

THE MESSENGER

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LIFE seems to function on a school calendar which means June, July, and August become the perfect time to vacation. Vacation is a time for rest and renewal from your daily routine and time for fun and fellowship with people you love. This summer as you vacation, we invite you to not leave your faith behind. We hope to share with you ways to continue to grow and use your faith even as you step outside of your routine.

As a way to celebrate our faith, everyone will receive a "FLAT JESUS" to take with you on summer adventures. We hope that you will take a picture with FLAT JESUS and post it to the Myers Memorial Facebook page, so we can share in



(not actual size)

Pick one up at church or a downloadable version will be available in the weekly eNews in June

the fun. We hope that you will remember that as you travel God in Christ goes before you and with you wherever you might go.

We can't wait to see where FLAT JESUS travels this summer!



Our next sermon series is entitled *Summer Snapshots*. We will use this time to talk about all the concepts associated with Sabbath and vacation. I hope that when you are in town that will make every effort to join us for worship at 10:50 on Sunday mornings. Invite a friend to come with you to worship!

Blessings Pastor Sally

WELCOME, HEATHER STEFFEY!



On June 1 we welcome Heather Steffey to the staff of Myers Memorial as our Administrative Assistant. Heather will be the bright face that greets you when you stop by and the delightful voice you hear when you call! Heather will also serve as the liaison with the accounting firm and offer administrative support to the program staff and church committees.

Heather comes to us from First Presbyterian Church in Belmont and brings experience in office management, early childhood education and program management. Her many gifts are perfectly matched for the tasks of her position at Myers! Coincidentally, Heather and her husband, Carlos, are the adoptive parents to Ringo, the cat that once called Myers Memorial home! In addition to spoiling Ringo, Heather loves to spend her free time with her two nephews and one niece. Heather is excited to join the team at Myers Memorial and looks forward to meeting everyone!

ADULT MINISTRIES

Connie Elzey, Director of Christian Education
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Myers Memorial 60+

For those with reservations to *Annie* Thursday, June 15
Please meet at the church at 9 am to carpool. We have lunch
reservations for 11 am at the Moose Café in Hendersonville,
NC. The price for lunch will be \$10.00 plus gratuity will be
added to the bill. We will leave lunch in order to be at the
Theatre by 1:30 pm for the 2:00 pm Matinee.

Disciple Bible Study

Disciple Bible Study is an intensive course that emphasizes
discipline reading of and listening to the scripture. It
results in biblically nourished persons committed to life as
disciples. Disciple began in The United Methodist Church
in 1987. Myers Memorial UMC graduated its first class of
Disciple students in 1993. In May, we celebrated two more
classes of Disciple graduates and look forward to more
classes beginning in the fall.

Disciple 1 *Fast Track*

Gary Lutz, facilitator
Brent Alman, Shelly Alman, Jennifer Gross, Bob McCullen,
Sr., Elizabeth Williams, Cindy Stewart, Alice Sweazy,
Jennifer Wilbanks, Brian Bridges, Dorothy Hagar

Disciple III

Marty Brown, facilitator
Kelly Brown, Dan Suggs, Louisa Suggs, Karen Carrick,
Steve Carrick, Jenny McMillan, Jamie Hester, David
Spurrier, Mark Shellman, Sue Shellman, Jodi Anderson.


girlsnightout
hosted by young women of Myers Memorial UMC

Thursday, June 15
6:30p to 8:30p

All are invited to gather for an evening of fun and
shopping at Myers Memorial UMC



A sampling of the vendors who will be present:
LuLaRoe, Mary Kay, SeneGence (LipSense), Pampered
Chef, Paparazzi Jewelry, Perfect Harmony Pimento
Cheese, acfamilytree pottery, Thirty-One Gifts, United
Methodist Women, Myers Health Cabinet

Vendors will make a contribution to be present which will be donated to the
Weekend Backpack Food Ministry & The Shelter of Gaston County

Women's Retreat Book

On September 8-10, Myers Memorial will be
hosting a Women's Retreat. While the details are
still be finalized, you may wish to pick up a copy of
Present over Perfect by Shauna
Niequist to read this summer in
preparation for the fall gathering.
Books can be purchased in various
formats via Amazon.com or local
retailers. The retreat will be open to
all adult women.



Congratulations to

Benjamin Bradley & Carly Harris
who were married on May 19, 2017

Saints & Seniors

Please remember these Saints & Seniors
in your prayers and let them know it!

