

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.

Going Deeper in the Neighborhood In April we prayed through the streets and around the buildings in our immediate neighborhood. In May we enjoyed the great food at the many restaurants surrounding our church. And in May we spent a day serving others who come into our neighborhood. What's Next? If you are interested in purposeful engagement with our neighborhood, you are invited to gather and go deeper in conversation and action about that very question ~ what's next? We will gather at a single restaurant location in our neighborhood on August 22 at 6p for intentional conversation. Please note time change. Space will be limited. Appetizers will be provided. Please RSVP to Pastor Sarah at churchoffice@myersmemorialumc.org.

Disciple Bible Studies this Fall Disciple is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian Leaders beginning this fall on Sunday, September 9. Mark your Connection Card if you are interested in participating and we'll contact you with more details.

Disciple 1 Fast Track, Sundays, 5:30 to 7p The first study in the Disciple program, *Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*, provides an overview of the entire Bible drawing upon the work of scholars, the personal bible reading and study of the participant and group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible. Disciple I is recommended prior to any other Disciple studies.

Disciple III Fast Track, Sundays, 5:30 to 7p *Disciple III: Remember Who You Are*, examines the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. Participants will find common themes, including calls to remember, calls to repent, calls for renewal, and calls for community.

World Religions Course The present human population on Earth is over 7 billion. For the most part, this population practices or loosely identifies with a religion. This fall David Elzey will teach a 13-week World Religions course that covers most of the largest or influential religions among the world's population, with consideration of some American-made religious groups. There is a text book for the course. The World Religions class begins Tuesday, September 4, 6:30p to 7:30p in Room E-105. If you have an interest in this global religious journey, please register on today's Connection Card or contact Connie Elzey in the church office.

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



Wednesday connect Begins August 29
Dinner served at 5:15p
Worship at 6p
Small Group Space at 6:30p

This Week at Myers Memorial UMC

Sunday, August 19

9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:30a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
12p Youth Pool Party
6p Back To School Prayer Service, Sanctuary
7p Church Council, Asbury

Monday, August 20

6:30p HalfTime, Youth Lounge

Tuesday, August 21

10a Grief Share, Parlor
11a AI-Anon, Asbury

Wednesday, August 22

Weekday Preschool Teacher Workday
6p Neighborhood Meal
6:30p Whole30, Youth Lounge
6:30p Knit for Christ, Parlor
7p Chancel Choir, Music Suite

Thursday, August 23

Weekday Preschool Teacher Workday
6p Men's Basketball, CFC
8p Narcotics Anonymous, Downstairs

Friday, August 24

Weekday Preschool Teacher Workday
7:15a Prayer & Devotion, Parlor

Saturday, August 25

2p Girl Scout Open House, CFC

Sunday, August 26

Christian Education Sunday
9a Focus Prayer Group, Tower
9:15a Coffee Fellowship, CFC
Teacher Appreciation Brunch
9:45a Sunday School for all Ages
10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
Bible Presentation
2p Weekday Preschool Open House
4p Youth & InXBetween Kick Off, Gathering Garden

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Sunday Servants

Head Usher: John Crain
Scripture Reader: Megan Farris
Crucifer: Jake Hoskins
Acolytes: Mattie Queen @ Adam Anderson
Nursery: Karen Carrick, Jennifer Stroupe, Carrie Allen, Katie Carpenter
August Coffee Time Hosts: Young Adults

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday, August 5, 2018
Sunday School: 99 Worship: 207
Online Worship: 12
Offering Received: \$11,674

Sunday, August 12, 2018
Sunday School: 99 Worship: 198
Online Worship: 20
Offering Received: \$18,995

Myers Memorial UMC
YOUTH MINISTRY
presents
Back to School Bash
INXBETWEEN & YOUTH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26
4p to 6p
In the Gathering Garden
for youth, inXbetween and parents

LESSONS FOR LIFE
DONATIONS FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS
AUGUST 12
EARBUDS/EARPHONES
AUGUST 19
CLOROX WIPES/SANITIZER
AUGUST 26
HIGHLIGHTERS
Myers Memorial United Methodist Church proudly supports
Blairwood Elementary School, Green Middle School and Warwick Academy

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 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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August 19, 2018 Lee Black, 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* J. Eberlin

* Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

People: so God seeks and saves the lost.

