

THE MESSENGER

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Myers
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MYERS MEALS IN MAY

WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30PM

Jesus used the dinner table throughout his ministry and many of the parables he told were during the meal gatherings where others (even those uninvited) were present. Jesus dined with others in various settings like the large crowd on the hillside by the lake, a small meal at Zacchaeus' house, and at breakfast on the shore after the disciples finished their work. In these places, Jesus broke bread and shared the good news of a God who loves all. Jesus' disciples took his practice when they were sent out, went into homes to share in a meal and then they too shared the stories Jesus taught them. So now it is our turn!

Our church is situated among some of Gastonia's most popular dining establishments and we have an opportunity to witness to our faith as we gather together for a meal around the tables on **Wednesdays in May at 5:30p.** Each Wednesday we will meet at a selected site, order food and have fellowship and conversation. Participants will pay for their own meals. Please join us and invite others to join you around the table too!

There will be multiple locations and while reservations are not required, it will be helpful to know a number to expect so not to overburden a restaurant. *Selected restaurants will be advertised in Sunday's Bulletin and Monday's Email prior to the Wednesday we gather.* Jackson's Cafeteria will be a consistent location through out the month as it has the largest gathering space. A dinner host from Myers Memorial UMC will be present to help facilitate conversation yet it is each of our responsibilities to welcome all who wish to join the fellowship.

DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Saturday May 19 will be a day to change the world in our community! It is the hope of the Outreach Committee that we can gather throughout the day and participate in various acts of kindness and generosity in the name of Jesus. Times will be announced closer to time and all resources for the projects will be provided! We have what it takes to make these projects happen, now we need to people power ~ You!!

Community Breakfast at Trinity UMC Two teams will assist in cooking and clean up at Trinity UMC. (8a to 10:30a)

End of Grade Encouragement Our local schools will be taking end of grade tests beginning May 23. We will decorate their sidewalks with encouraging messages as we cheer them on to do their best on these tests!

Secret Doughnut Donations Doughnuts are a great treat no matter the time of day! Your task, should you choose to accept it, is to secretly prepay for doughnut orders and then watch the fun as hopefully folks pay it forward.

Water Sharing at Planet Fitness

We celebrate those taking the time to exercise! We will share bottles of water with them as they come and go from the gym.

Suds of Hope A day at the laundromat isn't the most fun but we can make it much less of a burden by supplying the suds!

Breath of Fresh Air Our hope is that we can share a breath of fresh air with someone as they repair or clean their cars by sharing a kind word and auto fresheners with them.

Community Conversation

You are invited to join in a community book conversation of *Waking up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. Dwayne Burks will host and Karen Bringle will facilitate this discussion at Myers Memorial UMC beginning Monday, May 7 from 6p to 7:30p. The discussion will be held for six weeks in the Asbury room. If you would like to participate in the group, and/or have questions about it, please contact Karen at karenb95@gmail.com or 704-418-2813. You may also contact Dwayne at dwayneburks@gmail.com or text 704-860-2957.

From the back cover: *For twenty-five years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships. As a colleague and neighbor, she worried about offending people she dearly wanted to befriend. As an arts administrator, she didn't understand why her diversity efforts lacked traction. As a teacher, she found her best efforts to reach out to students and families of color left her wondering what she was missing. Then, in 2009, one "aha!" moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her worldview and upended her life plan. In Waking Up White, Irving tells her often cringe-worthy story with such openness that readers will turn every page rooting for her-and ultimately for all of us.*

Participants are to obtain a copy of the book before the start of the group. It is available in various formats via Amazon and elsewhere. More information about Ms. Irvings' work is available on her website www.debbyrirving.com

Are you looking for the list of May Birthdays and Anniversaries? The list was sent with the email version of the newsletter and is also available in the church office area outside the CFC or you may call to have one sent to you.



ADULT MINISTRIES

Connie Elzey, Director of Christian Education
dce@MyersMemorialUMC.com, 704-864-3222 ext. 105

Myers Memorial 60+ ~ May 17

Join us Thursday, May 17 for a tour of Charlotte's best kept secret ~ Historic Rosedale Plantation! We will meet at the church at 12:30pm. We'll take the church bus and carpool to the Plantation for a guided tour of the 15 room Federal Era plantation. Admission is \$10. Please make your reservation by Monday, April 14.



