

## Prayers of the People

Students ☺ Schools, Lloyd ☺ Sue Pyles, Oren Hudson, Rachel Broome,  
Susan Marshall, Norma Lutz, Paul Outlaw, Melanie Lambert,  
Trinity United Methodist Church

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.

## Announcements



Wednesday Connect 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 with favorite foods we have all come to know and love. A salad bar is always available as are kid friendly options. 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.

Wednesday Connect 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

Today: 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!

Today: Youth & in-between Kick Off Party Parents and students in 4th through 12th grades are invited to a cookout in the Gathering Garden Today from 4p to 6p. Bring a side dish and enjoy the fun!

September Conversation On September 16, you are invited to a conversation rooted in the book Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict by The Arbing 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. A few copies are available for purchase in the Church Office. We will gather on Sunday, September 16 from 12 to 2p in the CFC. Lunch and childcare will be provided with reservation.

The Joy Circle of UMW will meet on Thursday, September 6 at 12p at Milano's on New Hope Rd. All Women are invited and Pastor Sarah Davis will be our speaker. *Please note the change in date for September only.*

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 I Fast Track, Sundays, 5:30 to 7p  
Disciple III Fast Track, Sundays, 5:30 to 7p

## This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

### Sunday, August 26

Christian Education Sunday  
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower  
9:15a Coffee Fellowship, CFC  
Teacher Appreciation Brunch  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary  
Bible Presentation  
2p Weekday Preschool Open House  
4p Youth & InXBetween Kick Off,  
Gathering Garden

### Tuesday, August 28

10a Grief Share, Parlor  
11a AI-Anon, Asbury  
6p Trustees, Asbury

### Wednesday, August 29

Weekday Preschool Teacher Workday  
10a Staff Meeting, Parlor  
5:15p Connect Dinner, CFC  
6p Connect Worship, Sanctuary  
6p Whole30, Youth Lounge

### Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Melinda Brown  
Scripture Reader: Brooke Cox  
Crucifer: Katie Carpenter  
Acolytes: Brianna Lambert ☺ Charlotte Hearne  
Nursery: Allison Buchanan, Tresca McSwain, Carrie Allen  
August Coffee Time Hosts: Young Adults

### Wednesday, August 29 (continued)

6p Knit for Christ, Parlor  
6:30p Small Group Space  
HalfTime Book Study, E105  
7p Chancel Choir, Music Suite

### Thursday, August 30

Weekday Preschool Teacher Workday  
6p Men's Basketball, CFC  
6p Back to the Pack, Scout Hut  
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

### Friday, August 31

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

### Saturday, September 1

Private Event, CFC

### Sunday, September 2 Communion

8am UMM/UMW Breakfast, CFC  
9a Health Cabinet Screenings, CFC  
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary

### A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, August 19, 2018  
Sunday School: 108 Worship: 176  
Online Worship: 20  
Offering Received: \$8,485  
Back to School Prayer Service: 75

### Wednesday Connect Menu

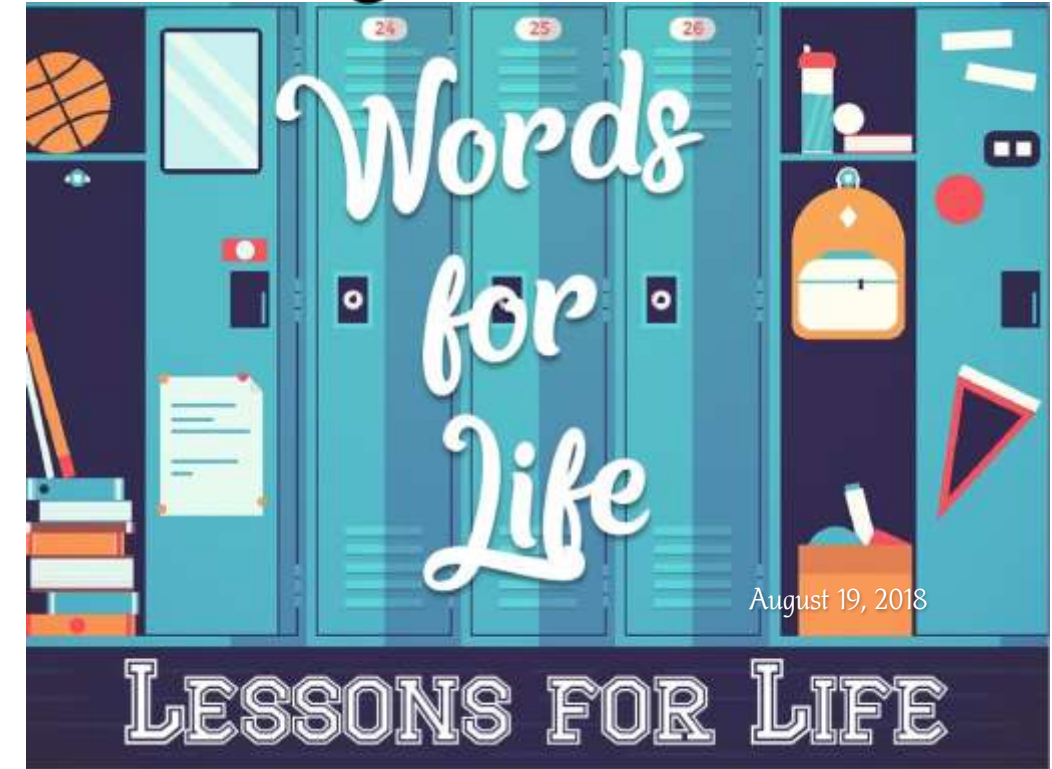
August 29: Chicken Casserole  
September 5: Country Style Steak  
September 12: Spaghetti

## #ourmissionistolove



This is Us: Sermon Series  
Sundays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 10:50a in the Sanctuary  
Wednesdays, September 5, 12, 19, 26 at 6p 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 and individuals. Established Sunday School classes are invited to make this their class for the month.

