



LESSONS FOR LIFE

It's time for students to head back to school! And time for us to remember life lessons we've learned through the years (or should have learned).

Lessons for Life

August 12: Hearing Others

Luke 15:11-32

August 19: Forgiving Others

Matthew 18:21-35

August 26: Words for Life

Psalms 119:97-105

In conjunction with this sermon series, you are invited to bring an offering of these specific school supplies for our partner schools.

School Supply Offering

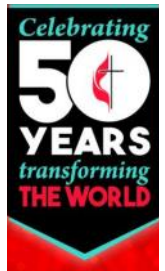
August 12: Earbuds/Earphones

August 19: Clorox Wipes/Sanitizer

August 26: Highlighters

Myers Memorial UMC is a proud supporter of Sherwood Elementary, Grier Middle, and Warlick Academy

THIS IS US



In 2018, we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the formation of The United Methodist Church. In 1968, two denominations came together and over the last 50 years we have grown, morphed, changed, welcomed, and transformed the world. After all these years, who are we? What is it we believe? Whether you are a life long Methodist or have recently started attending, you are invited to discover more about us and who we are as a people called Methodists.

This is Us: Sermon Series

Sundays, September 2, 9, 16, 23
10:50am in the Sanctuary

Methodism 101: Sunday School

Sundays, September 9, 16, 23, 30,
from 9:45a to 10:40a in the CFC.
This is open to all who wish to participate, classes or individuals. Existing classes are invited to make this their class for the month.

New Member Sunday

If you are feeling led to join Myers Memorial UMC, you are invited to do so on Sunday, September 23. Please share your intentions with Pastor Sally or Pastor Sarah.

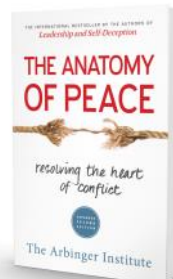
Myers Memorial UMC
**BACK TO SCHOOL
PRAYER SERVICE**
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19
6PM**
SANCTUARY

Let us join together in praying for the schools, students, staff and administration of all schools in Gaston County.

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Edward Sadler, Jr.
former Superintendent of
Gaston County Schools

BOOK CONVERSATION

In preparation for September's Conversation on September 16, you are invited to begin reading the book Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict by The Arbinger Institute. Reading the book prior to the September conversation will be most fruitful to our time together as we discover a heart of peace. Books can be purchased online at your preferred book seller and is available in multiple formats from Amazon. We will gather on Sunday, September 16 from 12 to 2p in the CFC. Lunch and childcare will be provided with reservation.



MYERS HEALTH CABINET

National Immunization Awareness Month

Contributed by Lou Foltz

The month of August is always an annual observance to highlight the importance of vaccinations for people of all ages. Immunizations, also called vaccines or shots, help prevent dangerous illnesses and potentially harmful diseases.

Now is a great time to discuss immunization with your Family Physician. Decisions about vaccines are based on an individual's health history, age and exposure and are important in helping a physician determine *which* vaccines should be given and *when* they should be given.

Modern medicine and science are continually finding new and better ways to protect our health. An example of this is Shingrix, the new vaccine for Herpes Zoster or Shingles that was approved last fall and recommended for those 50 years or older. Shingrix helps the immune system defend against shingles with 90% or greater effectiveness. The vaccine is a two dose series with the second shot administered two to six months after the first shot.

Vaccines available today include but are not limited to: Chickenpox, DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis or Whooping Cough and Tetanus), H Influenza, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Polio, Pneumococcal, Rotavirus, Rubella, and Shingles Zoster.

Every year there is special emphasis placed on the Flu Vaccine and we should all stop, look and listen for information in the near future about Flu Vaccine Clinics. Everyone, 6 months and older, should get the vaccine every year because the strain of flu virus changes each year. A vaccine for prevention goes a long way toward keeping us healthy. And always, if you have questions, contact your doctor.



Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Lunch & Learn

Sunday, August 12, 12pm to 2pm



On Sunday, August 12 we would like to honor our Sunday School Teachers with a "Lunch and Learn" following worship. Adult, Youth and Children's teachers and leaders are encouraged to attend this time of fellowship and reminders of the importance of your role as a Sunday School teacher at Myers Memorial UMC. We hope you will enjoy this time in getting to know others that are committed Sunday School Teachers and learn about tools, resources and encouragements.