Half-Time: The Blessing of Mid Life

What's your view and attitude on mid-life as you deal with aging parents, empty nesting, career options, looking ahead at retirement and who knows what else? If this sounds like where you are in life, gather with others that are coping with mid-life to discuss this part of life. Rev. Eddie Ingram, Pastoral Psychotherapist will guide our discussion on Monday, May 21 at 7 pm in the Youth Lounge. Half-Time themed snacks will be served! Please RSVP to Connie by May 16. 704-864-3222 or dce@myersmemorialumc.com



Vacation Bible School will be Rip Roaring Fun! Won't you be a lifesaver and volunteer? Volunteers with a variety of skills and abilities are needed the week of July 15-18. Please contact Connie if you're available and willing to take the ride of a lifetime with the children of our community!

Sponsored by the Gastonia Parish Nurse Ministry

Health Education Awareness Lunch

SENIOR SELF DEFENSE

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Speaker: Jena Hare of NC Budo, Competitive Martial Arts Center in Belmont

The program is free and open to the community.

Lunch is available for \$6

RSVP by Monday, May 7 by calling 704-864-2651

First Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall

Lunch: Noon to 12:30pm

Program: 12:30pm to 1pm

Congregational Care

Nancy Westbrook ~ Abernathy Laurels
102 Leonard Ave., Apt. #108 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
1750 Robinwood Rd. Gastonia, NC 28054

Stephen Walls ~ Highland Apartments
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Sue Auten ~ Peak Resources
1101 N. Morgan St. Shelby, NC 28150

Carolyn Reece ~ Carolina Care
111 Harrilson Road, Cherryville, NC 28021

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

Joyce Stowe ~ Terrace Ridge
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Kimberly Sarvis ~ Holy Angels
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Fran Kinlaw
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Willa Painter
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Philip Wade
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Ruby Voigt
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Joanne Young
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Ruth King
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To make a financial contribution to Myers Memorial UMC online, simply visit www.MyersMemorialUMC.org and click on this image.

You can also find this image in weekly emails and various pages on our website. By clicking, you will be redirected to the online portal for secure giving. We are currently working to add online giving to select designated funds as well as ways to more clearly define giving of memorials and honorariums.

Giving online through the trusted Vanco system is simple and secure and is endorsed by the General Board of Finance for the United Methodist Church! Avoid excess fees by securely linking your giving to your debit/checking account.

If you have any questions about online giving, please contact Heather in the church office. Should you have questions about your record of giving, please contact Angie Rutledge in the Gastonia branch of Cherry Backert at 704-671-3662.



Bright News Regarding the Sanctuary Lighting Campaign

As of April 22, we have received \$15,191 designated funds for the Sanctuary Lighting Project of replacing the main Sanctuary lights (without the dimming capacity). There is still a higher goal to purchase and install a dimmer panel as well as replace specialty lights in the Sanctuary. As well as the replacements and modifications needed in the Narthex, educational wing, administrative offices and Christian Fellowship Center with a complete total of \$60,000. We are grateful for the giving already received and we have confidence we will be able to fully fund this, make the necessary improvements and ultimately receive a rebate from our power service provider. With all this, we will also know we are being good stewards of our resources. Thank you for your contributions! Questions can be directed to the Trustees Chair, John Fletcher, john@carolinabomanite.com.

Mail News In light of recent events involving mail theft from the church mailbox, the mailbox has been physically removed from outside and the mail service will continue inside the building via the Administrative Assistant's desk during office hours. We have been working closely with the Gastonia Police Department and believe no mail was tampered with for other purposes yet mainly to disrupt church communication. We regret this incident and invite your continued prayers that the perpetrator of this crime may get the help he needs.



