

Prayers of the People

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To share confidential or community prayer, please make a note on the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. You may also use the Connection Card to indicate your desire to receive the Myers Prayer Chain.

Myers Memorial UMC invites all ages to experience the ride of a lifetime with God at our "Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School" July 15-18
5:30p Family Dinner
6p to 8p Groups for all Ages



Register today at www.MyersMemorialUMC.org and click on the Rolling River Rampage VBS logo. A Snack Supper Meal will be served in the CFC at 5:30 each evening for the entire family. Children under 4 years will be taken by parents directly to their classroom and picked up there.

Parents will take their children 4 years-Rising 6th to the sanctuary at 6pm to sign in for the evening's adventures of music, science, crafts, recreation, storytelling and a special opening and closing each evening with Romper, the River Otter and his Paddle Captain. Children will be picked up in the Sanctuary at 8 pm.

Rising 7th graders and older youth will meet in the Youth Lounge at 6pm. Adults will join Marty Brown and David Elzey in the Asbury Room each evening at 6:30pm. During the week we will take a special offering of supplies for the Project Agape Christmas Shoeboxes and THaKO Kids.

Christmas in July Yes, only six months until Christmas but the Outreach Committee wants to give you an opportunity to act now to give an Armenian child a wonderful Christmas treat! Project AGAPE—a ministry to Armenia and to some of our most desperate Christian brothers and sisters—is a collaborative effort of the UMC in North Carolina and a joint effort with the Armenian Apostolic Church. This is the only humanitarian effort sanctioned by the government and it comes from us United Methodists in North Carolina! During the month of July you are encouraged to collect items that will fill plastic shoeboxes for children Infant through Teens. You may complete an entire box, or you may simply purchase items to fill boxes. Each box must also include \$5 to assist with the cost of shipping to Armenia. Remember: All items for one child must fit in a plastic shoebox. Visit the church website for a complete shopping list or pick up a flyer in the narthex.

Take to the THaKO Kids! Later in July, a group from Myers Memorial UMC will travel to THaKO, Tomorrow for Haitian Kids' Organization, a non-profit orphanage based in the heart of the village of Carbonel, a remote region of Cap Haitien, Haiti. In Worship on July 22, team members Louisa & Dan Suggs, Judy Seay and Alice Sweazy will be sent forth with our prayers and on July 28 they will depart for Cap Haitien, Haiti. Let's give them some things to take to the THaKO Kids! Deodorant, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Children's Underwear (girls sizes 6-14 and boys sizes 8-16), Please bring all donations to the church prior to July 22. A labeled bin can be found in the church office and in the Sanctuary Entrance/Narthex.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, July 8

9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
5:30p Youth Group, Youth Lounge

Monday, July 9

9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp

Tuesday, July 10

9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp
10a Grief Share, Parlor
11a Al-Anon, Asbury

Wednesday, July 11

9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp
10a Staff Meeting, Parlor

Thursday, July 12

9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp

Thursday, July 12 continued

6p Men's Basketball, CFC
6p Witness Committee, Offsite
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

Friday, July 13

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor
9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp

Saturday, July 14

9a VBS Decorating

Sunday, July 15 Commission Youth Group Mission Team @ VBS Volunteers

9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:15a Health Cabinet Meeting, CFC
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
5:30p VBS Meal, CFC
6p VBS

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Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Debbie Brown
Scripture Reader: Brendan Rooney
Crucifer: Katie Carpenter
Acolytes: Charlotte Hearne @ Mattie Queen
Nursery: Karen Carrick, Paige Falls, Jaclyn Tant, Katie Carpenter
July Coffee Time Hosts: Asbury Class

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, July 1, 2018
Sunday School: 100 Worship: 215
Offering Received: \$12,007

Giving on the Go
www.MyersMemorialUMC.org
/Online-Giving



Going DEEP A Summer Study of 1 John

What does it mean when we say we want to "go deeper" in our faith? How can we live deeper in Christ? Join us as we dive deep in the words of 1st John.

July 8 ~ Deep Desire ~ 1 John 2:12-17

July 15 ~ Deep Truth ~ 1 John 2:22; 4:1-3, 9-10

July 22 ~ Deep Hope ~ 1 John 2:28-3:2

July 29 ~ Deep Love ~ 1 John 2:9-11; 3:16-18; 4:7-21

August 5 ~ Deep Creativity ~ 1 John 5:11-20

Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

July 8, 2018

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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 church meals, share prayer concerns or comments. Please use it as a way to note your attendance in worship today and return it during the offering as an act of offering yourself to God this week.

