

Opportunities to Reset leading to Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday

April 14, 10:50a Worship, Sanctuary
Church-Wide Easter Egg Lunch & Hunts, 12p, CFC

Lenten Prayer Stations

Wednesday, April 17, 6p, Sanctuary Building

Mundy Thursday

A Service with Communion and Hand/Foot Washing
Thursday, April 18, 7p, Sanctuary

Good Friday

A Service of Darkness with special music by the Chancel Choir
Friday, April 19, 7p, Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 21
Sunrise, 7a, Gathering Garden
Worship, 10:50a, Sanctuary

*Childcare for Infants & Toddlers Provided at All Services
with the exception of Sunrise Service*

The Lenten Prayer Stations will be an interactive way of praying through tangible acts of worship and reflection. So much of faith requires us to believe in something we cannot detect with our five senses. Especially in times when the world around us bombards us with so much physical evidence to doubt our faith, we often need something to physically cling to in order to find strength to believe. The Lenten prayer stations will be set up in the Sanctuary building on Wednesday, April 17 at 6p through Friday evening and are fully designed for everyone to engage in some way regardless of age, ability or stage of faith. We hope you will make time during Holy Week to pray this way.

Flowering the Cross On Sunday, April 21, you are invited to bring fresh cut flowers for the children to decorate the cross! Bring them to the kneeling rail when you arrive for worship and watch the cross come to life with beautiful flowers!

Myers Health Cabinet

The Health Cabinet wanted to take a moment with our monthly health news to make our congregation aware of The Little Red Schoolhouse Fund, who can benefit and how to get the monies to the individuals in need.

The Fund came to being from one of our Myers saints, Mr. Harry Mims and his Sunday School class (The Builders Class) in the early 1980s. While on a business trip to New York City, Harry was eating a delicious meal in an exclusive restaurant. He was thinking of the many children back in Gaston County that would no longer have lunch every day due to the fact that the US government had recently stopped the funding for several important social programs. When he returned, he challenged his Sunday school class to save their loose pocket change, donate it each Sunday and then later distribute it to each school in the county for students who had no lunch money. They continued for about two years and then the state reinstated the former lunch program.

Harry and his Sunday school class then decided to change the focus of their endeavors.

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Health Cabinet News

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Having worked with school nurses and social workers for many years, Harry was keenly aware of the need in many families in Gaston County who could not afford health insurance. A class member, Raymond Wallace, built a small red schoolhouse, which was used to collect the offering for the children each Sunday morning. (and still sits at Myers today in the Parlor) As word of the project spread, contributions came from many other sources and the fund grew, and continues to today, along with help from a large endowment. Mr. Max Erwin is now the one from the Builders class who has taken the banner and been the champion for the Little Red Schoolhouse Fund for many years.

Today the primary goal of the Fund is to provide monies for health care to Gaston County school children that is unavailable through any other means. This is achieved through the school nurses and it is up to their discretion whether this Fund is appropriate to use for their needs. In the past the LRSH has provided funding for the following: eye care, hearing, pharmaceuticals and drugs, dental, physicians, hospital, and travel. Currently there is a \$300 limit per individual per year, however exceptions have been made for extenuating circumstances.

The Myers Health cabinet has recently taken on a supervisory role to this Fund and continues to educate our school nurses about this fund and how to request the monies. School nurses simply submit a request form to our church office and we then give the information to the LRSH treasurer, who pays the bill upon verification of the service provided.

So how can you, the congregation of Myers Memorial, help with this? You can spread the word about this amazing Fund to your friends and neighbors letting them know how Myers serves our local school children. You can encourage friends to make this fund known to others and even contributing to the fund. You can contribute to the fund. Contributions can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend by simply making a check out to Myers Memorial UMC and designate LRSH Fund in the memo.

Adult Ministry

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Vacation Bible School | July 14-17 | 6p to 8p

- We are in our planning stages and hope you are marking your calendars for this exciting week of VBS for all ages! We are recruiting volunteers to work with our children and youth and would love to add you to our volunteer list! Please contact Connie Elzey join our VBS Volunteer Team.

