



MAKING AN OFFERING

What a blessing it is to be part of the ministry at Myers Memorial. Our church continues to offer itself to our community acting as a bridge to connect others to God's love. All that we have and all that we are is because of God's generosity to us and we return our thanks to God by giving to the church through our tithes, offering and service. Beginning October 18, we will look at making an offering of our spiritual gifts, our tithes, and ourselves. It is in 2 Corinthians 9, when we are invited to "Give what we have decided in our hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion because God loves a cheerful giver."

The Stewardship Committee has chosen to use "Making an Offering" as our theme for the 2017 Stewardship Campaign. We hope you will prayerfully commit to making a joyful offering to our church. You should receive a letter in the coming days that includes an Estimate of Giving Card, a tool to use in deciding how much financially you plan to give to Myers Memorial in the year 2018. Also in the letter you will find a Time & Talent Survey, a tool for indicating how you will be able to offer yourself in ministry during 2018.



During worship on October 29, there will be time in the service to give thanks to God for all that this church has offered you and to commit yourself to the offering you are making to the church as you lay your commitments on the altar. If you wish, you may return these cards at anytime in October via the baskets outside the sanctuary doors or to the church office.

In the past, the Stewardship Committee has hosted a lunch to celebrate together. This year our committee has decided to make an offering of the money budgeted for stewardship. We are able to make this offering because of your faithful giving in the past and we trust that you will faithfully give in the year ahead. It is in your honor, we will be giving a donation to UMCOR ~ the United Methodist Committee on Relief as well as to feed those attending the Trunk o Treats event on October 29. We hope you'll join us in celebrating in worship on the 29th and again in the Pumpkin Patch for Trunk o Treats!

We hope that as you prayerfully discern your offering for 2018, that you will consider all the ways your life is richer because of Myers Memorial UMC. Your continued support and generosity allows ministry to happen where lives are changed and the community and world are impacted by God's love. As your friends on the stewardship Committee have said, we consider YOUR presence in our church family a treasured offering. Together we look forward to making an abundant offering.

Blessings, Pastor Sally

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Corinthians 9:7

ADULT MINISTRIES

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Myers 60+ Fellowship

Thursday, October 19 ~ 11:30a Gather for lunch at "Grits n Greens" in Lowell, NC. Please make your reservation with Connie by Monday, October 16th.

Looking Ahead

- Save the date for a visit to the Mint Museum on Randolph Road in Charlotte on November 16th.
- Our special Christmas event will be a trip to the Flat Rock Playhouse to see the matinee of "Christmas Spectacular" on Thursday, December 14. The cost for this event is \$40.00 and is due when you reserve your ticket. Checks are payable to Myers Memorial UMC.

Did you Know? We have 8 adult Sunday School Classes at Myers Memorial UMC? Join us for Coffee Time at 9:30a in the Christian Fellowship Center and then choose a class! College: E-07; Young Adults: E-105; Rejoicers: E-107; Drifters: E-03; Contemporary: E-04; New Life: E-02; Asbury CFC-106; Builders: Church Parlor

Grief Share: Tuesdays at 10a in the Church Parlor
Divorce Care: Tuesdays at 6:30p in the Church Parlor
Divorce Care for Kids: Tuesdays at 6:30p in E-110



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| Kelly Brown 10/2 | Elisabeth King 10/10 |
| John Hurst 10/2 | Dan Rooney 10/10 |
| Fran Kinlaw 10/2 | Amanda Palteng 10/11 |
| Dot Withers 10/2 | Walter Rabb III 10/11 |
| Jerri Lynn Boggess 10/3 | Alice Slater 10/11 |
| Angelica Brown 10/3 | Addison Collins 10/12 |
| Kendall Medford 10/3 | Julie Shatterly Tuttle 10/12 |
| Todd McLean 10/4 | Meg Smith 10/12 |
| Gerald Sosebee 10/4 | Elizabeth Lane 10/13 |
| Richard Little 10/5 | Jerry Gates 10/14 |
| Jonathan McMillan 10/5 | Kate Queen 10/15 |
| Bill Baker 10/6 | Curt Butler 10/16 |
| John Fletcher II 10/6 | Jane Peninger 10/16 |
| Anders Lutz 10/6 | Wayne Roper 10/16 |
| Zach Hurst 10/7 | Shaun Horn 10/18 |
| Ken Stroupe 10/7 | Mike Rhodes 10/18 |
| Wanda Nelson 10/8 | Katie Carpenter 10/19 |
| George Osborne 10/8 | Richard Lindner 10/19 |
| Lynn Reese 10/8 | Becki Carpenter 10/20 |
| Ann Gates 10/9 | Chris Stokes 10/20 |
| Todd Farris 10/10 | Grace Horn 10/21 |
| | Samuel Horn 10/21 |
| | Stephen McMillan 10/21 |

Worshipping with Children

Myers Memorial is blessed with a growing number of children in our church. Children are always welcome in worship. We also offer nursery for children from birth until Kindergarten. Our nurseries are staffed by paid and volunteer workers who welcome the opportunity to share the love of God with children during our worship services. All nursery children will be brought to the sanctuary for the children's message each Sunday.