Please make your lunch reservation with the church office or Connie Elzey and indicate if you need childcare. 704-864-3222

MYERS MUSIC CAMP FINAL PERFORMANCE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3
6PM IN THE CFC

MEET THE PERFORMERS AT A
RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE PLAY

FREE ADMISSION



CONGREGATIONAL THANKS

I want to thank my Myers family from the bottom of my heart for the many prayers, words of support, hugs, cards, texts, emails and even meals that I received during my mom's illness and death. I have felt covered in God's love through all of these actions and I truly appreciate it. (#ourmissionistolove) My mom lived a life of service and taught my sisters and me how to persevere through adversity, find your passion in life and keep your faith despite all circumstances. The scripture from 2 Timothy 4:7 that reads: 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith' depicts the life that my mom lived and how Christ wants us all to live.

God bless you all!

Sincerely, Allison Evanoff and family

ADULT MINISTRY

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- **Myers 60+ Fellowship** ~ On Thursday, August 16 we are headed to Clover, SC for lunch at Clover Station and a stop at the Peach Tree for a sweet treat. Meet at the church at 11a. Be sure to invite a friend and RSVP to Connie by Monday, August 13th.
- **Halftime ~ The Blessings of MidLife**
Our monthly third Monday meeting will be August 20 in the Youth Lounge at 6:30pm with guest speaker, Jason Austell. As requested, Jason will answer questions about retirement funds, investments, etc., so bring your questions!
- **Halftime Small Group Study ~ Wednesdays**



Grab a hard copy, e-book or audiobook of Falling Upward by Richard Rohr and join us in a study of this book beginning on August 29 at 6:30 pm in the Young Adult Sunday School Room following Wednesday Connect Worship.

- **Disciple Bible Studies this Fall**

Disciple is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian Leaders beginning this fall on Sunday, September 9.

- **Disciple 1 Fast Track, Sundays, 5:30 to 7p**
The first study in the Disciple program, *Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*, provides an overview of the entire Bible drawing upon the work of scholars, the personal bible reading and study of the participant and group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible. Disciple I is recommended prior to any other Disciple studies.
- **Disciple III Fast Track, Sundays, 5:30 to 7p**
Disciple III: Remember Who You Are, examines the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. Participants will find common themes, including calls to remember, calls to repent, calls for renewal, and calls for community.
- **World Religions, Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30p**
Starting September 4, David Elzey will teach a 13-week World Religions course that covers most of the largest or influential religions among the world's population, with consideration of some American-made religious groups. A text book is required for this global journey.

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Congregational Care

Stewardship Report

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness

August
2018

Living out & Living into our Faith

Worship Offerings & Attendance

	Sunday Worship	Facebook Live	Sunday School	Offering Received
July 1	215	unable to stream	100	\$12,007
July 8	202	12	101	\$12,972
July 15	199	11	95	\$17,765
July 22	218	17	115	\$6,129

Sympathy to

Sherry Zimmerman on the death of her husband,
Charlie Zimmerman on July 9, 2018

Gifts given in Memory of

Libby Drum Charlie Zimmerman
Joanne McDowell

Gifts given in Honor of

Katrina Stroupe Suzanne Newell
Max Huntley Leon Cox
Norm Overcash



Submit Your News

Submit News!

New Communication Tool

Do you have an event that you'd like to share with the congregation? A meeting? An Outing? A study you'd like to invite folks to? An update to previous information?

Check out our new online tool for sharing the wonderful events happening at Myers Memorial UMC!

www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/Submit-News

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Coffee Fellowship Hosts

Head Ushers

Aug. 5	UMW & UMM	Aug. 5	Ken Avery
Aug. 12	Young Adults	Aug. 12	Debbie Brown
Aug. 19	Young Adults	Aug. 19	John Crain
Aug. 26	Young Adults & Nurture	Aug. 26	Melinda Brown

Communion Stewards ~ August 5

Justine Snyder, Steve and Karen Carrick, David Snyder,
Tanya Martin, Allison Evanoff, Lydia Smith

