

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.



The Ride of a Lifetime begins Tonight!
"Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School"
Join us July 15-18 for a 5:30p Family Dinner
6p to 8p Small Groups for all Ages

Come early to register then join us for a Snack Supper Meal in the CFC at 5:30 each evening for the entire family. Children under 4 years will be taken by

parents directly to their classroom at 6pm and picked up there at 8pm. Children 4 years-Rising 6th will head to the sanctuary at 6pm to sign in for the evening's adventures of music, science, crafts, recreation, storytelling and a special opening and closing each evening with Romper, the River Otter and his Paddle Captain. Children will be picked up in the Sanctuary at 8 pm. Rising 7th graders and older youth will meet in the Youth Lounge at 6pm. Adults will join Marty Brown and David Elzey in the Asbury Room each evening at 6:30pm. *During the week we will take a special offering of supplies for the Project Agape Christmas Shoeboxes and THaKO Kids.*

Christmas in July Yes, only six months until Christmas but the Outreach Committee wants to give you an opportunity to act now to give an Armenian child a wonderful Christmas treat! Project AGAPE—a ministry to Armenia and to some of our most desperate Christian brothers and sisters—is a collaborative effort of the UMC in North Carolina and a joint effort with the Armenian Apostolic Church. This is the only humanitarian effort sanctioned by the government and it comes from us United Methodists in North Carolina! During the month of July you are encouraged to collect items that will fill plastic shoeboxes for children Infant through Teens. You may complete an entire box, or you may simply purchase items to fill boxes. Each box must also include \$5 to assist with the cost of shipping to Armenia. *Remember: All items for one child must fit in a plastic shoebox.* Visit the church website for a complete shopping list or pick up a flyer in the narthex.

Take to the THaKO Kids! Later in July, a group from Myers Memorial UMC will travel to THaKO, Tomorrow for Haitian Kids' Organization, a non-profit orphanage based in the heart of the village of Carbonel, a remote region of Cap Haitien, Haiti. In Worship on July 22, team members Louisa & Dan Suggs, Judy Seay and Alice Sweazy will be sent forth with our prayers and on July 28 they will depart for Cap Haitien, Haiti. Let's give them some things to take to the THaKO Kids! *Deodorant, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Children's Underwear (girls sizes 6-14 and boys sizes 8-16),* Please bring all donations to the church prior to July 22. A labeled bin can be found in the church office and in the Sanctuary Entrance/Narthex.

Future Conversation Date: September 16, 12p to 2p. A conversation based on 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.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, July 15 *Commission Youth Group Mission Team @ VBS Volunteers*

9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:15a Health Cabinet Meeting, *CFC*
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*
5:30p VBS Meal, *CFC*
6p VBS

Monday, July 16

9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp
4:30p Supper Club, *The Shelter*
5:30p VBS Meal, *CFC*
6p VBS

Tuesday, July 17

9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp
10a Grief Share, *Parlor*
11a AI-Anon, *Asbury*
5:30p VBS Meal, *CFC*
6p VBS

Wednesday, July 18

9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp
10a Program Staff Meeting
5:30p VBS Meal, *CFC*
6p VBS

Thursday, July 19

9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp
11:30a 60+, *Webb Custom Kitchen*
6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*
8p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

Friday, July 20

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*
9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp

Sunday, July 12 *Commission Haiti Mission Team*

9a Focus Prayer Group, *Tower*
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, *CFC*
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, *Sanctuary*

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Sunday Servants

Head Usher: John Crain
Scripture Reader: Lathan Flake
Crucifer: Andy Lowry
Acolytes: Evan Falls @ Rhett Buchanan
Nursery: Carrie Allen, Tresca McSwain,
Chris McCullen, Katie Carpenter
July Coffee Time Hosts: Asbury Class

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, July 8, 2018
Sunday School: 101 Worship: 202
Online Worship: 12
Offering Received: \$12,972

Giving on the Go
www.MyersMemorialUMC.org
/Online-Giving

Going DEEP A Summer Study of 1 John

What does it mean when we say we want to "go deeper" in our faith? How can we live deeper in Christ? Join us as we dive deep in the words of 1st John.

July 15 ~ Deep Truth ~ 1 John 2:22; 4:1-3, 9-10

July 22 ~ Deep Hope ~ 1 John 2:28-3:2

July 29 ~ Deep Love ~ 1 John 2:9-11; 3:16-18; 4:7-21

August 5 ~ Deep Creativity ~ 1 John 5:1-20

Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

July 15, 2018

Going DEEPER

a study of 1 John

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.

