

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.

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.

Youth travel to Haywood Street Congregation Sunday, August 5: Haywood Street, 12p to 8:30p. Youth will leave following worship at MMUMC and travel to downtown Asheville, NC for a day of service and worship with the Haywood Street Congregation. Core programs at Haywood Street include weekly worship, a clothing closet, community garden, a free community lunch known as the Downtown Welcome Table, and Haywood Street Respite, which offers a safe place for adults experiencing homelessness to stay on a short term basis after being discharged from a hospital. Those who eat and worship together at Haywood Street are individuals carrying all their worldly possessions in ragged backpacks as well as privileged professionals, stay-at-home moms, students and the working poor. We will help serve during the evening welcome meal and then attend worship. Youth need to bring money for lunch on the way as well as an offering for Haywood Street.

Young Adult Pool Party, August 11, 6:30p Bring the whole family for a Pool Party and Ice Cream Social at Pastor Sally's house on Saturday, August 11 at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to Tresca so we're sure to have your favorite ice cream toppings ready for you!

Back to School Prayer Service Come, let us lift up the students, staff, administration, and families of students returning to school this fall. Sunday, August 19 at 6p in the Sanctuary. We will welcome Dr. Ed Sadler, Jr. as our keynote speaker.

Back to School Shopping If you're out and about and are seeing the back to school deals that are popping up, we are collecting three items in August for our partner schools. Yellow Highlighters, Earbuds/ Earphones, and Clorox Wipes/Hand Sanitizer. These items will go to Sherwood Elementary, Grier Middle and Warlick Academy.

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

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*

Monday, July 30

9a Myers Music Camp, *CFC*

Tuesday, July 31

9a Myers Music Camp, *CFC*
10a Grief Share, *Parlor*
11a AI-Anon, *Asbury*

Wednesday, August 1

9a Myers Music Camp, *CFC*

Thursday, August 2

9a Myers Music Camp, *CFC*
6p Men's Basketball, *CFC*
8p Narcotics Anonymous, *Downstairs*

Friday, August 3

7:15a Prayer & Devotion, *Parlor*
9a Myers Music Camp, *CFC*
6p Myers Music Camp Performance,
CFC

Saturday, August 4

9a - 11a Drop in Baby Shower for
Thomas & Brinkley Rhodes, *CFC*

Sunday, August 5

Communion Sunday
8a UMMen & UMWomen
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*
12p Youth Depart for Asheville
6p Finance Committee, *Asbury*

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Sunday Servants

Head Usher: Debbie Brown
Scripture Reader: Cassie Fehrs
Crucifer: Ashley Fehrs
Acolytes: Brock Davis & Brianna Lambert
Nursery: Angie Flake, Victoria Flake,
Carrie Allen, Jennifer Gross, Katie Carpenter
August Coffee Time Hosts: Young Adults

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, July 22, 2018
Sunday School: 115 Worship: 218
Online Worship: 17
Offering Received: \$6,129

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 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 29, 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 29, 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 on "Toplady"* LH Bristol

* Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: As the weak realize their strength;
as the poor eat and are satisfied,

People: God's love abides in us.

Leader: As the stranger finds a friend;
as the family offers forgiveness,

People: God's love abides in us.

Leader: As the ends of earth know of Christ's grace,

People: God's love abides in us.

* Opening Hymn *God, Who's Love is Reining O're Us* UMH #100

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

Thank you, loving God,

for bringing us to this time of worship.

Refresh us and heal us again.

Remind us of the many ways

in which you have blessed our lives

with your abundant love and your presence.

Guide our hearts and our spirits

that we may hear your words

and our souls may be stirred into active service with your people.

In the name of Jesus, who calls us deeper, we pray. Amen.

Children's Time Tony Sane

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 Tresca McSwain

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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH #400

Offering

Offertory *I Love Thee, My Lord* G. Shearing

* Doxology *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!* UMH #94

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson 1 John 2:24-25 (THE MESSAGE) Cassie Fehrs

"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 *The Gift of Love* Arr. H. Hopson
Chancel Choir

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire, And have
not love, my words are vain, As sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I
may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess, But not be given by love
within, The profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts
control, Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; By
this we worship, and are freed.*

Scripture Lesson 1 John 2:9-11; 3:16-18; 4:7-21 NT, page 239-241

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People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Deep Love Rev. Sarah Watkins Davis

* Closing Hymn *They'll Know We Are Christians* TFWS #2223

* 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 *Variations on "Old Hundredth"* LH Bristol

The Flower Arrangement in the Sanctuary
is given to the Glory of God and
in Honor of Jillian Medlin's 16th Birthday
with love from Mom ☺ John, Nini ☺ Poppy



Announcements

Don't Miss the One and Only Showing of *Fire Drill*, Friday, August 3 at 6p in the CFC. This delightfully short show is perfect for your Friday evening entertainment! Stay afterwards for a reception and to meet the cast. You won't want to miss these kids sharing their faith through drama and music!

It's a Boy! You are cordially invited to a baby shower in honor of Brinkley & Thomas Rhodes on Saturday, August 4. In lieu of invitations, please simply drop-in between 9a and 11am. at the Myers Memorial UMC Christian Fellowship Center. Baby Rhodes is registered at www.babylist.com/brinkley-rhodes.

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!

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.

Do you know CPR? Are you interested in learning? The Myers Health Cabinet is working to put together trainings for those in our congregation who are interested in learning or refreshing their CPR. Please mark your interest on today's Connection Card.

Ladies Night Out, August 9, 6-8p, CFC The Young Adult Sunday School class is sponsoring this night of shopping to have fun and raise funds. The vendors who will be present will bring a variety of items for purchase and to order. Come check it out and shop in the comfort of the air conditioned CFC. Entrance is free, and no, it's not just for ladies! Guys, come shop too! There will be woodworkers and other items to gift to loved ones! Let's make it successful as the money raised from the vendor's participation will be used to renovate room at the *Cathy Cloniger Center: A Domestic Violence Shelter* in honor of the Lambert Ladies of Myers Memorial UMC.