

Prayers of the People
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Haiti Mission Team



You are invited to join Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County at the Gastonia Grizzlies game on Friday, August 4th. First pitch is at 7:05pm with fireworks after the game! Don't miss out on the greatest fun in town! These special tickets are \$15 and include unlimited food & drink from the snack window! Debbie Brown has tickets available after the service today or you can contact her at Debbie@HabitatGaston.org, 704-864-6536 ext. 101.

What is a Certified Lay Servant? A certified lay servant is a professing member of a local church who desires to serve the Church through specific training to witness to the Christian faith through spoken communication, to lead within the church and to provide a caring ministry. The Catawba Valley District provides training to those seeking this training. Three courses are being offered on Sunday afternoons in September/October: Basic Lay Servant Class, Preaching and Accountable Discipleship. Tanya Martin and Martha Dickson recently completed the Basic Lay Servant Class and would be more than happy to speak with you about their experiences. If you have an interest, please note it on today's Connection Card and more information will be shared with you.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, July 23

9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:15a Choir Rehearsal
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, July 25

9:30a Preschool Playdate, *CFC*
10a GriefShare, *Parlor*
11a Al-Anon, *Asbury*

Wednesday, July 26

6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*
6:30p Chancel Choir Gathering,
Milano's
6:30p UMYF Movie Night, *Youth Lounge*

Thursday, July 27

6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*
6:30p Handbell Meet & Greet, *Parlor*
8p Narcotics Anonymous,
Downstairs

Friday, July 28

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*

Saturday, July 29

Private Event in the CFC

Sunday, July 30

9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:15a Choir Rehearsal
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*

Myers Memorial United Methodist Church




July 23: Psalm 46
"Afternoon Nap"
July 30: Philippians 2: 12-18
"Star Gazing"

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

Wednesday CONNECT
eat + gather + worship
Wednesdays, August 30
through November 8



5:15p-6:15p | EAT

\$6 suggested donation for adults, \$3 for children over 2 years.

5:30-6:45p Nursery

5:45-6:15p | GATHER

Nursery, Children (two groups, Preschool and Elementary ages), Youth, Adults (Young Adult, Upper Room Study, Focus Prayer Group, PLOW, Knit for Christ (6 to 7p)

6:15-6:45p | WORSHIP

Where's the Music? You may have noticed that the children & youth musical groups are not listed on the Wednesday evening schedule for this fall. That's because they're on Sundays now! Beginning September 10th, children and youth choirs as well as children's worship arts programs will be meeting on Sunday nights! You won't want to miss this fun! More information will be in the August Newsletter and coming to your mailboxes soon!

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Louisa Suggs

Acolytes: Marie Kalinoski, Andrew Walker

Crucifer: Katie Carpenter

Scripture Reader: Ashley Lowry

Nursery: Tresca McSwain, Carrie Allen, Matthew McCullen,

Jennifer Stroupe, Kathleen Sharp

Coffee Hosts Next Week: Contemporary Class

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, July 16, 2017

Worship: 227 Sunday School: 126

Last Sunday's Offering: \$10,180

Year to Date Giving \$334,506



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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

July 23, 2017

David Elzey, Liturgist

10:50am

Pastoral Prayer

David 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 *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* Middleswarth

* Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: The earth shakes, the mountains quake -- tempting our hearts to fear.

People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Leader: Rivers overflow their banks – too far away to quench the wildfires, yet we remember,

People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Leader: When our children are away from home and out of our sight, we take comfort in knowing.

People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Leader: Whether we have reached the end of our days or the end of our diagnoses, we rest in the truth that

People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: God, you alone are our refuge; you alone are our strength.

We look to you in these troubling times.

* Opening Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* UMH #110

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**God of the quiet places, God of the stormy seas,
We gather in your calming presence.**

Silence the crashing waves of trouble in our hearts.

Let us hear your promise to us in Christ's whispered, "Be still."

And in our stillness, let us know within our whole selves

That you and you alone are our God. Amen.

A Farewell to Cole @ Christina Hairston

Children's Message Louisa Suggs

Call to Prayer *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* UMH #382

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after they will,

While I am waiting, yielded and still.

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 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Lander

* 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

Scripture Lesson Psalm 121 Ashley Lowry

Old Testament, page 571

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *God Is Our Refuge* Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in times of trouble; though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear. Come and behold the work of the Lord the awesome acts of God He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.

He is the word, we are his hands, he will lead us He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long. He is the rain, we are the stones, he will cleanse us. He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 46 OT page 517

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Sermon "Afternoon Nap" Rev. Sarah Watkins Davis

* Closing Hymn *When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise* TFWS#2216

* Commissioning of the Haiti Mission Team

* Benediction

* Response *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Lutkin

Chancel Choir

*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you;
and give you peace. The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude *Toccatina* Lardelli

The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God in Memory of
Karen Cox by Leon Cox



Today We Welcome Vonne Hall to the Organ Bench. We also welcome Josh Belvin and Greg Carpenter as guest trumpeters. We give thanks for their gifts and sharing them with us in worship today.

Haiti Mission Team Today we send off Louisa Suggs, Victoria Flake, Judy Seay and Alice Sweazy to love and serve our brothers and sisters in Haiti next week. Prayers for safe travels and holy moments.

THANK YOU is hardly enough to express our thanks to the many, many VBS volunteers. We welcomed over 170 people to our church this past week for a super time as we discovered the hero inside each of us! *Do Good! Seek Peace! And Go After It!*

The Preschool Playgroup will meet this Tuesday at 9:30a for Down on the Farm! Bring your favorite adult and favorite stuffed farm animal and enjoy farm theme crafts and songs! Special guests will be joining us!

The Youth Lounge remodel is nearing completion and the youth are enjoying the new space! This Wednesday they'll enjoy a movie night in the Youth Lounge from 6:30p to 8:30p. Bring a friend and snacks!

Angelica's Silver Award has had a change of plans! Since Angelica Brown began her Silver Award project, The Shelter has had an influx of backpacks and school supplies! (YAY!) So Angelica is switching gears and collecting night light pillow pals and AAA batteries so the children will never have to be in the dark!! There are various brand names to these pillows but one type is called Dream Lites Pillow Pets. Angelica is also collecting pants hangers and juice boxes. All donations can be left in the collection bin near the education wing.

Now Is The Time to register for fall Disciple class opportunities! Classes will begin the end of August/first of September (depending on the class). Please express an interest in participating in Disciple this fall by marking your interest on the connection card in today's bulletin or contact Connie Elzey (dce@myersmemorialumc.com, 704-864-3222 ext. 105).

Disciple I *Fast Track* with Rev. Sally Queen, Sunday evenings 5:30-7p
Disciple II *Fast Track* with Gary Lutz, Monday evenings 6:30-8:00p
Disciple IV with David Elzey, Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:00p

Mark Your Calendars and make plans to attend the Back to School Prayer Service on Tuesday, August 22 at 5:30p in the Sanctuary. We will be praying for students, teachers, administrators, staff, parents and all who are involved in the education of children and youth. This prayer service is open to all and specific invitations are being extended to our neighborhood schools, Sherwood Elementary, Grier Middle, Ashbrook High and Warlick Academy.