Nancy Westbrook ~ Abernathy Laurels
565 Shuford Circle Dr. Newton NC 28658

Marjorie Foy ~ Covenant Village
1351 Robinwood Rd. Gastonia NC 28054

Jane Ramsey ~ Brookdale Union Rd
1717 Union Road, Gastonia NC 28054

Charley Gage ~ Brookdale Robinwood Rd
1750 Robinwood Rd. Gastonia, NC 28054

Stephen Walls ~ Highland Apartments
401 N Highland St. Mailbox #39, Gastonia, NC 28052

Eunice White ~ Peak Resources

Lena Gunn ~ Peak Resources
7651 Dallas Cherryville Hwy. Cherryville, NC 28021

Sue Auten ~ Peak Resources
1101 N. Morgan St. Shelby, NC 28150

Joyce Stowe ~ Terrace Ridge
1251 E. Hudson Blvd. Gastonia, NC 28054

Kimberly Sarvis ~ Holy Angels
6600 E. Wilkinson Blvd. Belmont, NC 28012

Ann Teague
3000 Salemtowne Lane, Apt. 3219
Winston Salem, NC 27106

Philip Wade
526 Cameron Point Lane, Belmont, NC 28012

from the Health Cabinet

June 4th is National Cancer Survivor Day. You are invited to honor those that have been affected by cancer by adding their name to the bulletin board located outside the CFC. You can also email your honoree to dce@myersmemorialumc.com



Help impact the lives of our neighbors in need by volunteering on June 9, 2017 for the NC MedAssist Over the Counter Give Away Event held at First United Methodist Church – Family Life Center 190 E. Franklin Blvd, Gastonia, NC 28052. Volunteers will assist in distributing free over the counter medicine to participants. This event is sponsored by NC MedAssist, CaroMont Health and the Dept. of Health & Human Services. Sign up at <http://medassist.org/volunteer/>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Matthew McCullen 6/1	Tracey Farris 6/9
Susan Marshall 6/2	Cindy Gillespie 6/9
Bill Newell 6/2	Mark Lloyd 6/9
Gabby Carnes 6/3	Millie Little 6/10
John Harrington Jr. 6/3	Daniel McSwain 6/10
Conner Carpenter 6/4	Sarah Watkins Davis 6/11
Marion Flint 6/4	Karen Carrick 6/12
Rachael Purvis 6/4	Hayley Marr 6/12
Allison Buchanan 6/5	Kathy Shaw 6/12
Kara Andrews 6/6	Ann Teague 6/12
Kacee Griffin 6/6	Arnold Brackett 6/15
Sarah Jimison 6/6	JP Rooney 6/16
Erika Lawrence 6/6	Rhett Buchanan 6/17
Patti Bollinger 6/7	Emma Carnes 6/17
Dorothy Hager 6/8	John Fayssoux 6/18
Laurie Knight 6/8	Katie Wong 6/18
Fred Little 6/8	Corey Diggs 6/19
Jackie Chesebro 6/9	Allison Fehrs 6/20

Lynn Helton 6/20
Jessica Lamberth 6/20
Casey Shaw 6/20
Zeb Smith 6/21
Robert Sinyard Jr. 6/22
Guy Threlkeld 6/22
Julia Cauble 6/24
Brendan Rooney 6/24
Sawyer Smith 6/24
Ian Morton 6/25
Amanda Whitley 6/26
Jack Radford 6/27
Jane Ramsey 6/27
Dick Dey 6/28
Mark Tant 6/28
Linda Lindner 6/29
Lori Stout 6/29
Bill Spurrier 6/30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jim & Norma Lutz 6/1
Richard & Linda Lindner 6/4
Patrick & Allison Fehrs 6/6
Dale & Jane Rivelles 6/6
George & June Hooks 6/10
Bud & Ann Hoover 6/11
Doug & Jackie Gross 6/14
Ray & Jackie Chambers 6/15
Chris & Beth Germain 6/19
Gene & Sandra Ratchford 6/19
Max & Nancy Huntley 6/21
Bill & Cheri Baker 6/24
Berry & Julia Cauble 6/24
Dean & Shann Horn 6/24
Billy & Jannette Cox 6/25
John & Fran Kinlaw 6/25
Jesse & Mary Bone 6/27
Tommy & Karen Bentley 6/28
Wayne & Evonne Wilhelm 6/30



**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
LEADERSHIP
MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 13
6:30 PM IN THE CFC**



The UMW had a wonderful and extremely successful bake sale during the UMM BBQ in April. We raised \$821.50 and want to thank everyone that baked and worked that day! This money will be used to support our local ministries such as Loray Girls Home, Relay for Life, the Back Pack Ministry and our Youth Group, just to name a few.

