

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.

Youth & In}between Kick Off Party ~ Parents and students in 4th through 12th grades are invited to a cookout in the Gathering Garden on August, 26 from 4p to 6p. It'll be a fun time to see everyone after the summer and learn more about the fun that's planned for the fall! Childcare is provided for younger siblings. RSVP to Tresca, thmcswain@gmail.com or mark today's Connection Card

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.

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. Mark your Connection Card if you are interested in participating and we'll contact you with more details.

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 Course The present human population on Earth is over 7 billion. For the most part, this population practices or loosely identifies with a religion. This fall 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. There is a text book for the course. The World Religions class begins Tuesday, September 4, 6:30p to 7:30p in Room E-105. If you have an interest in this global religious journey, please register on today's Connection Card or contact Connie Elzey in the church office.

 **Wednesday connect** Begins August 29
Dinner served at 5:15p
Worship at 6p
Small Group Space at 6:30p

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, August 12

9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
12p Teacher Lunch & Learn
5:30p Youth Pizza with the Pastor

Tuesday, August 14

10a Grief Share, Parlor
11a Al-Anon, Asbury

Wednesday, August 15

10a Staff Meeting, Parlor
6:30p Whole30, Youth Lounge

Thursday, August 16

11a 60+ Fellowship, Clover
6p Men's Basketball, CFC
6:15p Witness Committee Meeting,
Dickson's
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Debbie Brown

Scripture Reader: Lathan Flake

Crucifer: Marie Kalinoski

Acolytes: Rhett Buchanan @ Andrew Walker

Nursery: Linsy Aul, Chris McCullen,
Elizabeth Lanier, Angelica Brown

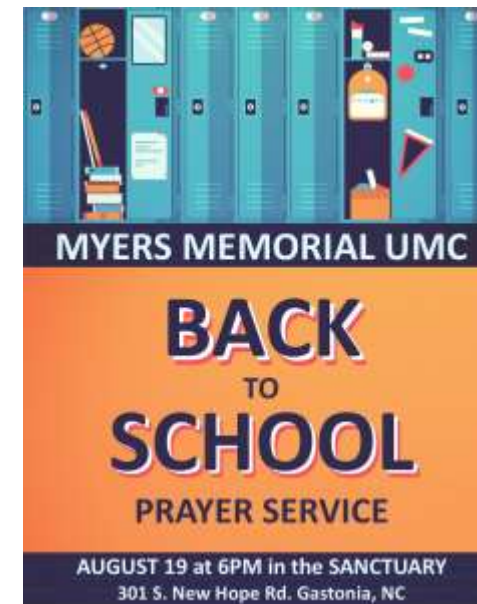
August Coffee Time Hosts: Young Adults

Friday, August 17 Newsletter Deadline

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

Sunday, August 19

9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
12p Youth Pool Party
6p Back To School Prayer Service,
Sanctuary
7p Church Council, Asbury



MYERS MEMORIAL UMC
BACK TO SCHOOL
PRAYER SERVICE
AUGUST 19 at 6PM in the SANCTUARY
301 S. New Hope Rd. Gastonia, NC



LESSONS FOR LIFE
DONATIONS FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS
AUGUST 12
EARBUDS/EARPHONES
AUGUST 19
CLOROX WIPES/SANITIZER
AUGUST 26
HIGHLIGHTERS
Myers Memorial United Methodist Church proudly supports
Sherwood Elementary School, Grier Middle School and Warlick Academy

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Hearing Others
August 12, 2018
LESSONS FOR LIFE

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.

Rev. Sally Queen, Pastor
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August 12, 2018 Lee Black, 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 *Allegro Vivace* GF Handel

* Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: O Lord, open our lips
People: and our mouths shall sing forth your praise.
Leader: Praise the Lord
People: The Lord's name be praised.

* Opening Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore* UMH#89

During the opening hymn, you are invited to bring donations of earbuds to the front of the sanctuary.

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Give us a willingness to listen to one another,
and even to those with whom we have sharp disagreements,
lest in blind obedience to what we call the truth
we do not hear your word
as you elect to speak it through the words of others. Amen.**

Children's Time Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* R. Jackson

Chancel Choir
*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sarah Watkins 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 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* UMH #581

Offering

Offertory *Air* GF Handel

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

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson James 1:19-27 Lathan Flake
New Testament, page 229

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

Anthem *Panis Angelicus* Cesar Frank
Ryan Harrison, soloist

*May the Bread of Angels Become bread for mankind; The Bread of Heaven puts
all foreshadowings to an end; Oh, thing miraculous! The body of the Lord will
nourish the poor, the poor, the servile, and the humble. You God, Three In One,
we beseech; That You visit us, As we worship You. By Your ways, lead us
where we are heading, to the light that You inhabitest. Amen.*

Scripture Lesson Luke 15:11-32 NT, page 78
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hearing Others Rev. Sally Queen

* Closing Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* UMH #593

* Benediction

* Congregational Response UMH#666
*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May Gods' 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 *Allegro Maestoso* GF Handel



The Flower Arrangement in the Sanctuary
is given to the Glory of God and
in Honor of Brock Davis' 10th Birthday
with love from Mom, Dad and Harrison

Announcements

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Lunch & Learn Today following worship until 2p, 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.

Back to School Prayer Service Come, let us lift up the students, staff, administration, and families of students returning to school this fall. Sunday, August 19 at 6p in the Sanctuary. We will welcome Dr. Ed Sadler, Jr. as our keynote speaker.

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.

Youth Tonight! 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.

Youth Next Sunday: Pool Party at Brendan's House on August 19! Jump on the bus after worship and we'll head to Brendan's for a splashing good time! Don't forget your towel and your suit! Lunch is provided and we'll return to the church around 3:30p.

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 and 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.

Weekday Preschool Open House The Myers Memorial UMC Weekday Preschool invites enrolled and interested families to check out the preschool for fall! On August 26 from 2 to 4pm, drop in and meet your teachers, visit the classrooms, talk with the director, and register children! More information about our Weekday Preschool can be found at www.MyerMemorialUMC.org/Weekday-Preschool.