

## Prayers of the People

Youth Mission Trip, Linda Roberts, Dick Dey, Doug Gross,  
Oren Hudson, Sharon Moss, Rachel Broome, Sally Drennan  
Brenda Carothers, 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.

A Special Thanks to everyone that supported our 2018 VBS! Every participant and leader/helper made our four days a success. We all truly know that “when we pass thru the waters God will be with us always”! We averaged 151 children, youth and adults these four days and made many new friends!

Whole30 Support Group Whole30 is a 30-day clean-eating plan designed to clean up your eating habits by cutting out foods that might be having a negative impact on your health. Countless people have found renewed health while eating this way yet admit at times it can be hard. Starting August 1, you are invited to embark on 30-days of clean eating with the support of others in the church. Lee Black will facilitate the support group. If you are interested, please mark today’s Connection Card and prepare to start by cleaning out your pantry and refrigerator!

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.

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. Books can be purchased online at your preferred book seller and is available in multiple formats from Amazon.

Myers Memorial UMC Welcomes Sanctuary Counseling Group and Rev. Eddie Ingram, Pastoral Counselor, to our building. Due to the upcoming building projects at First UMC, Gastonia, Rev. Ingram’s office has become unusable. Thank you to the Myers Trustees for offering space for Rev. Ingram to continue offering this confidential counseling ministry in the Gastonia area until the work at First UMC can be completed. Rev. Ingram’s office is now located on the third floor of the education building. The Myers Staff is committed to upholding the confidential nature of all clients. Should you desire to make an appointment, please contact Sanctuary Counseling Group directly at 704-375-5354.

Fire Drill! The First Annual Myers Memorial UMC Music Camp begins July 30th. Please pray for the children who are coming to this camp as they share their gifts through drama and music. 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!

## This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

### Sunday, July 22 *Commission Haiti Mission Team*

8a Youth Mission Team Departs  
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary

### Monday, July 23

Youth Mission Trip, Orlando, Fla  
9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp

### Tuesday, July 24

Youth Mission Trip, Orlando, Fla  
9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp  
10a Grief Share, Parlor  
11a AI-Anon, Asbury

### Wednesday, July 25

Youth Mission Trip, Orlando, Fla  
9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp  
10a Staff Meeting, Parlor  
6:30p Myers Meal Conversation

### Thursday, July 26

Youth Mission Trip, Orlando, Fla  
9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp  
6p Men’s Basketball, CFC  
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

### Friday, July 27

Youth Mission Trip, Orlando, Fla  
7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor  
9a Weekday Preschool Summer Camp  
6p Movie Night, Trinity UMC

### Saturday, July 28

Youth Mission Trip Returns  
Haiti Mission Team Departs

### Sunday, July 29

9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower  
9:15a Christmas in July Party, CFC  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC  
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages  
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary

#ourmissionistolove

### Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Melinda Brown  
Scripture Reader: Hallie Walker  
Crucifer: Matthew Walker  
Acolytes: Andrew Walker @ Adam Anderson  
Nursery: Elizabeth Lanier, Linsy Aul, Jennifer Stroupe, Angelica Brown  
July Coffee Time Hosts: Asbury Class

### A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, July 15, 2018  
Sunday School: 95    Worship: 199  
Online Worship: 11  
Offering Received: \$17,765  
Vacation Bible School: Average 151

Giving on the Go  
[www.MyersMemorialUMC.org](http://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 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 5:11-20

# Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

July 22, 2018

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## 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 22, 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 *Fanfare ☺ Chorale* W. Held

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

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints,  
And give thanks to God's holy name!

**People: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!**

Leader: We may cry through the night,  
but your joy comes with the morning.

**People: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.**

Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing!

**People: Our souls cannot be silent!**

**O God, our savior, we give thanks to you for ever!**

\* Opening Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH #117

### \* Opening Prayer (in unison)

**O God,  
in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,  
bringing new life out of destruction,  
hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.**

**We thank you that you do not leave us alone  
but labor to make us whole.**

**Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives,  
and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit,  
that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen..**

Children's Time Pastor Sally

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 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* UMH #175

### Offering

Offertory *Andantino* W. Held

\* 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) Hallie Walker

"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 *God's Gonna Set This World on Fire* M. Hogan

Chancel Choir

*God's gonna set this world on fire, God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days,  
hallelujah! God's gonna set this world on fire, God's gonna set this world on fire one of  
these days. I'm gonna sit at the welcome table, I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one  
of these days, hallelujah! I'm gonna sit at the welcome table, I'm gonna sit at the  
welcome table one of these days. I'm gonna eat and never get hungry, I'm gonna eat  
and never get hungry one of these days, hallelujah! I'm gonna eat and never get hungry,  
I'm gonna eat and never get hungry one of these days. I'm drink and never get thirsty,  
I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty one of these days, hallelujah! I'm drink and  
never get thirsty, I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty one of these days. God's gonna  
set this world on fire, God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days, hallelujah!  
God's gonna set this world on fire, God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days.*

Scripture Lesson 1 John 2:28-3:2 NT, page 240

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Deep Hope Rev. Sally W. Queen

\* Closing Hymn *My Hope Is Built* UMH 368

### \* Commissioning of Haiti Mission Team

Dan ☺ Louisa Suggs, Alice Sweazy, Judy Seay

### \* 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 *Holy, Holy, Holy* A. Jordan



### The Flower Arrangement in the Sanctuary

is given to the Glory of God and

in Honor of Heather Seay

Happy Birthday from Mom ☺ Dad

## Announcements

**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.

**Sunday Morning First Responders** The Myers Health Cabinet is working to implement a team of folks that are willing to serve at a moment's notice to any health emergencies that may arise on a Sunday Morning. You may mark your willingness on today's Connection Card and a member of the Health Cabinet will be in contact with more details.

**It's a Boy!** You are cordially invited to a baby shower in honor of Brinkley & Thomas Rhodes on Saturday, August 4. Please drop-in between 9a and 11am. at the Myers Memorial UMC Christian Fellowship Center. Baby Rhodes is registered at [www.babylist.com/brinkley-rhodes](http://www.babylist.com/brinkley-rhodes).

**Christmas in July ~ One Week Left!** 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.

Next Sunday ~ Christmas in July Party ~ 9:15am CFC Join us as we pack and pray over the shoeboxes for Project Agape in Armenia!