For children who participate in worship services, there is a *Busy Bag* filled with supplies to make their worship time more enjoyable. *Busy Bags* can be found at each entrance of the sanctuary. Many parents find it helpful to worship towards the front and near the side door, in the event the child needs to go to restroom. Also being in the front, allows the child to more easily see what is taking place. Children learn worship etiquette by participation. Parents are encouraged to help their children follow along in the bulletin, hymnal or Bible; even if the child cannot read he or she will feel included by using these items in worship.

All children can begin to learn *The Lord's Prayer* or the doxology as they are heard over and over again in worship. Parents are invited to help their child throughout the week in learning these regular parts of the service, so they can participate on Sunday morning. We believe that God's table is open to everyone, so allow them to come, even if your child is in nursery, please feel free to get them, so that they can receive communion. Please let any of the staff members know if you have questions or need assistance in helping find the best place for your child during worship.



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| Tracy Stokes 10/22 |
| Brian Steffey 10/23 |
| Lee Black 10/24 |
| Jean Dodson 10/24 |
| Mary June Rose 10/24 |
| Ed Fritzsche 10/25 |
| Brooke Cox 10/26 |
| Penny Hurst 10/26 |
| Frances Woodyard 10/26 |
| Rudy Flint Jr. 10/27 |
| Cindy Stewart 10/27 |
| Andrea Wright 10/27 |
| Allie Costner 10/28 |
| Wendy Hughes 10/28 |
| Amelia May Tuttle 10/28 |
| Alexus Hooper 10/29 |
| Ashley Bradley 10/30 |
| Jodie Smetak 10/30 |
| Conrad Tolbert 10/30 |
| Linsy Aul 10/31 |
| Jimmy Roberts 10/31 |
| Lee Tuttle 10/31 |
| Jim Warnock 10/31 |

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| Dale & Pam Shoemaker 10/1 |
| Frank & Susan Martello 10/3 |
| Kevin & Kathy Dotterer 10/4 |
| Josh & Stephanie Hamlin 10/5 |
| Chuck & Andrea Wright 10/5 |
| Dusty & Cindy Drum Jr. 10/7 |
| Allen & April Proctor 10/8 |
| Bill & Jeanna Hyland 10/12 |
| Kevin & Jennifer Wilbanks 10/12 |
| John & Patty Fayssoux 10/13 |
| Curt & Jen Butler 10/20 |
| Paul & Linda Walters 10/20 |
| Brantly & Elizabeth Lanier 10/23 |
| Randal & Lee Black 10/24 |
| Todd & Karen Walker 10/28 |
| Chad & Lesa Andrews 10/30 |
| Dennis & Kim Youngblood 10/30 |

from the Health Cabinet

Know Your Numbers Meet Health Cabinet volunteers in the CFC at 9a on the first Sunday of each month to check your Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar!

Fall into Good Health with the Gastonia Parish Nurse Ministry at the fall Flu Clinic & Health Fair on Thursday, October 19 from 10a to 12p at First UMC Gastonia. Stop by for Free Screenings, Free Information about a plethora of health issues and resources, Flu Shots, Mobile Mammography and Operation Medicine Cabinet.

Discover more about this Health Fair and other health related news on the bulletin board outside the CFC.

Congregational Care

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, 28052

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

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

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

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

Ann Teague ~ Salem Square
1550 Babcock Dr. #7223 Winston Salem, NC 27106

Fran Kinlaw
2264 Londonderry Dr. Gastonia, NC 28056

Philip Wade
526 Cameron Point Lane, Belmont, NC 28012

Ruby Voigt
518 Thomas Trail, Gastonia, NC 28054

Albert Huffstetler
503 Frances Street, Gastonia, NC 28054

Joanne Young
3525 W. Franklin Blvd. Gastonia, NC 28052

It's Pumpkin Time!

