

Prayers of the People

Teachers & Staff of Sherwood Elementary, Warlick Academy, Grier Middle and the Myers Memorial UMC Weekday Preschool, the Family of Joe McMurry, Susan Marshall, Max Erwin, Melanie Lambert, Cameron Dennis, Jim & Margaret Bright, 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.

While You're Worshipping at Myers Today nearly 100 folks are worshipping with you yet at Camp Tekoa in Hendersonville, NC. This weekend is the 21st Annual Church Wide Retreat at Camp Tekoa and the theme is Tekoa Conversations: What's Up!



The Joy Circle of the UMW will be meeting on Thursday, May 10 at 12noon at the Olive Garden on Cox Road.

Church Council will meet Sunday, May 20 at 7p in the Asbury Room. All committees should have a representative present at this quarterly business meeting of the church. Questions should be directed to Mike Rhodes, Council Chair, mrhodes112@carolina.rr.com.

Myers Meals in May Our church is situated among some of Gastonia's most popular dining establishments and we have an opportunity to witness to our faith as we gather together for a meal around the tables on Wednesdays in May at 5:30p. Each Wednesday we will meet at a selected site, order food and have fellowship and conversation. Participants will pay for their own meals. Please join us and invite others to join you around the table too! There will be multiple locations and while reservations are not required, it will be helpful to know a number to expect so not to overburden a restaurant. *Selected restaurants will be advertised in Sunday's Bulletin and Monday's Email prior to the Wednesday we gather.* Jackson's Cafeteria will be a consistent location through out the month as it has the largest gathering space. A dinner host from Myers Memorial UMC will be present to help facilitate conversation yet it is each of our responsibilities to welcome all who wish to join the fellowship.

Half-Time: The Blessing of Mid Life What's your view and attitude on mid-life as you deal with aging parents, empty nesting, career options, looking ahead at retirement and who knows what else? If this sounds like where you are in life, gather with others that are coping with mid-life to discuss this part of life. Rev. Eddie Ingram, Pastoral Psychotherapist will guide our discussion on Monday, May 21 at 7 pm in the Youth Lounge. Half-Time themed snacks will be served! Please RSVP to Connie by May 16. 704-864-3222 or dce@myersmemorialumc.com

Myers 60+ Fellowship Group is headed for a tour of Charlotte's best kept secret on May 17 ~ Historic Rosedale Plantation! We will meet at the church at 12:30p to travel by church bus and carpool to the Plantation for a guided tour of the 15 room Federal Era plantation. Admission is \$10. Please make your reservation by Monday, April 14.

Senior Recital ~ Please join the families of Ashley Lowry & Lathan Birmingham for their Senior Recital with Gaston School of the Arts on Sunday, May 27 at 2pm in the Myers Memorial UMC Sanctuary.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, May 6

Church Retreat, *Camp Tekoa*
8a 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*

Monday, May 7

6p Community Book Study, *Asbury*
6p Cub Scouts, *First Floor*
6:30p Boy Scouts, *Scout Hut*

Tuesday, May 8

Teacher Appreciation Day
10a Grief Share, *Parlor*
11a AI-Anon, *Asbury*
6p Girl Scouts, *First Floor*
7p Outreach, *Asbury*

Wednesday, May 9

9:15a Women's Bible Study, *Asbury*
11a Warlick Mentoring

Wednesday, May 9 continued

5:30p Myers Meals, *Jackson's, Sake, O'Charley's*
6p Knit for Christ, *Parlor*
7p Chancel Choir, *Music Suite*

Thursday, May 10

12p Joy Circle, *Olive Garden*
6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*
6p Witness Committee, *Asbury*
8p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

Friday, May 11

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day
Second Sunday Sing
9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*

Myers Meals This Week ~ May 2 ~ 5:30p

Jackson's Cafeteria, Akers Center
O'Charley's, 1601 E. Franklin Blvd
Sake Express, 1327 E. Franklin Blvd

Reservations are not required, yet helpful, so not to overburden a restaurant. Please let us know via today's connection card or by contacting the church office.

Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Ken Avery
Scripture Reader: Angelica Brown
Crucifer: Jake Hoskins
Acolytes: Rhett Buchanan & Evan Falls
May Coffee Time Hosts: Drifters

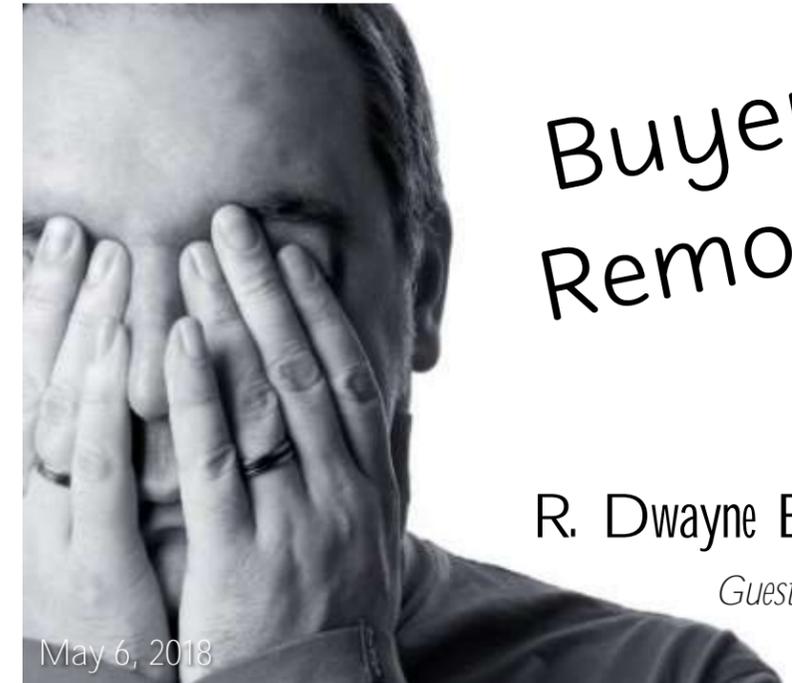
A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, April 29, 2018
Sunday School: 101 Worship: 216
Online Worship: 12
Offering Received last Sunday: \$11,677
Wednesday, May 2, 2018
Myers Meals: 58

