

## Prayers of the People

John & Fran Kinlaw, Cheryl Fruits, Family of Eunice White, Family of Sarah Warnock, Rachel Broome, Cameron Dennis, Melanie Lambert, students and staff returning to school

## Wednesday CONNECT eat + gather + worship

Wednesdays, August 30 through November 8

5:15p - 6:15p | EAT

Before we CONNECT in small groups, spend time connecting with friends in the Christian Fellowship Center (CFC). Menus vary from week to week and feature 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.

5:30-6:45p Nursery for infants and toddlers.

5:45-6:15p | GATHER

PK | CONNECT 3 & 4 year olds

Preschoolers are invited to CONNECT with their friends through fun and interactive experiences that involve all types of activities. Parents can pick up after their program or children will be taken to the Nursery for the CONNECT Worship until 6:45pm.

KIDS | CONNECT Elementary ages

Elementary Children will CONNECT with their peers for a time of learning, praying for each other and the world, and having fun. They will gather on the 3rd floor of the Education building. The Elementary Children will meet their parents in the Sanctuary for worship at 6:15pm.

YOUTH | CONNECT 6th -12th grades

The Youth will CONNECT in the Youth Lounge each Wednesday for CORE, a student-led time of devotion. Experience the difference Jesus can make in your life as you reconnect with God and friends in the Youth Lounge. This is a great opportunity for youth to invite friends to join them and recharge their batteries from a hard week at school. Youth will gather in the Sanctuary at 6:15pm for worship.

ADULTS | CONNECT

Young Adults E-105 Upper Room Study CFC-106  
Prayer Focus Group Prayer Room  
PLOW: Parenting, Life Or Work E-07  
Knit for Christ 6 to 7pm, Parlor

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

6:15-6:30p | WORSHIP

A time to worship during the midst of a busy week. Gather for a homily, communion and music as we CONNECT as the body of Christ.

## This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

**Sunday, August 20**

9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:15a Choir Rehearsal  
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*  
3:30p Worship Committee  
4p Finance Committee  
5p Church Council

**Monday, August 21**

*CFC Closed for Carpet Cleaning*

**Tuesday, August 22**

*CFC Closed for Carpet Cleaning*  
9:30a Preschool Playdate, *CFC*  
10a GriefShare, *Parlor*  
11a Al-Anon, *Asbury*  
5:30 Back to School Prayer Service,  
*Sanctuary*

**Wednesday, August 23**

*CFC Closed for Carpet Cleaning*  
6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*  
6:30p Youth GNO  
7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, August 24**

6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*  
8p Narcotics Anonymous,  
*Downstairs*

**Friday, August 25**

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*

**Sunday, August 27**

**Christian Education Sunday  
Blessing of the Backpacks**  
9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:15a Choir Rehearsal  
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*  
Blessing of the Backpacks  
2p Weekday Preschool Open House  
5p Youth Back to School Blast

### BACK TO BASICS: SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS

**August 20:**

Notebook Paper, Pencils,  
Pens, Spiral Notebooks,  
Composition Books

**August 27:**

Backpacks

*Blessing of the Backpacks*

### Sunday Servants

**Head Usher:** Susan Martello

**Acolytes:** Ella & Mattie Queen

**Crucifer:** Marie Kalinoski

**Scripture Reader:** Cameron Dennis

**Nursery:** Debbie Brown, Melinda Brown, Angelica Brown, Jennifer Stroupe, Mark Taylor

**Coffee Hosts Next Week:** Nurture Committee

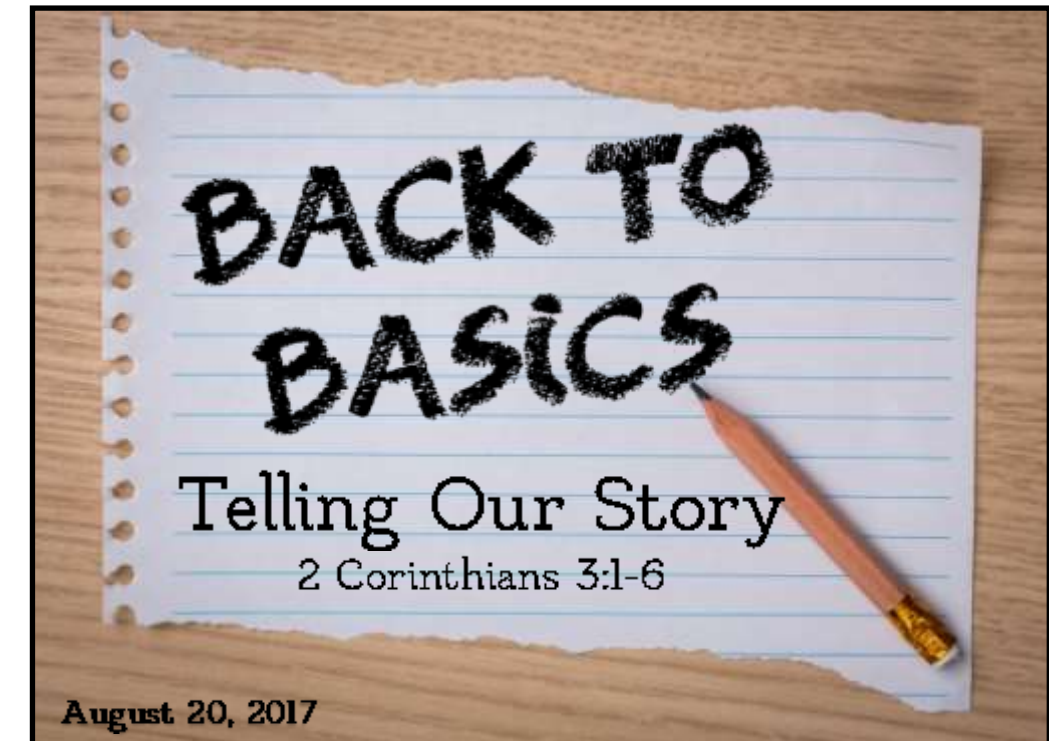
### A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, August 13, 2017 Worship: 203 Sunday School: 100