# Myers Memorial United Methodist Church



## 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  
301 South New Hope Road Gastonia, North Carolina 28054  
www.MyersMemorialUMC.org 704-864-3222

August 26, 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 *Give Me Jesus* R. Bellingham

#### \* Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

#### \* Opening Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH #127

During the hymn, you are invited to bring your school supplies to the front of the sanctuary.

#### Celebrating Sherwood Elementary School

Prayer for Sunday School Teachers (in unison) Connie Elzey

**Eternal God, You have entrusted us with the message of your power, grace, justice and love. Provide for us your guidance, that we may be teachers and learners together. Believing that you are in our midst, we set apart those who would serve in our Sunday School. May they serve you in nurturing the spiritual growth of all who are entrusted in their care. Bless each one gathered before us, enabling them to be channels of your grace. We pray through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Presentation of Bibles Connie Elzey

Pandora Childs Saniya Devlin Lucas J Graham  
Charlotte Ann Hearne Kyndal Hardiman Addison Grace Henry  
Jacob Wolfe

Leader to Bible Recipients: *Today we celebrate the presentation of Bibles to you. The Bible is a very special book because it holds our church history; it holds the story of God and persons who loved and followed God. We are proud to present you with this Bible. We believe you are important to our church and we hope you will read and study your Bible regularly.*

**Congregation: As a congregation, we too, rejoice in this special day for you. We pray God will guide you, your family and us as you use your Bible in your home, in your Sunday School Class and in worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's word.**

Leader: *The word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Outstanding Service to Christian Education April Proctor

Children's Time Pastor Sally  
*All children are invited to come to the front with their backpacks/school bags.*

Choral Call to Prayer *Come ☺ See* Houser  
Chancel Choir

*Come and see, come and see, I am the way and the truth said he. Follow me, follow me, come as a child, O come and see. Kyrie, eleison, Christe, eleison*

**All Students, Teachers, School Employees are invited to come forward for a blessing.**

Blessing of the Backpacks and New School Year

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 *My Hope is Built* UMH #368

Offering

Offertory *Heavenly Sunlight* D. Bish

\* 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 Acts 8:26-39 Brooke Cox

New Testament, page 127

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Here My Prayer* M. Hogan

Chancel Choir

*O Lord, please hear my prayer; In the morning when I rise. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. O Lord, please hear my prayer. Keep me safe within your arms. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. When my work on earth is done, And you come to take me home. Just to know I'm bound for glory; And to hear You say, "Well done!" Done with sin and sorrow. Have mercy. Mercy.*

Scripture Lesson Psalm 119:97-105 OT, page 568

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Words for Life Rev. Sally Queen

\* Closing Hymn *Wonderful Words of Life* UMH #600

Commissioning Hannah Black for Mission Service in Nepal

\* Benediction

\* Choral Response *The Lord Bless You ☺ Keep You* P. Lutkin

Chancel Choir

*The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord lift His countenance upon you, And give you peace, and give you peace, The Lord make His face to shine upon you, And be gracious unto you, be gracious, The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.*

\* Chimes of the Trinity

\* Postlude *Fanfare for a New Day* JW Kerr



#### The Flower Arrangements in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God

in loving memory of Sylvia "Sissy" Neely

on the occasion of her birthday by Neely

and

in honor of Ella ☺ Mattie Queen's Birthday

given by Mom, Dad ☺ Kate



Christian Education in its simplest terms is the nurture of persons in the faith. Christian nurture is that process through which persons are nourished spiritually and mentally in the pattern of Christ. This is the purpose of the education ministry of this church.

All persons are a part of the work of Christian Education. Some faces are young, others old, some sad and some happy; all should have the concern and care necessary for Christian living.

Today, let us be reminded that the most important moments in life of a person can become occasions of possible growth in the faith. Moments of confrontation, struggle and pain are as much a part of faith development as are moments of joy, progress and accomplishment. All of these are opportunities for Christian Nurture.

#### 2018-19 Myers Memorial UMC Sunday School Teachers ☺ Leaders

Sunday School Officers: Buddy Flake, Jim Lutz, Tanya Martin

#### Children

Infants: Donna Lutz, Judy Seay, Annie Oliver

1's & 2's: Christina & Glenn Carpenter, Carrie Current

3's & 4's: Jane Rivelle, Jaelyn Tant, Jennifer Gross

Spark: (K-3rd grades) April Proctor, Justine Snyder, Jen Butler, Jerri Lynn

Boggess

In}{Between Kelly & Marty Brown, Dale & Pam Shoemaker

Youth Kevin Queen & Shelly Alman

Adults Asbury Class: Jim Windham, Johnsie Burchfield, Renee Justice, Gene

Ratchford, Martha Dickson, Marty Brown

Contemporary Class: Angie Flake

Drifters: Gary Lutz

New Life: Sam & Gail Horn, Jeff Jimison, Dan Suggs, Phil Winter, Chris

McCullen

Rejoicers: Debbie Brown

Young Adult Class: Marty Current