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July 15, 2018 Arnold Brackett, 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 *Prelude* A. Foote

* Call to Worship (*responsively*)

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 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 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* UMH #158

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Our heavenly Father,
we your humble children invoke your blessing on us.**

**We adore you, whose name is love,
whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy,
whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness,
whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace,
whose service is perfect freedom,
and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life.**

**Unto you be all honor and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Children's Time Pastor Sally

Dedication of VBS Volunteers and Participants Connie Elzey

Choral Call to Prayer *Take Time to Be Holy* Longstaff/Stebbins
Chancel Choir

*Take time to be holy, speak oft with the Lord; abide in him always, and feed on
his word. Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in
nothing his blessing to seek.*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sarah 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 of Thanksgiving *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UMH #140

Offering

Offertory *Cantilena in G* A. Foote

* 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 Lesson 1 John 2:24-25 (THE MESSAGE) Lathan Flake

"Stay with what you heard from the beginning, the original message.

Let it sink into your life. If what you heard from the beginning lives
deeply in you, you will live deeply in both Son and Father."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *How Deep The Father's Love for Us* Townend/Shackley
Chancel Choir

*How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only
Son To make a wretch His treasure How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His
face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory How high, how
wide, how deep the Fathers love for us. Behold the man upon a cross My sin upon His
shoulders Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers It was my sin that
held Him there Until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life I know that it
is finished How pure, how strong, how deep the Fathers love for us. I will not boast in
anything No gifts, no power, no wisdom But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and
resection why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer But this I know with
all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom How high, how wide, how pure how strong,
how deep the Fathers Love for us.*

Scripture Lesson 1 John 2:22; 4:1-3, 9-10 NT, page 239

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Deep Truth Rev. Sally W. Queen

* Closing Hymn *Maker, in Whom We Live* UMH #88

* Commissioning of Youth Mission Team

Youth: Angelica Brown, Lathan Flake, Victoria Flake, Slayton Fletcher,
Marie Kalinoski, Ashley Lowry, Andy Lowry, Dawson Moore, Brandi
Reavis, Sydney Shugart

Adults: Buddy Flake, Angie Flake, Donna Fletcher, Shannon Kalinoski,
Evelyn Long, Tresca McSwain, Director of Youth Ministries

* Benediction

* Congregational Response UMH #666

***Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's 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 *Fanfare* D. Gawthrop

The Flower Arrangement in the Sanctuary

is given to the Glory of God
in Memory of Karen Cox by Leon Cox

Announcements

Myers Memorial 60+ Fellowship In addition to VBS this week, 60+ will be gathering for lunch on June 19th. Join us at 11:30am at Webb Custom Kitchen in downtown Gastonia for lunch together. Meet at the church by 11:15a to ride the bus. Please make your lunch reservation via today's Connection Card or with Connie by Monday, July 16.

You're Invited to Dinner & a Movie Trinity United Methodist Church cordially invites our friends from Myers Memorial UMC to a Hot Dog Supper and a Movie on Friday, July 27 at 6pm. We will be watching "I Can Only Imagine" based on the much-loved song of the same name. Please bring a comfortable chair or floor pillows as well as a dessert to share! Trinity UMC is located at 1513 Florida Street, Gastonia, NC 28052. Please RSVP via today's Connection Card or by calling the Myers Church Office at 704-864-3222.

Fire Drill! The First Annual Myers Memorial UMC Music Camp begins in just a few weeks and there are a few spots left for kids wanting to experience the fun of putting on a musical for their family and friends! The kids will learn exactly what to do in a fire drill as well as learn some important lessons from the Bible. Music Camp is July 30-August 3 from 9a to 2p each day. Then, on Friday, August 3, the performance will be at 6p in the CFC. You won't want to miss these kids sharing their faith through drama and music!

Monthly CAM (Crisis Assistance Ministry) Collection: Cleaning Supplies. Laundry & Dish Detergent, Scouring Pads, Ajax, Windex, Comet, Bath Soap, Toilet Paper. There are labeled bins to receive your donations in three areas around the church campus: the Church Narthex/Rear of the Sanctuary, Education Wing and in the Church Office.

Going Deeper in the Neighborhood If you are interested in continuing a conversation about purposeful engagement in our neighborhood you are invited to gather on July 25 at 6:30p. Space is limited and appetizers will be provided. Location will be announced. Please RSVP via today's Connection Card or email Sarah at churchoffice@myersmemorialumc.com.