The Pumpkin Patch not only serves as the Youth's main fundraiser, it's a wonderful way to get to know our Gastonia

Community as they shop in the Pumpkin Patch each fall! Volunteer to work in

the patch this fall by signing up in the church office or at <https://tinyurl.com/MyersPumpkins>



We Seek to Follow God

In the Disciple II class, we started our study of God's Word with a review of Genesis and God's creation. The Creation accounts ask us to shift from indifference to passionate care for all of the earth and all people. As part of our study, we reviewed what Myers Memorial is doing to protect the earth's resources for future generations.

At Myers, we are aware that currently, a few volunteers have been collecting the cardboard and miscellaneous paper products in the blue "recycle" trash cans in the narthex and outside the sanctuary entrance, in the choir room and in the bin located in the copy room. Other individuals are collecting recyclables from the CFC kitchen. The Youth Lounge has a large container for recycling plastic drink bottles and aluminum drink cans downstairs in the youth lounge. During Pumpkin season, we have a farmer collecting the pumpkins that turn "yucky" and cannot be sold.

What can the Myers Family do?

Individually we can easily recycle by ensuring that paper is put in the proper bin, we can conserve electricity by remembering to turn off the lights, and we can reduce our use of plastic. Can you help us take our recycling efforts to the next level?

- Purchase blue plastic recycling bins for the Sunday School rooms throughout the building
- Purchase a large bin for recycling in the CFC
- Create / purchase signage to identify the bins
- Create / purchase signage to identify what should be recycled
- Collect recycling from bins

If you are interested in being a Myers Steward for Recycling, please let Heather know and the Disciple II class members will coordinate the hands that want to be like Christ.

~ Protecting Nature will Protect Our Future ~

Stewardship Report

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness

We're LIVE! Not only do we celebrate the opportunity to view worship live on Facebook each Sunday, Myers can now accept online giving through our webpage. It's fast and easy! All you need is your bank routing number and account number, a computer and the secure website found via www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/give. Simply click the orange "Give Online" button and you will be directed to the Vanco secure giving website that is used by United Methodists across the country. Creating your profile on the secure website allows you to automate your giving as well as make changes, see past giving patterns and receive emails when your giving has been received by the church. Using your routing number as opposed to your debit/credit card will save us the fees and 100% of your contribution will go to directly into the church budget. And coming soon...online giving to designated funds! Got Questions? You can contact the Church Office at 704-864-3222. Click and give!

GIVE ONLINE ➤

Living out & Living into our Faith

Worship Offerings & Attendance

| | Worship Attendance | Sunday School Attendance | Offering Received |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Aug. 27 | 250 | 123 | \$11,361 |
| Sept. 3 | 196 | 108 | \$14,965 |
| Sept. 10 | 276 | 153 | \$8,714 |
| Sept. 17 | 213 | 99 | \$13,335 |

Sympathy to

Fran Kinlaw and family on the death of *John Kinlaw*, on September 10, 2017.

Michael Dickson and family on the death of his mother, *Ruth Day Michael Dickson*, on September 21, 2017.

Paige Falls and family on the death of her grandmother, *Mabel Davis Colvin* on September 21, 2017.

Gifts Given in Memory of

Hugh Jolly, John Kinlaw, Sarah Warnock

Congratulations to

Kelly Gillespie & Rusty Melton
who were married on September 29th
Jodi Anderson & Jeff Baker
who were married on September 30th

Coffee Fellowship Hosts

Head Ushers

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| Oct. 1 | Drifters | Oct. 1 | Ken Avery |
| Oct. 8 | Drifters | Oct. 8 | Debbie Brown |
| Oct. 15 | Contemporary | Oct. 15 | TBA |
| Oct. 22 | Contemporary | Oct. 22 | Louisa Suggs |
| Oct. 27 | Asbury | Oct. 27 | Jim Warnock |

Sunday Morning Nursery Volunteers

Christina Carpenter, Nursery Coordinator
(704) 214-1380

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| Oct. 1 | Allison Buchanan, Carrie Allen, Jennifer Stroupe, Lauren Snyder |
| Oct. 8 | Elizabeth Lanier, Karen Carrick, Katie Carpenter, Jennifer Gross |
| Oct. 15 | Angie Flake, Victoria Flake, Sydney Shugart, Tresca McSwain |
| Oct. 22 | Linsy Aul, Jaclyn Tant, Paige Falls, Katie Carpenter |
| Oct. 27 | Carrie Allen, AJ Current, Glenn Carpetner, CJ Carpenter |

Youth & Children Leading in Worship

| | Scripture Reader | Crucifer |
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| Oct. 1 | TBD | Hallie Walker |
| Oct. 8 | Lathan Flake | Matthew Walker |
| Oct. 15 | Brendan Rooney | Angelica Brown |
| Oct. 22 | Slayton Fletcher | Kathleen Sharp |
| Oct. 27 | Ashley Lowry | Ashley Fehrs |