Stewardship Report

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness

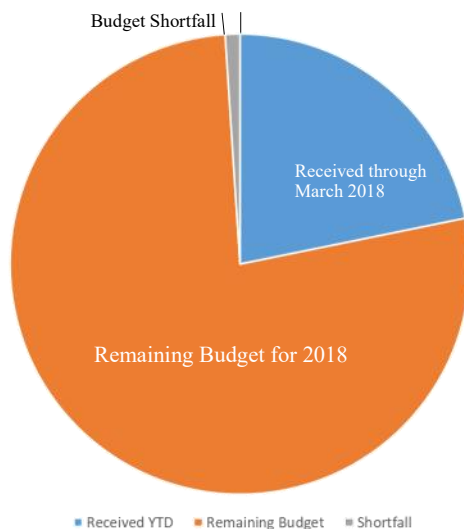
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Living out & Living into our Faith

Worship Offerings & Attendance

	Sunday Worship	Facebook Live	Sunday School	Offering Received
March 25	294	12	160	\$10,453
April 1	345	16	115	\$17,716
April 8	211	22	123	\$8,424
April 15	240	20	154	\$9,083

Financial
Giving Update:
January -
March 2018



Welcome to our Newest Members

Dave & Alice Slater, Pat Taylor, Joan Wright,
Lynda Sides, Steve & Linda Roberts,
Carlos & Heather Steffey, Ashlye Devlin

Gifts Given in Memory of

Libby Drum

Gifts Given in Honor of

Shelia Pendleton

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Coffee Fellowship Hosts

May 6	UMW & UMM
May 13	Drifters
May 20	Drifters
May 27	Drifters

Head Ushers

May 6	Ken Avery
May 13	Debbie Brown
May 20	John Crain
May 27	Melinda Brown

Communion Stewards ~ May 13

Allison Evanoff, Brendan Rooney, JP Rooney, John
Harrington, Jim & Phillis Windham, Camilla Jenkins

Nursery

Christina Carpenter, Coordinator
(704) 214-1380

May 6	Allison Buchanan, Elizabeth Lanier, Angelica Brown, Paige Falls, Jennifer Stroupe
May 13	Karen Carrick, Chris McCullen, Katie Carpenter
May 20	Angie Flake, Victoria Flake, Katie Carpenter, Carrie Allen, Jennifer Gross, Paige Falls
May 27	Jaclyn Tant, Tresca McSwain, Carrie Allen, Angelica Brown

Youth & Children Leading in Worship

Scripture Reader

Crucifer

May 6	Megan Farris	Jake Hoskins
May 13	Angelica Brown	Katie Carpenter
May 20	Sydney Shugart	Jillian Medlin
May 27	Victoria Flake	Andy Lowry

Acolytes

May 6	Rhett Buchanan & Evan Falls
May 13	Brianna Lambert & Charlotte Hearne
May 20	Adam Anderson & Ella Queen
May 27	Mattie Queen & Brock Davis

Sympathy to

Bill Drum, Doug & Mary Drum on the death of their
wife and sister in law respectively, *Libby Drum*
who passed away April 11, 2018

Congratulations to

Heather Carnes & James Britton
who were married on March 24, 2018.
Lauren Bumgardner & AJ Current
who were married on April 28, 2018.

MYERS MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR

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

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

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

Mondays
6p Boy Scouts

Tuesdays
10 a GriefShare
11a AI-anon
6p Girl Scouts

Wednesdays
9:15a Women's Study Group (ending 5/9)
7p Chancel Choir

Thursdays
6p Men's Basketball
8p NA

Friday
7:15a Devotion



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Let your [conversations] always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.</p> <p>Colossians 4:6</p>						
<p>6 Camp Tekoa Church Retreat</p> <p>8a UMMen & UMW Women</p> <p>9a Health Screenings</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Teacher Appreciation Week</p> <p>6p Community Conversation</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10a Grief Share</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:15a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10a Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30p Myers Meals</p>	<p>3</p> <p>National Day of Prayer</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Camp Tekoa Church Retreat</p>
<p>13 Communion Sunday</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <p>Second Sunday Sing</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>6p UMW Koinonia</p> <p>6p Community Conversation</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10a Grief Share</p> <p>7p Outreach</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:15a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>11a Warlick Mentoring</p> <p>5:30p Myers Meals</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12p UMW Joy Circle</p> <p>6p Witness</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>20 Pentecost</p> <p>Confirmation Sunday</p> <p>Disciple Recognition Sunday</p> <p>3p In{Between}</p> <p>6p Youth Family Cookout</p> <p>7p Church Council</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6p Community Conversation</p> <p>7p Half Time</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6p Trustees</p> <p>10a Grief Share</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Program Staff Retreat</p> <p>5:30p Myers Meals</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:30p Myers 60+ Trip to Rosedale Plantation!</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>DAY OF SERVICE</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>Weekday Preschool Closed</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10a Grief Share</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9a Newsletter Assembly</p> <p>11a Preschool End of Year Picnic</p> <p>5:30p Myers Meals</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
		<p>29</p> <p>10a Grief Share</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10a Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30p Myers Meals</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>May</p>	