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

People: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

People: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

**People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another
In the name of Jesus Christ.**

* Opening Hymn *To God be the Glory* UMH #98

During the opening hymn, you are invited to bring
School Supply donations of to the front of the sanctuary.

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

God our Mother and Father, we come to you as children.

Be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes,

Hear one another with new hearts,

and treat one another in a new way.

Amen.

Praying for Grier Middle School

Children's Time Pastor Sally

Choral Call to Prayer *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* R. Jackson
Chancel Choir

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou
dost love and do what thou wouldst do.*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sarah Watkins 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 *Blessed Assurance* UMH #369

Offering

Offertory *Flute Solo* T. Arne

* Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;* UMH #94

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 Colossians 3:12-17 Megan Farris

New Testament, page 201

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus* Arr. Barlow Bradford
Chancel Choir

*I'm trying to be like Jesus; I'm following in his ways. I'm trying to love as he did, in all that I do
and say. At times I am tempted to make a wrong choice, But I try to listen as the still small
voice whispers, "Love one another as Jesus loves you. Try to show kindness in all that you do.
Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought, For these are the things Jesus taught." I'm trying to
love my neighbor; I'm learning to serve my friends. I watch for the day of gladness when Jesus
will come again. I try to remember the lessons he taught. Then the Holy Spirit enters into my
thoughts, saying "Love one another as Jesus loves you. Try to show kindness in all that you do.
Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought, For these are the things Jesus taught."*

Scripture Lesson Matthew 18:21-35 NT, page 20

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Forgiving Others Rev. Sally Queen

* Closing Hymn *Freely, Freely* UMH #389

* Benediction

* Choral Response *The Lord Bless You ☺ Keep You* P. Lutkin
Chancel Choir

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

* Chimes of the Trinity

* Postlude *Trumpet Tune* H. Purcell

The Flower Arrangement in the Sanctuary

is given to the Glory of God and
in Honor of Louisa Suggs' Birthday



Announcements

Tonight: 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.

Church Council will meet tonight in the Asbury room immediately following the Back to School Prayer Service.

Halftime ~ The Blessings of MidLife Our monthly third Monday meeting will be August 20 in the Youth Lounge at 6:30pm with guest speaker, Jason Austell. As requested, Jason will answer questions about retirement funds, investments, etc., so bring your questions!

Halftime Small Group Study ~ Wednesdays Grab a hard copy, e-book or audiobook of Falling Upward by Richard Rohr and join us in a study of this book beginning on August 29 at 6:30 pm in the Young Adult Sunday School Room following Wednesday Connect Worship.

Youth Today: Pool Party at Brendan's House! Jump on the bus after worship and we'll head to Brendan's for a splashing good time! Don't forget your towel and your suit! Lunch is provided and we'll return to the church around 3:30p.

Sunday, August 26 is Christian Education Sunday at Myers Memorial. We will honor our Sunday School Classes and leaders with a breakfast at 9:15a in the CFC. The Young Adults will sponsor a Waffle Bar as the Nurture Committee leads this time of highlighting the importance of Sunday School for all ages in the life of Myers Memorial with special thanks to our teachers. During worship Bibles will be presented and we look forward to presenting the 2018 Outstanding Service to Christian Education, presented by the Nurture Committee. Please contact April Proctor, if you have a name to nominate for giving outstanding service to Christian Education at Myers Memorial UMC.

Weekday Preschool Open House The Myers Memorial UMC Weekday Preschool invites enrolled and interested families to check out the preschool for fall! On August 26 from 2 to 4pm, drop in and meet your teachers, visit the classrooms, talk with the director, and register children! More information about our Weekday Preschool can be found at www.MyerMemorialUMC.org/Weekday-Preschool.

Youth & in}between Kick Off Party ~ Parents and students in 4th through 12th grades are invited to a cookout in the Gathering Garden on August, 26 from 4p to 6p. It'll be a fun time to see everyone after the summer and learn more about the fun that's planned for the fall! There will be karaoke, giant yard games and plenty of friendly competition! Families are asked to bring side dishes and desserts to share. Hotdogs and Hamburgers will be served hot off the grill. Childcare is provided for younger siblings. RSVP to Tresca, thmcsvain@gmail.com or mark today's Connection Card.