Nursery

Christina Carpenter, Coordinator
(704) 214-1380

Aug. 5	Paige Falls, Jaclyn Tant, Katie Carpenter, Angie Flake
Aug. 12	Linsy Aul, Chris McCullen, Elizabeth Lanier, Angelica Brown
Aug. 19	Karen Carrick, Jennifer Stroupe, Carrie Allen, Katie Carpenter
Aug. 26	Allison Buchanan, Tresca McSwain, Carrie Allen

Youth & Children Leading in Worship

Scripture Reader

Crucifer

Aug. 5	Slayton Fletcher	Kathleen Sharp
Aug. 12	Lathan Flake	Mare Kalinoski
Aug. 19	Megan Farris	Jake Hoskins
Aug. 26	Brooke Cox	Katie Carpenter

Acolytes

Aug. 5	Ella Queen & Evan Falls
Aug. 12	Rhett Buchanan & Andrew Walker
Aug. 19	Mattie Queen & Adam Anderson
Aug. 26	Brianna Lambert & Charlotte Hearne

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MYERS MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 Communion Sunday</p> <p>8a UMMen & UMWomen Health Screenings</p> <p>12p Youth Depart for Asheville</p> <p>6p Finance Committee, Asbury</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10a Grief Share</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:30p Whole30 Support Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6p Ladies Nite Out, CFC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6p Music Camp Performance, CFC</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8a Mission Possible</p> <p>9-11a Rhodes Drop In Baby Shower, CFC</p>
<p>12</p> <p>12p Teacher Lunch & Learn, CFC</p> <p>5:30p Youth Pizza with the Pastor, Youth Lounge</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10a Grief Share</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10a Staff Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11a 60+ Fellowship, Clover</p> <p>6:15p Witness Committee Dinner</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>12p Youth Pool Party</p> <p>6p Back to School Prayer Service, Sanctuary</p> <p>7p Church Council, Asbury</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30p HalfTime</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10a Grief Share</p> <p>6p Trustees</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Weekday Preschool Teacher Work Day</p> <p>6:30p Myers Meal Conversation</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Weekday Preschool Teacher Work Day</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Weekday Preschool Teacher Work Day</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1:30p Girl Scout Open House</p>
<p>26 Christian Education Sunday</p> <p>2p - 4p Weekday Preschool Open House, drop in</p> <p>4p Back to School Bash, 4th-12th grades, Gathering Garden</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Weekday Preschool Teacher Work Day</p> <p>10a Grief Share</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Weekday Preschool Teacher Work Day</p> <p>10a Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:15p Connect Meal</p> <p>6p Connect Worship</p> <p>6:30p Connect Small Groups</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

August

Let your [conversations] always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone. Colossians 4:6

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

Weekday Preschool
Closed in August

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

Summer Schedule of Regular Events

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

- Tuesdays**
10a GriefShare
11a AI-anon

- Wednesdays**
5:15p Connect Dinner
6p Connect Worship
6p Knit for Christ
6p Men's Bible Study
6:30p Small Groups
7p Chancel Choir

- Thursdays**
6p Men's Basketball
8p NA

- Fridays**
7:15a Devotion



August 26, 10:50a

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers
Spark: Early Elementary Children

Myers Memorial UMC strives to maintain the best quality childcare ministry for all children who enter our doors. Childcare is provided Sunday mornings, evenings and Wednesday evenings and request for all bible studies and small groups. All persons who are paid or volunteer workers with the children are screened through our *Safe Sanctuary* Policy.

On Sunday mornings, *Preschoolers* gather with their teachers and Pastor Sally at 9:45a in Room E-110. After Sunday School, preschool children will stay in their room for worship nursery unless picked up by a guardian at 10:40a. Older preschool children will join Pastor Sally for Children's Time in worship and return to the Nursery.

Spark: Early Elementary Ministry for K-3rd grades

Early Elementary children will gather on Sundays at 9:45a in Room 110 with Pastor Sally and their teachers to kick off the morning sharing "highs" and "lows" and prayer with one another. At 10 the children will head upstairs to their classes to go deeper in God's Word. Children are to be picked up at the gathering room at 10:40am

On Sunday Evenings starting in September, the Spark Choir will gather from 5:30p to 6:30p for Worship Arts on the third floor.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 26 is Christian Education Sunday at Myers Memorial. We will honor our Sunday School Classes and leaders with a breakfast at 9:15a in the CFC. The Young Adults will sponsor a Waffle Bar as the Nurture Committee leads this time of highlighting the importance of Sunday School for all ages in the life of Myers Memorial with special thanks to our teachers.