This year we added a different twist to our Bake Sale and asked some fantastic bakers to make cakes for an auction



on Sunday during the Relay for Life luncheon. These wonderful bakers (who removed all of the calories from their cakes), helped us raise another \$595.00!!

UMW sponsored a luncheon for Relay for Life and received \$661.00 (net) which made the grand total going to Relay for Life (\$2,550). This money will be used, with other monies collected, to continue the research needed to end the fight against cancer and to allow so many that have been affected the opportunity to live longer lives. Thanks to Evelyn who cooked our wonderful meal and Glenn Shaw who always steps in to make the drinks for us. Also thanks to all who attended, bought cakes, helped with lunch, and made contributions.

Stewardship Report

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness

Worship Offerings & Attendance

	Worship Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	Offering Received
April 30	262	158	\$9,340
May 7	208	113	\$11,183
May 14	256	128	\$10,829
May 21	251	126	\$10,199

Gifts Given in Memory of

Leon Ledford

Sympathy Extended to

Phyllis Ledford, Jeff and family on the death of **Leon Ledford**, May 12, 2017

Buddy, Angie, Victoria, Lathan Flake and family on the death of **Victor Flake**, May 21, 2017

Living out and Living into our Faith

One way to live out our membership vows at Myers Memorial UMC is to volunteer in various areas within the church. These are just a few of the many ways you can make a difference in the lives of others at Myers Memorial UMC. Discover more each week on the Connection Card found in your bulletin.

Youth & Children Leading in Worship

	Scripture Reader	Crucifer
June 4	JP Rooney	Lauren Snyder
June 11	Kimberly Shellman	Hallie Walker
June 18	Cameron Dennis	Matthew Walker
June 25	Lathan Flake	Angelica Brown

Acolytes

6/4	Brianna Lambert, Andrew Walker
6/11	Mattie Queen, Adam Anderson
6/18	Ella Queen, Brock Davis
6/25	Marie Kalinoski, Brianna Lambert

Sunday Morning Nursery Volunteers

Christina Carpenter, Nursery Coordinator
(704) 214-1380

June 4	Paige Falls, Jaclyn Tant, Jennifer Gross, Lauren Snyder, Kathleen Sharp
June 11	Elizabeth Lanier, Jennifer Stroupe, Debbie Brown, Melinda Brown, Angelica Brown
June 18	April Martin, Angie Flake, Victoria Flake, Carrie Allen, Jennifer Gross
June 25	Allison Isenhour, Katie Carpenter, Jennifer Stroupe

Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship Hosts

June 4	Dreamers & Builders
June 11	Drifters
June 18	Drifters
June 25	Young Adults



UpDate!



It seems like just yesterday when we did the last church directory! Our family has changed and it's time to make your appointment for our next Church Directory. Photo dates are June 8-11 & June 14-17.

Sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/Myers-Photos> or in the Church Office. Contact Louisa Suggs if you are able to volunteer with this project (louisa.suggs@gmail.com).

Thursday June 8 2p-9p	Friday June 9 2p-9p	Saturday June 10 10a-5p	Sunday June 11 2p-7p
Wednesday June 14 2p-9p	Thursday June 15 2p-9p	Friday June 16 2p-9p	Saturday June 17 10a-4p

MYERS MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR

www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/calendar 704-864-3222

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE 2017						
4 PENTECOST Communion Sunday 8a UM Men 9a Health Screen. 9:45a Graduation Brunch 4p Super Sunday	5 6p Boy Scout Court of Honor, CFC	6 10a Grief Share	7 6:30p MYF Game Night	8 11:30a Joy Circle 2p - 9p Directory Photos 6:30p Young Adult Picnic, Goat Island	9 2p - 9p Directory Photos	10 2p - 9p Directory Photos
11 12p - 7p Directory Photos Children & Families Pool Party	12 6p Koinonia Circle	13 9:30a Preschool Playgroup 10a Grief Share 6:30p VBS Leader Meeting, CFC	14 2p - 9p Directory Photos 5:30p MYF Pool Party	15 9a 60+ Trip 2p - 9p Directory Photos 6:30p Girls Night Out, CFC	16 2p - 9p Directory Photos	17 2p - 9p Directory Photos
18 Father's Day	19 1p Kid's Summer Book Club, Belmont	20 9:30a Preschool Playgroup 10a Grief Share	21 6:30p MYF Ice Cream & Goat Island	22 July Newsletter Deadline	23 WNC Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska June 22-25	24
25 Ellen Brown & Susan Marshall's Last Sunday	26	27 9:30a Preschool Playgroup @ Schiele 10a Grief Share	28	29	30	
Youth Mission Trip to Cherokee, NC						

