

Prayers of the People

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Welcome Tony Sane! Today we officially welcome Tony Sane to the staff of Myers Memorial as our Director of Music where he has responsibilities for the many music ministries Myers Memorial offers! Tony comes to us from Buford Street United Methodist Church in Gaffney, SC. He is originally from Rutherfordton, NC and is a graduate of the School of Music at Western Carolina University. Tony loves to spend his free time hiking and enjoying the outdoors of Western NC. Tony looks forward to working with and ministering with the many wonderful people at Myers!

Welcome to Brian McSwain, our guest Organist/Accompanist today. Brian is the Choral & Drama Director at East Lincoln High School. We give thanks for his presence and his talent in worship today.

Vacation Bible School isn't just for kids! Make plans to be at Hero Central: VBS 2017, July 16-19 where disciples of all ages (children, youth & adults) will become Heroes and explore how to serve God and God's mission in their lives! One central goal is to discover how to live out the Hero Verse from Psalm 34:14b. "Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" The adults will explore this with Rev. Sally Queen and David Elzey, the Youth will gather in the Youth Lounge and the kids will enjoy a high energy opening assembly at Hero Central then make their way around HQ, revealing Hero Codes to equipping them for an active life with God. All ages will gather for dinner in the CFC at 5:30p for a Family Dinner. Please make your family's dinner reservation on today's Connection Card. Then don't forget to make a separate registration for your attendance at VBS July 16-19! Early Registration is encouraged! You can register today on a yellow VBS registration form or at www.MyersMemorialUMC.org. Should you have questions, contact Connie Elzey at dce@myersmemorialumc.com, 704-864-3222 ext. 105.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, July 2

8a United Methodist Men, CFC
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9a Health Screenings, CFC
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:15a Choir Rehearsal
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, July 3

Tuesday, July 4

Church Office Closed
11a AI-Anon, Asbury

Wednesday, July 5

6p Knit for Christ, Parlor

Thursday, July 6

8p Narcotics Anonymous,
Downstairs

Friday, July 7

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

Saturday, July 8

9a VBS Decorating

Sunday, July 9 Communion Sunday

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9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
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Weekly Sermons are Online Again! Thanks to the new capability to manage the website in house, Pastor Sally's sermons are online as soon as possible (usually Monday afternoons). You can share a link with a friend or family member electronically and it's as easy as visiting www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/Media to hear the most recent sermons. We're working hard to get an archive of past sermons. And it's still possible to receive a CD version of the entire worship service by contacting Heather in the church office (704-864-3222).

Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Brock Davis, Andrew Walker **Crucifer:** Kathleen Sharp
Scripture Reader: Brendan Rooney **Head Usher:** Ken Avery
Nursery: Allison Buchanan, Elizabeth Lanier, Ann Gates, Katie Carpenter,
Christina Carpenter
Coffee Hosts Next Week: Dreamers & Builders

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, June 25, 2017
Worship: 182 Sunday School: 95
Last Sunday's Offering: \$6861
Year to Date Giving \$308,386



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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 Evening Fellowship Meal, 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 in the women's restroom.

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.



Listen to past sermons in the series at
www.MyersMemorialUMC.org

July 2: Matthew 28: 16-20 **"World Travels"**
July 9: Matthew 14: 13-21 **"Picnic in the Park"** Communion Sunday
July 16: John 2: 1-11 **"Celebrate Good Times"**
July 23: Psalm 46 **"Afternoon Nap"**
July 30: Philippians 2: 12-18 **"Star Gazing"**

July 2, 2017

David Elzey, Liturgist

10:50am

Children's Message

Connie Elzey

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

WS = Worship ☉ Song, the green 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

Prelude in C Major

JS Bach

* Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:

"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

People: We come to this place, to this time at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

Leader: In the name of Christ,

People: we accept the invitation to discipleship.

Leader: In the name of Christ,

People: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

Leader: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

People: we proclaim the God of Compassion.

Leader: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole people

People: We proclaim the God of Hope.

Leader: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

People: We proclaim the God of Love.

Leader: Come, let us worship together

And share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

* Opening Hymn

God of the Ages

UMH #698

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Book of Worship, 442

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.

Inspire the minds of all women and men to who you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the word.

Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.

Give to the people of our country

zeal for justice and strength of forbearance,

that we may use our livery in accordance with your gracious will.

Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;

purify our hearts to see and love the truth.

We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Open My Eyes, That I May See (v.1)

UMH #454

Open my eyes, that I may see, glimpses of truth thou hast for me;

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, they will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Pastoral Prayer

David Elzey

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.

Offering

Offertory

At the Cross

arr. Broughton

* Doxology

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above,

ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Sarah Davis

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 4:18-22

NT, page 3

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Deep Waters

Choplin

Their fishing nets were empty when they first saw the Lord. All night they had been fishing in the water by the shore. The Lord Said, "Go to deep waters, cast you net once more." And because they obeyed, they would never be the same. Go to deep waters, where only faith can let you go. Go out to deep waters, Harvest 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 masters call. Go out to deep waters, where only faith can let you go. Go out to deep waters, Harvest of faith will overflow.

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

"World Travels"

Rev. Sarah Watkins Davis

* Closing Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593

* Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Lutkin

* Benediction Response

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God

in honor of Roslin Wong's birthday

by Steve ☉ Karen Carrick



Pictorial Directory Photos are available for pick up in the Church office. If your free 8*10 photo was to be sent to the church, please stop by Heather's desk in the Church Office to pick yours up today!

Have you seen our new website? You'll be able to find lots of information on this new site ~ www.MyersMemorialUMC.org! Not only recent sermons and bulletins but registering for VBS, printing out #flatJesus, submitting a prayer request or checking out what's on the calendar this week.

The Myers Memorial UMC Weekday Preschool is now enrolling for the 2017-18 school year! Don't wait because you think there's going to be room! New students are enrolling each week! Visit www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/weekday-preschool to obtain the registration packet.

A few ways you can help with VBS before VBS.

- Do you have any plain, old, (clean), t-shirts you'd be willing to donate for a VBS craft? We're looking for light colors and at least one side needs to be plain. Any size will work! Please drop them at the Donation station in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the education wing.
- Another way to help is to create simple paper chains to be used for decorations. The paper is in the office work room. These can be done at home or at the church by simply stapling approximately 35 chains in random patterns together (they're easier to manage in those lengths). Please note your interest on today's Connection Card.
- Join us for creating decorations on Saturday July 8, July 15 or Thursday, July 13th at 9am. There's something for every ability!

Tekoa Just Got a Little Bit Closer! This summer Camp Tekoa is launching Tekoa Foothills! The overall mission and program of Tekoa Foothills is the same as Camp Tekoa however we wanted to make it unique and exciting for campers of all ages. Campers will get to experience the giant Lake Zipline, 14' Inflatable Lake Slide, Archery, arts & crafts projects, and lots of swim time in the gorgeous pool! Campers will have the opportunity to choose their own morning adventure trek so for example a camper can choose to do Archery or Arts & Crafts every day! The dates: July 23-28, July 30-August 4. Both weeks are 5-day sessions and end on Friday morning. All campers will receive a Tekoa Foothills T-Shirt. For more information, to register and to see a video of Tekoa Foothills (created by our own Carson Fletcher) please visit: <http://tekoafoothills.org>.