

Prayers of the People

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the Elzey/Jolly Family, the Carpenter Family



MISSION: Possible Work Days ~ Building a Wheel Chair Ramp Regardless of your experience, you are invited to join in this week's MISSION: Possible build! On Thursday, August 3rd at 6:30p, we will meet at Mike Rhodes' work warehouse at 217 Bulb Avenue to build components of a ramp. Then on Saturday, August 5 meet at the church at 8am to head to Mr. Jennings' home in Stanley for assembly and installations. Don't feel useful doing the construction? There is also a need for volunteers to help provide lunch for the workers on Saturday. Contact: Mike Rhodes (mrhodes112@carolina.rr.com).

Don't Let Your Giving Take A Vacation Summer is vacation time and often we forget to maintain our financial giving because our schedules are varied. Maintaining your giving is simple! (1) Set up reoccurring contributions through your financial institution (2) Mail/Drop off your contribution: Myers Memorial UMC, 301 S. New Hope Rd. Gastonia, NC 28054 or (3) Mail/Drop off your contribution: Cherry Baekert, 332 Burtonwood Dr. Gastonia, NC 28054.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, July 30

Haiti Mission Trip
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*

Monday, July 31

Haiti Mission Trip
5:30p Staff Parish, *Parlor*

Tuesday, August 1

Haiti Mission Trip
9:30a Preschool Playdate, *CFC*
10a GriefShare, *Parlor*
11a AI-Anon, *Asbury*

Wednesday, August 2

Haiti Mission Trip
8a Gleaning
10a Staff Meeting, *Parlor*
6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*
7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 3

Haiti Mission Trip
6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*
6:30p Mission Possible Build
8p Narcotics Anonymous,
Downstairs

Friday, August 4

Haiti Mission Trip
7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*

Saturday, August 5

Haiti Mission Trip
8a Mission Possible Build

Sunday, August 6

Haiti Mission Trip
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*

Myers Memorial United Methodist Church



Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Jim Warnock

Acolytes: Brock Davis, Adam Anderson

Coffee Hosts Next Week: Contemporary Class

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, July 23, 2017

Worship: 150 Sunday School: 100

Last Sunday's Offering: \$7,220 Year to Date Giving \$346,794



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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!

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 30, 2017

David Elzey, Liturgist

10:50am

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

* Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

**People: The light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness has not overcome it.**

Leader: Those who have lived in a land of deep darkness -
on them light has shined.

**People: We have beheld Christ's glory,
Glory as of the only Son of the Father.**

Leader: In him was life,

People: and the life was the light of all people.

* Opening Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal

UMH #580

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**God of all times and places,
may we live by faith,
walk in hope,
and be renewed by love,
until the world reflects your glory
and you are all in all.
Even so, come Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Children's Message

Call to Prayer

I Need Thee Every Hour (verse 1)

UMH #397

***I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee; O I need thee, every hour I need thee;
O bless me now my Savior, I come to thee.***

Pastoral Prayer

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

* 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

Mathew 5:13-16

NT, page 4

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

True Light

Hampton

Ellen Brown, *soloist* Carolyn Lasater, *piano* Fred Little, *percussion*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light. In the beginning, out of the darkness, God created, True Light. He lives in us as True Light. Don't let the light that you've given me die, and don't desert my mind. But let the one who serves you, praise you again and again! He lives in us as True Light. You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy, But let the one who serves you, praise you again and again! He lives in us as True Light. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go I want the word to know. God gave the world True Light!

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2:12-18

NT, page 197

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Star Gazing"

Rev. Sally Queen

* Closing Hymn

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

UMH #581

* 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

The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God in Honor of
Heather Seay by Mom and Dad



Today We Welcome Carolyn Lasater to the Organ Bench. We give thanks for her gifts and her willingness to share them with us today.

Haiti Mission Team Today the Haiti Mission team departs for a week of mission and ministry. Please keep Dan & Louisa Suggs, Victoria Flake, Judy Seay and Alice Sweazy in your prayers as they head off to love and serve our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

The August Messenger Did you get your August edition of the Myers Newsletter? We send a monthly newsletter electronically and via the US Postal Service the last week of each month. If you haven't received your copy it should be in the mail! If you don't normally receive the Newsletter, please contact the church to be added to the mailing list! You can also comment on the Connection Card if you'd like to receive the newsletter (and how). This month you'll find details about the Fall Wednesday Connect, reflections from the Youth Mission Trip, the August Calendar and More! Thank you to Mary Drum, Mary June Rose and Tonya Kerr who faithfully fold and label the newsletter each month!

Preschool Playgroup will meet this Tuesday at 9:30a for a Playdough Party! We'll make our own and then enjoy playing with it! Bring your favorite adult for lots of fun! We'll be finished at 10:30a and you'll have your own playdough to take home with you!

Youth This Week: This Wednesday the Youth will be heading to the corn fields! Not to get lost in a maze but to glean the remaining corn to share with area food banks. Gleaning is a biblical mandate (read the book of Ruth) that is still practiced today! Meet at the church at 8am, wear sunscreen and work shoes, fill up your water bottles and bring money for lunch on the way home. We should return around 1p.

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

Health Screenings: Next Sunday The Myers' Health Cabinet provides a wonderful ministry on the First Sunday of each month. At 9am trained health professionals are available in the CFC to screen your Blood Sugar levels and your Blood Pressure levels. Stop by next week to know your numbers!