Church Office
(M-Th) 9am to 4pm
(Fri) 9am to 12pm
Meals on Wheels
(M-F) 8:30a - 12:30p

Regularly Scheduled Events
Summer Schedule

Sundays
9a Focus Prayer Group
9:30a Coffee
9:45a Sunday School
10:50a Worship

Tuesdays
10a GriefShare
11a AI-anon
6p Men's Basketball

Wednesdays
7p Chancel Choir

Thursdays
8p NA

Friday
7:15a Devotion

Head Ushers
1st Sunday
Ken Avery
2nd Sunday
David Elzey
3rd Sunday
Susan Martello
4th Sunday
Louisa Suggs

Children's Ministry

Promotion Sunday for our Children and Youth will be on Sunday, June 4. **All Children and Parents** of our 3 years-5th graders are asked to meet in Room E-110 for our Sunday School Gathering Time with Pastor Sally at 9:45 AM.

Following our gathering we ask that all parents go to see and locate their child's new classroom. **Please note:** For safety we are asking that all teachers for K-5th grade, our 3rd floor classes, bring their students back to Room E-110 at 10:40, the end of Sunday School, and that all parents of K-5th graders pick up their children at our Gathering Room, E-110.

Rising 6th Graders are asked to join our Middle High Class downstairs.

We're on a mission this summer! For our Summer Quarter (June-August) our Children's Sunday School Classes are collecting items for the Western North Carolina Conference Project Agape for children in Armenia. A list of items to collect and more information about Project Agape will be available June 4th.

Family Pool Party Families with children are invited to Pastor Sally's home at 1100 Heatherloch Dr to kick off Summer with a pool party on June 11 from 4p to 6p! Snacks will be provided.



Summer Book Club for Children We know summer reading is strongly encouraged for all age levels so we're hoping to make it a little more fun for everyone! Elementary aged children are invited to join the Myers Summer Book Club! We've chosen 3 books to read before kids join us at selected location for conversation about what we've read as well as an activity associated with the reading. We will meet from 1p-3p each time. Please RSVP so we may have adequate adult supervision.



June 19 The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling.

Meet at the Belmont Library (125 N Central Ave, Belmont) for conversation. Bring money for a treat at the Cotton Candy Factory where adults are asked to pick up (21 N. Main St.). We will walk between locations.

July 10 Crossing Bok Chitto by Tim Tingle. Bring \$5 and meet at the Schiele Museum (1500 E. Garrison Blvd) to explore the book and Native Americans in our area.

August 21 Magic Tree House: High Time for Heroes by Mary Pope Osborne. Meet at Myers Memorial for conversation and sharing about the heroes in our lives.

For questions: Contact Sally Queen, pastor@myersmemorialumc.org or Sarah Davis, churchoffice@myersmemorialumc.com

Preschool Playgroup

Summer Fun for the Littlest Among Us!
Tuesdays, 9:30a to 10:30a

Designed for the 'littles' to enjoy with their parents, caregivers, grandparents or other loving adult!

June 13 - Bikes and Bubbles

Bring your bike or riding toy and join us as we have the parking lot all to ourselves! Don't forget your helmet! We will also have lots of bubbles, snacks and playground time!

June 20 - Plant Power

We will plant flowers, make a craft, talk about how things grow, and of course eat snacks and play on the playground

June 27 - Visit to the Schiele Museum

Free for Members, SchieleMuseum.org has more details related to costs.

Contact Tresca McSwain with any questions, thmcswain@gmail.com 704-477-7447

Weekday Preschool Ministry

What a great year! As the school year concludes, we celebrate a vibrant and growing ministry! Thank you to Christina Carpenter who served as the Lead Teacher for the Myers Weekday Preschool in the space between directors. Christina wishes to thank all of the teachers for a great year as well as Rev. Sally for teaching about God and The B-I-B-L-E in Chapel each week. Thank you to Mrs. Rene Crump for story time and Mrs. Tresca McSwain for music each Friday.

There are still openings for the 2017-2018 school year. Stop by to pick up a registration form and reserve your child's spot. Open House will be August 27 from 2p to 4p. The first day of school will be September 5.

Congratulations to the Myers Memorial Weekday Preschool Class of 2017!



Conner

James

Martin

Brayden

Abriel

Jax

Loretta

Don't Stop Reading in the Summer!! Continue to Order Scholastic Books

www.scholastic.com/readingclub
class code: HFLDR

Books for all ages can be ordered so think about your older children and grandchildren, birthdays and seasonal holidays! The Preschool earns points for your order and will purchase age appropriate books for our classes. Books will be delivered to the church. You will be alerted when they arrive.