Acolytes

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| Oct. 1 | Brianna Lambert and Andrew Walker |
| Oct. 8 | Ella Queen and Evan Falls |
| Oct. 15 | Mattie Queen and Adam Anderson |
| Oct. 22 | Brock Davis and Andrew Walker |
| Oct. 27 | Brianna Lambert and Rhett Buchanan |

Church Office
(M-Th) 9p to 4p
(Fri) 9p to 12p

Weekday Preschool
(M-F) 9a to 12p

Meals on Wheels
(M-F) 8:30a - 12:30p

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CALENDAR

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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Communion Sunday 8a UM Men 9a Health Screenings 5:30-7p Sunday Night Live 5:30p Disciple I 6p SPRC, Parlor | 2 6p Trustees, E105 6:30p Disciple II | 3 10a Grief Share 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4Kids 6:30p Disciple IV | 4 9:15a Women's Bible Study 10a Staff Meeting CONNECT 5:15 Eat 5:45 Gather 6:15 Worship | 5 6p Nominations E105 | 6 | 7 4:30p Alexa McCullen & Blake Smarr Wedding |
| 8 New Member Sunday Second Sunday Sing 5:30-7p Sunday Night Live 5:30p Disciple I | 9 6p Nominations, E105 6p UMW Koinonia Circle 6:30p Disciple II | 10 10a Grief Share 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4Kids 6:30p Disciple IV | 11 9:15a Women's Bible Study 11a Warlick Mentoring CONNECT 5:15 Eat 5:45 Gather 6:15 Worship | 12 11:30a UMW JOY Circle | 13 | 14 Chancel Choir Retreat |
| 15 Choir Retreat 5:30-7p Sunday Night Live 5:30p Disciple I Care/DC4K 6:30p Disciple IV | 16 6p Nominations, E105 6:30p Disciple II | 17 10a Grief Share 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4Kids 6:30p Disciple IV | 18 9:15a Women's Bible Study 10a Staff Meeting CONNECT 5:15 Eat 5:45 Gather 6:15 Worship | 19 11:30a Myers 60+ Fellowship | 20 November Newsletter Deadline | 21 |
| 22 5:30-7p Sunday Night Live 5:30p Disciple I 7p Chancel Choir | 23 6:30p Disciple II | 24 10a Grief Share 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4Kids 6:30p Disciple IV | 25 9:15a Women's Bible Study 11a Warlick Mentoring CONNECT 5:15 Eat 5:45 Gather 6:15 Worship | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Stewardship Commitment Sunday 5p-6:30p Trunk o Treats | 30 6:30p Disciple II | 31 10a Grief Share 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4Kids 6:30p Disciple IV |  | | | |

Sundays
9a Focus Prayer Group
9:30a Coffee
9:30a Trinity Bells
9:45a Sunday School
10:50a Worship
5p Open Gym
5:30p Disciple I
5:30p Sun. Night Live
7p Soulfire

Mondays
6:30p Boy Scouts
6:30p Disciple II

Tuesdays
10a GriefShare
11a Al-anon
6p Girl Scouts
6:30p Chancel Bells
6p Divorce Care/DC4K
6:30p Disciple IV

Wednesdays
9:30a Women's Study Group
5:15p Eat
5:45p Gather
6p Knit for Christ
6:15p Worship
7p Chancel Choir

Thursdays
6p Men's Basketball
6p Aldersgate Bells
8p NA

Friday
7:15a Devotion

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Weekly Youth Opportunities

Sundays

- 9a ~ Trinity Bells
- 9:45a ~ Sunday School & Confirmation
- 10:50a ~ Worship
- 5p ~ Open Gym
- 5:30p to 7p ~ The Main Event: dinner & program
- 7p ~ Soulfire Youth Choir

The Main Event on Sunday nights will consist of dinner, games, fun, learning, service & more! Don't miss it and bring a friend!

October 1 ~ Pumpkin Patch Games How many games can involve pumpkins? Come find out!

October 8 ~ Journey Let's continue our journey together as we discover more about our gifts and talents and how we glorify God!

October 15 ~ AOK (Acts of Kindness) We will be packing snack packs, replenishing the supply of Snack Packs that are given out to those who stop by our church needing a little food.

October 22 ~ The Great Pumpkin Hunt Bring a friend for this fun scavenger hunt around town and search for the Great Pumpkin!

