

Prayers of the People

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Wednesday CONNECT

eat + gather + worship

Wednesdays, August 30 through November 8

5:15p - 6:15p | EAT

Before we CONNECT in small groups, spend time connecting with friends in the Christian Fellowship Center (CFC). Menus vary from week to week and feature foods we have all come to know and love. A salad bar is always available as are PBJ sandwiches. Make a standing reservation or make your reservation each Sunday via the Connection Card in Sunday's bulletin or by calling the church office at 704-864-3222. A suggested donation of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children over 2 is appreciated.

5:30-6:45p Nursery for infants and toddlers.

5:45-6:15p | GATHER

PK | CONNECT 3 & 4 year olds

Preschoolers are invited to CONNECT with their friends through fun and interactive experiences that involve all types of activities. Parents can pick up after their program or children will be taken to the Nursery for the CONNECT Worship until 6:45pm.

KIDS | CONNECT Elementary ages

Elementary Children will CONNECT with their peers for a time of learning, praying for each other and the world, and having fun. They will gather on the 3rd floor of the Education building. The Elementary Children will meet their parents in the Sanctuary for worship at 6:15pm.

YOUTH | CONNECT 6th -12th grades

The Youth will CONNECT in the Youth Lounge each Wednesday for CORE, a student-led time of devotion. Experience the difference Jesus can make in your life as you reconnect with God and friends in the Youth Lounge. This is a great opportunity for youth to invite friends to join them and recharge their batteries from a hard week at school. Youth will gather in the Sanctuary at 6:15pm for worship.

ADULTS | CONNECT

Young Adults E-105 Upper Room Study CFC-106

Prayer Focus Group Prayer Room

PLOW: Parenting, Life Or Work E-07

Knit for Christ 6 to 7pm, Parlor

Looking for a small group? Contact Connie Elzey, Director of Christian Education, dce@myersmemorialumc.com, 704-864-3222 ext. 105

5:45-6:15p | WORSHIP

A time to worship during the midst of a busy week. Gather for a homily, communion and music as we CONNECT as the body of Christ.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, August 13

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, August 15

9:30a Preschool Playdate, *CFC*
10a GriefShare, *Parlor*
11a Al-Anon, *Asbury*
6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*

Wednesday, August 16

10a Staff Meeting
6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*
7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 17

11a Youth vs. 60+ BINGO
Tournament, *CFC*
8p Narcotics Anonymous,
Downstairs

Friday, August 18

CFC Closed
7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*

Saturday, August 19

7:30a Haiti Yard Sale

Sunday, August 20

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*
Bring Pencils, Pens, Notebook
Paper, Composition Books, Spiral
Notebooks
3:30p Worship Committee
4p Finance Committee
5p Church Council

BACK TO BASICS: SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS

August 13:

Erasers, Whiteout,
Clorox Wipes, Hand
Sanitizer, Wet Wipes,
Tissues

August 20:

Notebook Paper,
Pencils, Pens,
Spiral Notebooks,
Composition Books

August 27:

Backpacks

*Blessing of the
Backpacks*



Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Debbie Brown

Crucifer: Reagan Osborne

Nursery: Carrie Allen, Elizabeth Lanier, Lauren Snyder, Angie Flake, Victoria Flake

Coffee Hosts Next Week: Young Adults

Acolytes: Brock Davis, Adam Anderson

Scripture Reader: Megan Farris

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, August 6, 2017 Worship: 200 Sunday School: 102
Last Sunday's Offering: \$11,122 Year to Date Giving \$371,356

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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

August 13, 2017 Thomas Rhodes, 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 *Grand Choeur* Sergisson

* Call to Worship (responsively)
Leader: The steadfast love of God never ceases.
People: **Your mercies never come to an end.**
Leader: They are new every morning.
People: **Great is your faithfulness.**

* Opening Hymn *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart* UMH #160
During the hymn, you are invited to bring your school supplies to the front of the sanctuary.

