flake
and all the graduates Mr. Lathan loved. Given by Buddy & Angie Flake

The Flowers in the Narthex
are in celebration of the marriage of
Andrew & Rosemary (Drum) Robinson

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Ken Avery
Scripture Reader: Slatyon Fletcher
Crucifer: Matthew Walker
Nursery: Allison Buchanan, Karen Carrick, Katie Carpenter
Acolytes: Rhett Buchanan & Ella Queen
June Coffee Time Hosts: Contemporary

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, May 27, 2018
Sunday School: 106 Worship: 215
Online Worship: 13
Offering Received last Sunday: \$14,750
Wednesday, May 30, 2018
Myers Meals: 44

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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 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.

June 3, 2018

Debbie Brown, Liturgist

10:50am

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 3:12-14

Slayton Fletcher

New Testament, page 198

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

...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.

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

Pomp & Circumstance

Elgar

* Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

* Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH #139

* 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.

* 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.

Graduate Recognition

Blanket Liturgy

see insert

Congregational Blessing

Michael McSween Scholarship Presentation

AJ Current

Dunagin Scholarship Presentation

Jim Windham

Children's Time

Pastor Sally

Anthem

Deep Waters

P. Choplin

Chancel Choir

Their fishing nets were empty when they first saw the Lord. All night they had been fishing in the waters by the shore. The Lord said "Go to deep waters, cast your nets once more." And because they obeyed, they would never be the same. Go to deep waters, deep waters, where only faith will let you go. Go out to deep waters, deep waters, harvests of faith will overflow. They cast their nets and almost before they could begin Their nets were overflowing and they had to pull them in. And though this was their greatest catch their fishing days would end. For they abandoned all when they heard the master's call. Go to deep waters, deep waters, where only faith will let you go. Go out to deep waters, deep waters, harvests of faith will overflow. Go.

Scripture Lesson

Psalms 139:1-18

Old Testament, page 577

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Go With God

Rev. Sally Queen

* Hymn

O Mater, Let Me Walk with Thee

UMH#430

Offering

Offertory

Improvisation on "Morecambe"

R. Elmore

* Doxology

***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!***

UMH #94

* 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...

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, Brent ☺ Shelly Alman, Tanya

Martin, Mike ☺ Jennifer Rhodes, John Harrington, Becky Garner

* Hymn

This is the Day of New Beginnings

UMH #383

Reception of New Members

UMH #38

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

As members together with you in the body of Christ

and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,

we renew our covenant faithfully to participate

in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence,

our gifts, our service and our witness,

that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

* 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

All Glory to God on High

C. Phillips



Blanket Liturgy ☩ Blessings

June 3, 2018

Tresca: At this time we invite the graduates to kneel for the presentation of the blankets.

Connie: Dear friends in Christ, there was a day when your loved ones held you in their arms and rocked you to sleep. They cuddled you in a blanket to keep you warm, safe and comforted. Very soon you will be launching out to begin your new life. Wherever you go, when the night is cold and you feel alone, may it help you remember who you are and whose you are.

Tresca: *Families, please wrap the quilt around your graduate, place a hand on their shoulder and read these words:*

Families: We come this day before God and our church family to bless you and thank the Creator for the gift you have been to us. Through you, we have come to understand the nature of God's love, of joy, of forgiveness. Wherever you go, whatever you do, you will always share a sacred space in our hearts.

May this blanket remind you of our love and the warmth of this faith community. Remember that we love you and know that in God's family you are never alone. In Jesus' name, we bless you, we honor you.

Tresca: Graduates, please rise. Families, please kneel. Graduates, place your hands on your loved ones' shoulders and bless them on their way by reading these words:

Graduates: You have given me your heart and your home. You have loved and cared for me even when times were difficult. I thank you for the selflessness of your care for me. I honor you for your courage and patience, your wisdom and love.

Wherever I go, you will always be a part of me. Your love and example will continue to bless and guide me. In Jesus' name, I bless you and I honor you.

Sally: Families, please rise and graduates face the congregation. Congregation, join in the response below.

Congregation: *And now, wherever you wander, no matter how dark the night, may the warmth of this blanket, the love of God and your family, the support of this church, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Go with God's Blessing. Amen.*

Connie: We offer our appreciation and thanks to the guides, teachers, pastors and friends who have blessed these youth and parents throughout their growing years. Let us honor the graduates we now send out and the families and sponsors who have kept their promises made so many years ago to God. Congratulations!!

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Andrew Lanier ~ Highland School of Technology ~ son of Brantly & Elizabeth Lanier, grandson of Deanna & Tom Clemmer

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