October 29 ~ Trunk o Treats Decorate your truck (or your parents, or even the bus!) and pass out candy as children trick or treat in a safe environment.

Wednesday

CORE ~ Youth-led devotion at 5:45p

CONNECT: Worship ~ 6:15p

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

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Young Adult Sunday School

Our young adult Sunday School class is a great mixture of 20s, 30s and 40s. We are studying "Serious Answers to Hard Questions", a DVD series on some of the hardest questions we face on our faith journey. We meet in Room E-105 at 9:45ish.

CONNECT on Wednesday Nights

Gather for Dinner at 5:15p and then in room E-105 from 5:45p-6:15p to explore Gospel Images with Rev. Sarah Davis. We would love for you to join us to explore 'the usual' stories through visual art and imagination before we head to worship and communion at 6:15p in the Sanctuary.

Weekday Preschool

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From the Director

I am very pleased to announce that we had an awesome first month of school. I am very excited about how things are going with our preschool. We have some amazing teachers as well as children with us this year with 41 children currently enrolled. We have two new teachers who started with Myers Memorial Preschool this year are Ms. Aisha and Mrs. Heather. They have been a great addition to our preschool program and can be found in the infant & toddler room.

Thank you for shopping our Amazon Wish List!!

The UPS delivery man has been dropping off packages and we want to say thank you to Judy Seay, Rene King, Jaclyn Tant, David Elzey and Debbie Brown for their awesome donations to the classrooms. We really appreciate it. There were a few boxes without names so if you have donated from our Amazon wish list, many thanks!!



Follow Us on Facebook to see more photos and videos of our Preschool adventures!

@mmumcwp



Everyone is invited to the Myers Memorial **Trunk O Treats** Party in the Patch on **Sunday, October 28 from 5p to 6:30pm.**

Donations of candy are now being accepted and volunteers to host a trunk are encouraged to contact Tanya Martin 704-678-7122.



WORLD FOOD DAY - OCT 16

World Food Day is observed by more than 150 countries each year on October 16th. It is an opportunity to be grateful for our own blessings and to prayerfully consider what we can do to alleviate hunger in our own community and world wide.

In observance of World Food Day, help replenish the food pantry at Crisis Assistance Ministry. The food pantry stock has greatly decreased in recent weeks. Please donate any non-perishable items, specifically: *Spaghetti Sauce/Noodles, Instant Potatoes, Beef Stew, Canned Fruit, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Grits, Rice*

Children's Ministry

Sunday School News

Our 3rd-5th graders are beginning their 8 week special series led by Marty and Kelly Brown on "Learning to Use My Bible". We hope all our 3rd-5th graders will be present each week. All who bring their Bibles each week get a special star!

The other children's classes will be learning about "David" during the month of October. October 1: David the Musician; October 8: David and Goliath; October 15: David and Jonathan; October 22: David and Abigail; October 29: David Dances.

And don't forget our 3 year olds through 5th graders have a Sunday School Gathering each Sunday morning at 9:45 am with Pastor Sally in E-110. Thank you for bringing your children to Sunday School at Myers Memorial! We have a great group of dedicated Sunday School Teachers waiting on your children each week!

Sunday Night Live

Choir and Worship Arts for Children meets on Sunday Nights from 5:30p to 6:30p with Open Gym from 6:30p to 7p. Please enter at the rear of the building (near the Pumpkin Patch) and walk your child to the third floor. If your child is staying for Open Gym, you are invited to pack a snack supper. A table for 'lunch boxes' will be provided in the hallway while the kids are in choir.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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Second Sunday Sing

On Sunday October 8 our children's music and worship arts ministry will be leading worship! The Cantate Singers, Spirit Singers, Musik Makers and Children's bells and drama will all be participating in worship! Join us for this special day as we support our kids and worship together!



Hymn Sing

The Music Ministry invites you to be a part of this special service as the chancel choir leads us in worship though both new and familiar hymns and as we pray for peace and unity in our world.

Silver Award Update

I would like to thank everyone for helping me complete my Silver Award Project for Girl Scouts. With your help I raised \$450 and was able to purchase 20 Dream Lights, 12 pairs of pajamas, 12 pairs of socks, and a huge box of hangers. I was also able to put together 30 bags of toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and body wash. We loaded all of the items that you donated (batteries, dream lights and individual toiletries that will be given to the families once they leave the Shelter) into my Mom's car and took them to the Shelter.



Angelia Brown gives thanks to Myers for supporting her Girl Scout Silver Award Project

The Shelter staff was really excited with the donation and said it was one of the largest that they had received. Thanks again for all of your support.





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