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Buyer's Remorse

R. Dwayne Burks

Guest Preacher

May 6, 2018

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 Connect Meals, 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 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.

May 6, 2018 Phil Winter, 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 *Blessed Be the Tie that Binds* Callahan

* Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven.**

Leader: The hour is coming, and now is,
When true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth,
For such as the Father seeks to worship him.

**People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give
thanks to him, bless his name!**

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

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

O God, our Guide and Guardian,

you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house.

Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth,

to the comfort of our souls

and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire.

Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us,

that we may not fear the coming of night,

when we shall resign into your hands

the tasks which you have committed to us.

So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour,

but in word and deed all the days of our lives'

through Jesus Christ our Savior Amen.

Children's Time Melinda Brown

Pastoral Prayer Phil Winter

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 *This is My Father's World* Bish

* Doxology UMH #94

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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture 1 John 5:1-6 Angelica Brown

New Testament, page 241

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *The Anchor Holds* Ray Boltz

Mark Bridges, soloist

*I have journeyed through the long dark night Out on the open sea, by faith alone Sight
unknown; and yet His eyes were watching me The anchor holds Though the ship is battered
The anchor holds Though the sails are torn I have fallen on my knees as I face the raging seas
The anchor holds in spite of the storm I've had visions, I've had dreams I've even held them in
my hand But I never knew they would slip right through Like they were only grains of sand
The anchor holds Though the ship is battered The anchor holds Though the sails are torn I
have fallen on my knees as I face the raging seas The anchor holds in spite of the storm I have
been young but I'm older now And there has been beauty these eyes have seen But it was in the
night, through the storms of my life Oh, that's where God proved His love for me The anchor
holds Though the ship's been battered The anchor holds Though the sails are torn I have fallen
on my knees as I face the raging seas The anchor holds in spite of the storm I have fallen on my
knees as I face the raging seas The anchor holds in spite of the storm*

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 58:1-10 Old Testament, page 688

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Buyer's Remorse Rev. Dwayne Burks

* Closing Hymn *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* UMH#581

* Benediction

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude *God of Grace ☺ God of Glory* Manz

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God

by Phyllis Ledford

in memory of Leon Ledford



Announcements

Today We Welcome R. Dwayne Burks to the Pulpit! Dwayne is a dynamic, engaging, entertaining speaker with an uncanny knack for finding common ground among seemingly unconnected groups of people. With over 25 years of relational experience spanning three continents, Dwayne currently serves as the chaplain/director of social responsibility for the Gaston County Family YMCA. His enthusiasm for assisting nonprofits to increase their collaborate efforts inspired the Connection Gateway Partnership.

A Community Conversation You are invited to join in a community book conversation of *Waking up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. Dwayne Burks will host and Karen Bringle will facilitate this six-week discussion group at Myers Memorial UMC beginning Monday, May 7 from 6p to 7:30p in the Asbury room. If you would like to participate in the group, and/or have questions about it, please contact Karen at karenb95@gmail.com or 704-418-2813. You may also contact Dwayne at dwayneburks@gmail.com or text 704-860-2957. Participants are encouraged to obtain a copy of the book prior to the first session.

Save the Date for a Day of Service ~ Saturday May 19 will be a day to change the world in our community! It is the hope of the Outreach Committee that we can gather throughout the day and participate in various acts of kindness and generosity in the name of Jesus. Times will be announced closer to time and all resources for the projects will be provided! We have what it takes to make these projects happen, now we need to people power ~ You!! Project Plans: Community Breakfast at Trinity UMC Two teams will assist in cooking and clean up at Trinity UMC. (8a to 10:30a). End of Grade Encouragement Our local schools will be taking end of grade tests beginning May 23. We will decorate their sidewalks with encouraging messages as we cheer them on to do their best on these tests! Secret Doughnut Donations Doughnuts are a great treat no matter the time of day! Your task, should you choose to accept it, is to secretly prepay for doughnut orders and then watch the fun as hopefully folks pay it forward. Water Sharing at Planet Fitness We celebrate those taking the time to exercise! We will share bottles of water with them as they come and go from the gym. Suds of Hope A day at the laundromat isn't the most fun but we can make it much less of a burden by supplying the suds! Breath of Fresh Air Our hope is that we can share a breath of fresh air with someone as they repair or clean their cars by sharing a kind word and auto fresheners with them.

Scholarship Information is Now Available Groups within Myers Memorial UMC offer two scholarships for youth as they head toward higher education. If a high school senior wishes to be considered for the McSween or Dunigan Scholarships, please pay attention to deadlines and submit material in a timely manner.