

**Prayers of the People**  
Lyn Smarr, Jonathan McMillan, Jackie Gross



Celebrate Good Times is the theme for next Sunday's worship and to celebrate you're invited to come to worship dressed comfortably and casually! The worship leadership will be lei'd back and dressed casually. Be comfortable as we celebrate good times!

**Children's Book Club** meets this Monday at 1pm to discuss Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship & Freedom by Tim Tingle. We will meet at the Schiele Museum for conversation and exploration. Please bring \$5 for museum fees and a treat!

**Youth This Week** The youth will gather for a night of Bowling at Textile Lanes in Belmont from 6 to 8pm. Bring \$8 or bowling & shoe rentals, and extra money for food if you'd like! Please let Tresca know if you're planning to attend so enough lanes can be reserved.

Vacation Bible School isn't just for kids! Make plans to be at Hero Central: VBS 2017, July 16-19 where disciples of all ages (children, youth & adults) will become Heroes and explore how to serve God and God's mission in their lives! One central goal is to discover how to live out the Hero Verse from Psalm 34:14b. "Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" You can register today on a yellow VBS registration form or at [www.MyersMemorialUMC.org](http://www.MyersMemorialUMC.org). Should you have questions, contact Connie Elzey at [dce@myersmemorialumc.com](mailto:dce@myersmemorialumc.com), 704-864-3222 ext. 105.

The Myers Memorial UMC Weekday Preschool is now enrolling for the 2017-18 school year! Don't wait because you think there's going to be room! New students are enrolling each week! Visit [www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/weekday-preschool](http://www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/weekday-preschool) to obtain the registration packet.



Listen to past sermons in the series at  
[www.MyersMemorialUMC.org](http://www.MyersMemorialUMC.org)

- July 9: Matthew 14: 13-21 "Picnic in the Park" Communion Sunday
- July 16: John 2: 1-11 "Celebrate Good Times"
- July 23: Psalm 46 "Afternoon Nap"
- July 30: Philippians 2: 12-18 "Star Gazing"

## This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

**Sunday, July 9 Communion Sunday**  
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

**Monday, July 10**  
1p Children's Book Club, Schiele

**Tuesday, July 11**  
9:30a Preschool Playgroup, CFC  
10a Grief Share, Parlor  
11a AI-Anon, Asbury

**Wednesday, July 12**  
6p UMYF Bowling, Textile Lanes  
6p Knit for Christ, Parlor

**Thursday, July 13**  
9a VBS Decorating, CFC  
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

**Friday, July 14**  
7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

**Saturday, July 15**  
9a VBS Decorating, CFC

**Sunday, July 16 Casual Sunday**  
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  
5:30p VBS Family Dinner, CFC  
6p VBS Kick Off, Sanctuary  
6:30p Youth & Adult VBS

### Sunday Servants

**Acolytes:** Ella Queen, Brianna Lambert  
**Scripture Reader:** Brendan Rooney  
**Nursery:** Paige Falls, Jaclyn Tant, Lauren Snyder, April Martin, Christian Carpenter, Katie Carpenter  
**Coffee Hosts Next Week:** Asbury Class  
**Crucifer:** Ashley Fehrs  
**Head Usher:** Debbie Brown



### A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, July 2, 2017  
Worship: 197  
Sunday School: 114  
Last Sunday's Offering: \$8,172  
Year to Date Giving: \$323,625

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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



July 9, 2017

David Elzey, Liturgist

10:50am

Scripture Lesson

John 6:31-35

Brendan Rooney

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

## 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

*Fanfare*

Lemmens

\* Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: Come to Christ, the living bread,  
**People: who satisfies those who hunger and thirst for what is right**  
Leader: Come to Christ, who gives living water,  
**People: that we may never thirst again.**  
Leader: Come to Christ, that being filled,  
**People: we may minister to the hunger and thirst of others.**  
Leader: Come to God, in worship and praise,  
**People: through Jesus Christ, who gives us life.**

\* Opening Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

UMH #384

\* Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed

UMH #881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* Gloria Patri

UMH #71

Children's Message

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

Anthem

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Arr. Wilburg

Chancel Choir

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

NT, page 16

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Picnic in the Park"

Rev. Sally Queen

Offering

Offertory

*Reverie*

Rawsthorn

\* 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

Holy Communion

Rev. Sally Queen

Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. This is our family meal.  
All are invited to come forward and receive a piece of bread and then dip the  
bread into the cup of grape juice. A gluten free station is available.  
The Table is open to all who wish to partake.

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH #13

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Assisting with Communion: Brad @ Shelly Alman, Huey McMillan

\* Closing Hymn

*Let All Things Now Living*

TFWS #2008

\* Benediction

\* Response

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Lutkin

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

\* Chimes of the Trinity

\* Postlude

*Fantasy on Old Hundredth*

Brandon



Welcome to Brian McSwain, our guest Organist/Accompanist again today. Brian is the Choral & Drama Director at East Lincoln High School. We give thanks for his presence and his talent in worship today.

A few ways you can help with VBS before VBS.

- Do you have any plain, old, (clean), t-shirts you'd be willing to donate for a VBS craft? We're looking for light colors and at least one side needs to be plain. Any size will work! Please drop them at the Donation station in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the education wing.
- Another way to help is to create simple paper chains to be used for decorations. The paper is in the office work room. These can be done at home or at the church by simply stapling approximately 35 chains in random patterns together (they're easier to manage in those lengths). Please note your interest on today's Connection Card.
- Join us for creating decorations on Saturday July 15 or Thursday, July 13th at 9am. There's something for every ability!

July 60+ Gathering Join us for Lunch Bunch on July 20th at Don Pablo's Mexican restaurant at 11:30am. RSVP with Connie.