During worship Bibles will be presented to third graders and older elementary children. We look forward to presenting the 2018 Outstanding Service to Christian Education, presented by the Nurture Committee. Please contact April Proctor, if you have a name to nominate for giving outstanding service to Christian Education at Myers Memorial UMC.

INX BETWEEN

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inXbetween

This is the official launch of a specialized ministry for the kids at Myers who are 'in between' 4th and 8th grades. Why the X in the name? because in it all, Jesus Christ is in the middle with us.

Sunday Mornings

Starting August 26, the 4th-8th graders will head downstairs at 9:45a to the Youth Classroom (just off the Youth Lounge) for Sunday School. This will be their new hangout for Sunday School (9:45a - 10:40a) and Sunday Nights (starting September 9).

Back to School Bash

Sunday, August 26 4-6p

Parents and inXbetweeners are encouraged to attend to fellowship with others and start the year off right! Childcare is available for younger siblings.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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- **Sunday, August 5: Haywood Street, 12p to 8:30p** Youth will leave following worship at MMUMC and travel to downtown Asheville, NC for a day of service and worship with the Haywood Street Congregation. Core programs at Haywood Street include weekly worship, a clothing closet, community garden, a free community lunch known as the Downtown Welcome Table, and Haywood Street Respite, which offers a safe place for adults experiencing homelessness to stay on a short term basis after being discharged from a hospital. Those who eat and worship together at Haywood Street are individuals carrying all their worldly possessions in ragged backpacks as well as privileged professionals, stay-at-home moms, students and the working poor. We will help serve during the evening welcome meal and then attend worship. Youth need to bring money for lunch on the way as well as an offering for Haywood Street. We will return to Myers around 8:30.
- **Sunday, August 12: Pizza with the Pastor, 5:30p** Meet in the youth lounge for delicious pizza (not delivery) and hearty conversation with Pastor Sally. Youth are welcome to bring their questions and their friends as we have a time to get to know one another on a deeper level.
- **Sunday, August 19: Pool Party, 12p-3p** Jump on the bus after worship and head to Brendan Rooney's house. Don't forget your towel and your suit! Lunch is provided. We will return to the church around 3:30 pm.
- **Sunday, August 26: Back to School Bash, 4p-6p** If we have to go back to school, let's kick it off in style!! The Youth, In-betweens and their parents are invited to a cookout in the Gathering Garden followed by games, fellowship and more! Come find out what the rest of the Fall has in store! Childcare provided for younger siblings.



YOUNG ADULTS

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- **Ladies Night Out, August 9, 6-8p, CFC**
The Young Adult Sunday School class is sponsoring this night of shopping to have fun and raise funds. The vendors who will be present will bring a variety of items for purchase and to order. Come check it out and shop in the comfort of the air conditioned CFC. Entrance is free, and no, it's not just for ladies! Guys, come shop too! There will be woodworkers and other items to gift to loved ones! Let's make it successful as the money raised from the vendor's participation will be used to renovate room at the *Cathy Cloniger Center: A Domestic Violence Shelter* in honor of the Lambert Ladies of Myers Memorial UMC.
- **Young Adult Pool Party, August 11, 6:30p**
Bring the whole family for a Pool Party and Ice Cream Social at Pastor Sally's house on Saturday, August 11 at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to Tresca so we're sure to have your favorite ice cream toppings ready for you!





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MYERS MEMORIAL UMC

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER SERVICE

AUGUST 19 at 6PM in the SANCTUARY
301 S. New Hope Rd. Gastonia, NC



August 29 - November 14

Eat ~ 5:15p Spend time connecting with friends and making new ones around the tables in the Christian Fellowship Center (CFC) Menus vary from week to week and favorite 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.

Worship ~ 6p Gather in the Sanctuary for a time of worship during a busy week. Gather for a homily, communion and music as we connect as the body of Christ. Childcare provided for infants through preschool.

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