Weekday Preschool

Janet Lagos, Weekday Preschool Director
preschool@myersmemorialumc.com 704-864-3222

2018 Teacher Appreciation Week ~ May 7-11

We're celebrating our teachers this week and all are invited to show extra gratitude to the teacher during this week. Daily themes are being shared in the classroom.

May is a busy month in the preschool!

- ~ Muffins with Mom, May 14
- ~ End of Year Picnic, May 23, 11am
- ~ Preschool Graduation, May 25 in the CFC at 10:30am followed by light refreshments.
- ~ The Last Day of School for the Weekday Preschool will be May 25.

Register for the 2018-19 School Year!! Secure your spot now before the spaces fill up! Please visit our website to download the registration form.

The Weekday Preschool Summer Camp is for preschool and elementary aged children for 6 weeks this summer. Summer Camp weeks will be five days a week, June 11 through July 27 (no camp the week of July 4th) from 9a to 1p each day!



There will be flexibility for your summer schedule in that you can sign up by the week! It's going to be a full summer of fun activities and quality care!

All forms are available online at

www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/weekday-preschool

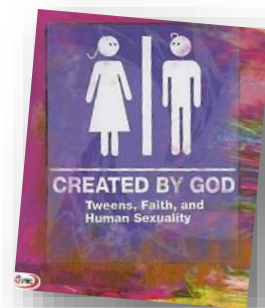
Created by God

For Tweens ~ Saturday, June 9

Families with 4-6th graders are encouraged to save the date, **June 9 from 9 am-2 pm** for this workshop on "Faith and Human Sexuality". Conversations with children can be difficult at times, especially on the topic of human sexuality. Created by God offers a healthy biblical and Christian perspective on human sexuality, values and relationships.

Our facilitator for the day is Cindy Smith. Cindy is a native of Gastonia, NC. Cindy has led the Created by God Workshop for us in the past and is a gifted Christian Educator. She has a Master's Degree in Christian Education from Pfeiffer University in Charlotte, NC and her undergrad degree from Clemson University. Cindy has previously served on staff at Providence UMC, St. Stephens UMC in Charlotte, and Myers Memorial UMC in Gastonia. Cindy presently serves on staff at St. Paul's Waccamaw UMC and lives at Surfside Beach.

Please contact Connie Elzey, dce@myersmemorialumc.com, 704-864-3222 to register your child and stop by her office to receive the parent and student books that will be used on this day. Cost for the day will be \$15.00 which includes resources and lunch.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday, May 13 will mark the conclusion of the Spring semester for Children & Youth Music Ministry. Our children will be singing in worship and are encouraged to be in the sanctuary at 9:30a for final rehearsal and sound check.

Many Thanks to the parents and volunteers who helped to make Sunday Night Possible this past year. Thank you for helping bring the gift of music to our children and enriching the lives of our congregation through music.



The Music Ministry of Myers Memorial UMC is pleased to announce the First Annual **Myers' Children's Music Camp!** The 2018 Camp is July 30 through August 3.

Tony Sane, Director of Music Ministry
tony@myersmemorialumc.com 704-864-3222 ext. 107

Camp will be Monday through Thursday from 9am to 2p and on Friday from 9 AM to 6 PM as we prepare for the conclusion of the camp with the performance of our show at 6pm in the sanctuary.

Music camp is open to rising first through sixth graders no matter their musical experience we will be learning an entire musical one week so will be a fast paced week and campers will be expected to focus and engage on the music which will be provided earlier in the summer, auditions for parts will be held on the first day of the camp.

The week will be packed with fun activities, lots of singing and acting! Tuition assistance is available, please contact Tony Sane for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Weekly Youth Opportunities

Sundays

9:45a ~ Sunday School & Confirmation

10:50a ~ Worship

5:30p to 7p ~ The Main Event: dinner & program

The Main Event on Sundays is sure to be fun no matter when we meet! Given this month is full of extra events and holidays, be sure to make Sunday School a priority this month!