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# 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 Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meal, share prayer concerns or comments. Please use it to note your attendance in worship today and return it during the offering as a way of offering yourself to God this week.

Additionally, if you have any prayer concerns or celebrations that you would like shared during worship, please write clearly on the prayer card found in the pew and bring it to the railing at the front of the Sanctuary during the first hymn.

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 just inside in the women's restroom.

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

August 20, 2017 Thomas Rhodes, Liturgist 10:50am

## Order of Worship

Gathering for 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, the black softback songbook in the pew  
WS = Worship ⊕ Song, the green softback songbook in the pew.

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 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Robinson/Wyeth  
Myers Praise Team

\* Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Tell of God's salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations,

**People: the creator's marvelous works among all the peoples.**

Leader: For great is the Lord,

**People: and greatly to be praised.**

\* Opening Hymn *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH #400  
During the hymn, you are invited to bring your school supplies to the front of the sanctuary.

\* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Dear Jesus, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go.**

**Flood our souls with your spirit and life.**

**Let us praise you in the way you love best  
by shining on those around us. Amen.**

Children's Message Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer *Come and 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.*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sally Queen

The Lord's Prayer

**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 *Blessed Assurance* UMH #369

Offering

Offertory *All Glory* Arr. Myers Praise Team

\* Doxology UMH #95

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above,  
ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson Matthew 9:35-38 Cameron Dennis  
NT, page 9

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Down to the River to Pray* Arr. Sheldon Curry  
Chancel Choir

*As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way. Oh sisters lets go down, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray. As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way. O brothers lets go down, let's go down. Come on down, down in the river to pray. As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way. O fathers let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Down in the river to pray. As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way. O mothers, let's go down, come on down, don't-cha want to go down. Down in the river to pray. As I went down in the river to pray, studin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way. O sinners lets go down in the river to pray.*

Scripture Lesson 2 Corinthians 3:1-6 NT, page 180  
Leader: The Word of God for us, the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Back to the Basics: Testimony Rev. Sally Queen

\* Closing Hymn *I Love to Tell the Story* UMH #156

Reception of New Members UMH #38

*Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.*

Congregation:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant**

**faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence,**

**our gifts, our service and our witness,**

**that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

\* Benediction

\* Response *Go in the Grace of the Lord* James Barnard  
Chancel Choir

*Go in the grace of the Lord. Walk in the way of His Word. Stand in the strength of His promises, and believe in your heart they are true. Sit at the feet of the Savior. Pray in the power of the Spirit. Rise and run the race with patience, and go in the grace of the Lord. Go in hope, God's hope. Go in peace, God's peace. Go in joy, everlasting joy! As you live in the fullness of His love. Go in the grace go the Lord.*

\* Chimes of the Trinity

\* Postlude



### The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God to Celebrate

Ella and Mattie Queen's 10th Birthday

by Kevin, Sally and Kate Queen

Preschool Playgroup will meet this Tuesday at 9:30a for Sprinklers and Bubbles! Cool off with this end of summer splash party! Don't forget your towel and your favorite adult!

Youth This Week: This Wednesday, it's GNO - Guys/Girls Night Out. Meet at the church from 6:30-8pm.

Youth Next Sunday, August 27: Back to School Bash ~ It's Messy Game Night! 5p to 7pm at the church. Bring a change of clothes, a towel and a friend!

Back to School Prayer Service August 22, 5:30p you are invited to gather with the community in our sanctuary to cover the upcoming school year, students, administration, staff and educational system in prayer. Rebecca Huffstetler, Gaston County's Principal of the Year from 2016-17 will be our guest speaker.

Outstanding Service to Christian Education Each year on Christian Education Sunday the Nurture Committee recognizes a member of our church that has contributed "Outstanding Service to Christian Education" at Myers Memorial UMC. If you would like to nominate someone to receive this award, the deadline is today, please see Connie Elzey or April Proctor, Chairperson of our Nurture Committee.

Fall Mission Team to Lumberton is being assembled for November 5-8. You are invited to join the team and serve those still rebuilding after Hurricane Matthew. You may contact Mission Chairperson, Arnold Brackett at 704-922-7653 or anbrackett@bellsouth.net with questions or to volunteer.