* Prayer of Confession (in unison)
**Most gracious and merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another
that time after time we have entered your presence
with countless prayers and hearts that have been closed to your grace.
We have lifted our hands to you in praise
and our feet have still walked in ways of evil.
We have rehearsed your commandments
and have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.
Forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice.
Grant us the healing that comes from your loving presence. Amen.**

Children's Message Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer Chancel Choir
*O Lord, please hear my prayer, In the mornin' when I rise.
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my 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 *Amazing Grace* UMH #378

Offering

Offertory *Lord of the Small* Dan Forrest
Tony Sane, baritone Ashley Lowery, piano

*Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street, Who comforts their sorrows and washes
their feet. Praise to the Lord of the fain and afraid who girds them with courage and lends them
His aid; He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak, That the timid can serve and the silent can
speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions. Or carries them till
they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick and never to die. Praise Him, O
praise Him all ye who yet live, who've been given so much and can so little give, our frail, lispng
praise God will never despise. He sees his dear children through mercy filled eyes.*

* 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 Colossians 3:12-15 Megan Farris
NT, page 201
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Hear My Prayer* Hogan
Chancel Choir

*O Lord, please hear my prayer, In the mornin' when I rise. It's your servant bound for glory. O
dear Lord, please hear my prayer. O Lord, please hear my prayer, Keep me safe within your
arms. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. When my work on
earth is done, and You come to take me home. Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear You
say well done. Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, mercy. Amen.*

Scripture Lesson Psalm 103 NT, page 554
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Back to the Basics: Forgiveness Rev. Sally Queen

* Closing Hymn *Freely, Freely* UMH #389

* Benediction

* Response *Go in the Grace of the Lord* James Barnard
Chancel Choir

*Go in the grace of the Lord. Walk in the way of His Word. Stand in the strength of His promises,
and believe in your heart they are true. Sit at the feet of the Savior. Pray in the power of the
Spirit. Rise and run the race with patience, and go in the grace of the Lord. Go in hope, God's
hope. Go in peace, God's peace. Go in joy, everlasting joy! As you live in the fullness of His love.
Go in the grace go the Lord.*

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude *Postludium* Buxtehude



The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God, honoring our friends in Christ,
by Marsha Wright

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

Preschool Playgroup will meet this Tuesday from 9:30a to 10:30a. Summer is almost over and we're getting Wild! Enjoy monster themed crafts and snacks with your friends and favorite adults!

Youth This Week this Thursday, the youth have challenged the Myers 60+ group to a game of BINGO and lunch in the CFC. Better Bring you're 'A' game! Please make your reservation for lunch on today's Connection Card or by calling the church office by Tuesday.

Children's Book Club has Gone Virtual! Since our next meeting of the children's book club is the same time as the solar eclipse, we've decided to go virtual with our conversation and response so everyone can enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime event of the Solar Eclipse! Don't forget to protect your eyes! Visit our private FB group for more details.

Back to School Prayer Service August 22, 5:30p you are invited to gather with the community in our sanctuary to cover the upcoming school year, students, administration, staff and educational system in prayer. Rebecca Huffstetler, Gaston County's Principal of the Year from 2016-17 will be our guest speaker.

Outstanding Service to Christian Education Each year on Christian Education Sunday the Nurture Committee recognizes a member of our church that has contributed "Outstanding Service to Christian Education" at Myers Memorial UMC. If you would like to nominate someone to receive this award please send your nomination to April Proctor, (april_proctor@belk.com) Chairperson of our Nurture Committee. This year Christian Education Sunday will be on Sunday, August 27, so nominations needed to be made by Sunday, August 20. If you would like to see the names of previous recipients of this award please see the plaques in the hallway outside the CFC. Thank you for recognizing those that give their time, talents and prayers to Christian Education at Myers Memorial.

Fall Mission Team to Lumberton is being assembled for November 5-8. You are invited to join the team and serve those still rebuilding after Hurricane Matthew. You may contact Mission Chairperson, Arnold Brackett at 704-922-7653 or anbrackett@bellsouth.net with questions or to volunteer.

Yard Sale for Haiti on Saturday, August 19, come shop for hidden treasures in the CFC starting bright and early at 7:30am. Don't delay or the good stuff will be gone! There will be bikes and tables and antiques! You never know what you'll find! Support the THAKO ministry (Tomorrow for Haitian Kids' Organization) in Haiti. Find out more about THAKO by visiting their website at www.thako.org. Questions about the yard sale or THAKO? Contact Louisa Suggs, louisa.suggs@gmail.com or 704-813-9858.