May 6: Family Retreat ~ No Youth

May 13: Mother's Day ~ No Youth

May 20: Family Cook Out ~ 6pm Please bring a side dish or dessert to share as we gather for burgers and hotdogs with our families. We'll enjoy tailgate games as well as fun friendly family competitions.

May 27 ~ Memorial Day Weekend ~ No Youth

Wednesdays In May

The whole church is invited to gather at local restaurants at 5:30p for dinner together. The youth are encouraged to gather at one of the locations for table conversation and worship. Tresca will know which restaurant as it may be different each week! Stay connected and join us!

Scholarship Information is Now Available Groups within Myers Memorial UMC offer two scholarships for youth as they head toward higher education. If you wish to be considered for the McSween or Dunigan Scholarships, please pay attention to deadlines and submit material in a timely manner.

Graduation Information Being Sought We are looking to collect information about those who are graduating this spring so we might celebrate them! If you know of a college or high school graduate, please share their graduation details and future plans with Tresca McSwain, Director of Youth & Young Adults, thmcswain@gmail.com or 704-477-7447. Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 3.

In}{Between is getting Messy on May 20! Get ready to have fun and get super messy at Messy Game Night from 3p to 4p in the Pumpkin Patch! Wear Clothes you don't mind ruining and bring a towel or plastic for the car ride home! It's going to be epic!

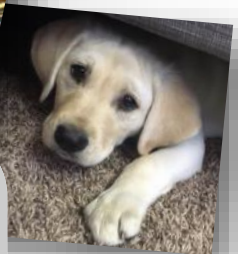
Myers' Health Cabinet

Pet Health

Most pet owners don't realize their furry friends can become diabetic. The symptoms in animals are much the same as diabetes in humans.

1. Excessive eating
2. Excessive drinking and urination
3. Weight Loss

These changes can occur quickly and if left untreated, serious consequences such as cataracts and severe changes in the way their body functions can occur. Typically insulin is required to control diabetes in your pet. The amount of insulin required to regulate blood glucose varies greatly from dog to dog. Cats are typically more difficult to regulate than dogs. So if your pet (dog or cat) is showing symptoms they should be seen by your veterinarian.



Myers Memorial UMC

Staff Pets

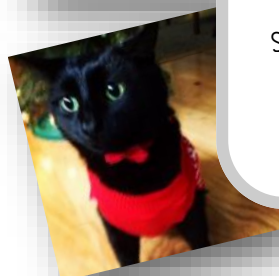
Ringo (Steffey)

Shelby & Gaston (Queen)

Duke Nibbles (Davis)

Andy (McSwain)

Dorian (Sane)



The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank Myers for offering our building to the community. Please read this note recently received from the Girl Scouts.

Dear Myers, Thank you for allowing us to easily access your resources for free. We greatly appreciate you and everything you do for us Girl Scouts. We go on so many adventures, do so much learning while at the church. The Girl Scouts are my second home, making this church a very special place to me. I love my troop and this church, too! Thank you once again for all you do. ~ Maya S, Troop 20020



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Myers Memorial UMC Weekday Preschool

2018 SUMMER CAMP

Not Just for Preschoolers!

Our six-week, five days-a-week summer camp will be crammed full of great fun for children age one year through just completed 5th grade!

Each week will have fun & engaging themes and activities that will include water play, baking and field trips! Elementary Children will meet at the church then depart for a day of fun!

Registration is Now Open!

Preschool Summer Camp Rate: \$75 per week

School Age Summer Camp Rate: \$85 per week

Visit www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/Weekday-Preschool to download registration forms and more details.

Contact Janet Lagos, Preschool Director
to confirm your child's spot!

preschool@myersmemorialumc.com - 704-864-3222

Boy Scouts of America Troop 21
invites you to the
Gathering Garden Dedication

June 3 ~ 12:30pm to 3pm

A Hot Dog Lunch &
Refreshments will be available
for a donation and all proceeds
go to fund The Garden.

with music by
The White Water Bluegrass Band

Sponsored by Troop 21, Eagle Scout Timmy Robinette
and Life Scout Thomas Jolley.

*Come to me all that are weary and are carrying heavy
burdens, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28*