Youth Ministries

Tresca McSwain, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries ~ thmcswain@gmail.com 704-477-7447

Sunday June 4th is Promotion Sunday Rising 6th Graders are invited to join our Middle High Class downstairs. **Rising 9th Graders** are invited to join our Senior High Class in the Youth Lounge.

June 4 ~ Graduating Seniors Brunch High School Seniors will be honored at this brunch in the CFC. Families and Youth Counselors are also invited.

June 7 ~ Game Night 6:30-8 pm, bring your favorite snack and come join us for a relaxed game night to celebrate the end of school!! We'll meet in the youth lounge to enjoy fellowship, fun, games, devotion & more!

June 14 ~ Pool Party at Pastor Sally's House! Meet at the church at 5p then head Queen's for pizza, pool time and more! We will return to the church at 7:30 pm.



June 21 ~ Ice Cream and Goat Island Park Meet at Floyd and Blackie's Coffeehouse and Ice Cream in Cramerton at 6:30 pm. We will eat ice cream, have a devotion and walk over to Goat Island Park for some fun and recreation.

June 24-July 1 ~ Mission Trip to Cherokee, NC.

Young Adult Opportunities

The Young Adults are going on a picnic on June 8th from 6-8pm at Goat Island Park in Cramerton! David Elzey will be firing up the grill and cooking hamburgers & hotdogs. Goat Island has corn hole, ping pong, greenways, a great playground and more! Bring the whole family (including furbabies) and a side dish or dessert. You can check out the Facebook event on the Myers Memorial UMC page to see what other folks are bringing! The more the merrier so invite friends too!



Young Adult Sunday School class will begin a new study on Sunday Mornings in June called Animate: Faith. Each week we'll watch a video featuring a leading voice from the Christian faith, spend time in personal reflection and journaling, and share ideas with the group as we imaginatively explore central topics of Christianity. Join us at 9:45am in room E105.

2017 Known High School Graduates

Hannah Black Forestview High School; Daughter of Lee and Randy Black; Granddaughter of Renee Justice; Hannah plans to attend Queens College

Camden DeBardeleben Gaston Early College High School, AA and AS Gaston College; Son of Natalie and John DeBardeleben; Camden plans to attend UNCC

Beth Dickinson South Carolina Connections Academy; Daughter of Paige and Jorge Mesquita; Beth plans to attend York Tech

Sumner Howard Forestview High School; Daughter of Beth Howard and Eric Howard; Granddaughter of Marilyn and Jim Warnock; Sumner plans to attend Western Carolina University

John Patrick "JP" Rooney Gaston Christian High School; Son of Dr. Allison and Dan Rooney; JP plans to attend Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama

Kimberly Shellman- Highland School of Technology; Daughter of Sue and Mark Shellman; Kimberly plans to attend Clemson University to study engineering

2017 Known College Graduates

Madison Alman NC State University; BS in Bioprocessing Science & Minor in BioManufacturing Science

Holly Baker UNC-Wilmington, BA in Elementary Education & Minor in Spanish

Taylor Black Charleston Culinary Institute; Associates in Culinary Arts

Benjamin Bradley NC State University; BS Biological Engineering

Addison Collins NC State University; BS Food Science

John DeBardeleben N C State University; Masters in Electrical Engineering

Emily Rhodes Western Carolina University; Doctorate of Physical Therapy

Amie Rodgers Indiana State University; BS Elementary Education, BS Special Education

Taylor Shellman Appalachian State University; BS Business Administration in Computer Information Systems

Alexandria Spurrier Trident Technical College; Occupational Therapy Assistant



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JUNE 4TH AT MYERS MEMORIAL UMC

- 8a UMMen
- 9a Health Cabinet Screenings
- 9a Focus Prayer Team
- 9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
- 9:45a Children/Youth Promotion
- 9:45a High School Graduate Brunch
- 10:50a Worship with Communion,
Graduate Recognition
- 12p Pentecost Party, lawn
- 4p Super Sunday, Pumpkin Patch

~ More Details Inside! ~

SUPER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

4P TO 6P



***MEET & GREET WITH SUPER HEROES &
FIND THE HERO INSIDE YOU!***

SO LONG SCHOOL! HELLO SUMMER!
***THERE WILL BE FIRE TRUCKS, POLICE CARS, THE ZAPPER,
FUN & GAMES, SNACKS, HOT DOGS AND HEROES!***

IN THE MYERS MEMORIAL UMC PUMPKIN PATCH