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 inside both men and women's restrooms.

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.

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July 8, 2018 Arnold Brackett, Liturgist 10:50am

Order of 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 Hymnal Supplement, the black softcover book

Gathering for Worship

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 *Parita on "St. Denio"* F. Ashdown

* Call to Worship

Leader: As the deer heads for the water

People: So my soul longs for you.

Leader: You alone are my heart's desire

People: And I long to worship you.

* Opening Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH #384

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**O Lord our God,
you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us
than we are to seek them,
and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve.
Help us so to seek that we may truly find,
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Children's Time Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer *Take Time to Be Holy* Longstaff/Stebbins
Chancel Choir

Take time to be holy, speak oft with the Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his word. Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sarah Davis

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

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 *Be Thou My Vision* UMH #451

Offering

Offertory *Assurance* Carlson

* Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;* UMH #94

Praise him all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts.

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson 1 John 2:24-25 (THE MESSAGE) Brendan Rooney

"Stay with what you heard from the beginning, the original message.

Let it sink into your life. If what you heard from the beginning lives

deeply in you, you will live deeply in both Son and Father."

Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Seek ye the Lord* J. Varley Robers

Tony Sane, soloist

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found,

call ye upon Him while He is near;

Let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts,

and return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy,

and abundantly pardon. Amen.

Scripture Lesson 1 John 2:12-17 NT, page 239

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Sermon *Deep Desire* Rev. Sally W. Queen

* Closing Hymn *Take My Life ☺ Let it Be* UMH #399

* Benediction

* Congregational Response UMH #666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.

May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving,

Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* G. Young



The Flower Arrangement in the Sanctuary

is given to the Glory of God

in Honor of our 10th Wedding Anniversary

by Steve ☺ Karen Carrick

The Candle on the Altar

is to celebrate the birth of *Ruby Nell Whelan*

born June 11, 2018 to parents Tom ☺ Krystal (Lutz) Whelan;

grandparents Donna ☺ Gary Lutz

Announcements

Set Up for VBS We will need a lot of help preparing Myers Memorial for our "Rolling River Rampage". If you are willing to assist with our decorating please join us on Saturday, July 14 at 9 am. We are still seeking volunteers to work with our preschoolers, to be floaters and to assist in the kitchen for our mealtime. To volunteer please contact the church office, April Proctor, Tanya Martin or Connie Elzey.

Myers Memorial 60+ Fellowship ~ July Events We encourage all our 60+ to attend our Vacation Bible School each evening July 15-18. Our meal begins at 5:30 and our adult class will begin at 6:30 with Marty Brown and David Elzey. Plan to bring a friend and join us. That same week is our regular third Thursday meeting day, July 19. Join us at 11:30am at Webb Custom Kitchen in downtown Gastonia for lunch together. Please make your lunch reservation with Connie by Monday, July 16.

Fire Drill! No, there isn't a Fire Drill being planned today, however, one never knows when that bell will go off! Be prepared! And at the First Annual Myers Memorial UMC Music Camp, the kids will learn exactly what to do in a fire drill as well as learn some important lessons from the Bible. Music Camp is July 30-August 3 from 9a to 2p each day. Then, on Friday, August 3, the performance will be at 6p in the Sanctuary. You won't want to miss these kids sharing their faith through drama and music!

UMW Cookie Pans & Cookbooks The United Methodist Women have discovered a hidden treasure of Cookbooks and Cookie Sheets! These are much loved items by those who have them. Don't have one? Get yours today! Word is that the cookie sheets are fabulous and a must have in your kitchen! The cookbooks are treasures to behold and filled with many yummy recipes! Both Cookbooks and Cookie Sheets are on the bookshelf in the office hallway. Stop by to pick up one or two! Donations are accepted and will benefit the mission projects of the Myers Memorial UMC United Methodist Women!

Monthly CAM (Crisis Assistance Ministry) Collection: Cleaning Supplies. Laundry & Dish Detergent, Scouring Pads, Ajax, Windex, Comet, Bath Soap, Toilet Paper. There are labeled bins to receive your donations in three areas around the church campus: the Church Narthex/Rear of the Sanctuary, Education Wing and in the Church Office.

Youth Tonight is AOK from 5 to 6:30p! We'll gather in the Youth Lounge to spread the joy of kindness to strangers in our community! Your friends will want to come too, so bring them! Dinner is included.