Wednesday CONNECT Meals | end April 17

- A special thank you to all the kitchen volunteers that commit their time each month to set up, clean up and assist Evelyn with our CONNECT meals. Extra special thanks to Nancy Wilkins for coordinating our volunteers and assisting with our kitchen needs. We'll resume August 28th.

60+ Fellowship | April 18 | 11:30a

- We're headed to Dino's Italian Pizzeria in Bessemer City for Lunch! The highlight of the trip is sure to be their cheesecake so plan accordingly! Meet at Dino's at 11:30 or at the church at 11:15a to carpool. Please RSVP by Monday, April 15.

HalfTime | Thursday, April 25

- The HalfTime: Blessings of Mid Life Group are on the move! Join us April 25 for the Charlotte Knights Baseball Game in beautiful uptown Charlotte. It's the Knights vs. the Toledo Mud Hens for a 7:04p game. Tickets are limited so reserve and pay as soon as possible! Tickets are \$21 each.

Camp Tekoa Church Retreat | May 3-5 | Tekoa

It's the 22nd Annual Church Retreat! This year's theme comes from the story of Jacob's Ladder, "If You Love Him, Why Not Serve Him" For over twenty years, Myers Memorial UMC has been gathering as a church family at the United Methodist Camp, Camp Tekoa. It's a great place to explore God's world and relax away from the busyness of city life! There's something for everyone so make plans to come! The price is affordable for the whole family to come away for the weekend! The food is sure to be delicious and the fellowship divine! Questions? Contact Connie Elzey. Make your reservations NOW! Registration forms are available at the church or online at www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/camp-tekoa

from the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has been busy so far this year and set transparency and flexibility as two goals for 2019. Our meetings so far this year have focused on the 2019 budget and various reports related to our finances. One of our areas is internal control. For example, we make sure the offering is counted by both the head usher and a Finance Committee member. You may remember the Pumpkin Patch also had some new procedures for collections last year also. We will share with you over the next few months things like “internal controls” so you have a window in to the various hats our committee wears.

Our 2019 budget is over \$10,000 less than our 2018 budget. March is our first of four five-Sunday months for 2019. To date through March 17 offering, we have collected in excess of \$122,000 in 2019 offerings. On a weekly basis, we are \$13,000+ behind the amount our 2019 budget would expect. Our offerings consist primarily of *Pledged Collections* and *Unpledged Collections*. Our 2019 *Unpledged Collections* are more than usual but pledges can be made any time throughout the year. The committee will continue to monitor the budget closely and we remain alert for any area of savings. So far through February 2019 we have made apportionment payments of \$320. These were designated by the giver(s) specifically for apportionment. Our committee looks forward to serving Myers through out 2019!

Karen Carrick, Chair

BBQ & Bake Sale

The Annual UMM BBQ and UMW Bake Sale will be held Friday, April 12 from 10:30a to 6:30p in the CFC.

BBQ tickets are now available! It'll be a choice between a Half-Chicken BBQ plate or a Pork BBQ plate with all the delicious sides for \$9 and special pricing of \$7 per plate is available for First Responders.

And you mustn't forget the UMW Bake Sale items for dessert!

Delivery is available for orders of 10 or more. If you are available to help in either area by selling tickets, baking, setting up or serving the day of, please contact Judy Fritzsche or Mike Rhodes or Arnold Brackett (contact information in church directory).

*Check out the
Congregational Care Bulletin
Board in the Education Hall*

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Congregational Care

Stewardship Report

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness

April 2019



Living out & Living into our Faith

Worship Offerings & Attendance

	Worship	Facebook Views	Sunday School	Offering Received
February 24	182	389	88	\$6,125
March 3	242	600	134	\$25,209
March 10	204	965	99	\$9,879
March 17	221	395	97	\$13,445

Gifts Given in Memory of

Todd Hoover	Jerry Stroupe
Mary Ellen Current	Walter Dickson
Deanna Clemmer	Reggie Davis
Sara Rhyne Davis	Paul Outlaw
Phillip Wade	Carlos Steffey, Sr.

Gifts Given in Honor of

AJ Current Carrie Allen Marty Current

Sympathy to

Bud & Ann Hoover and Family on the death of their grandson, Todd Hoover who passed away March 2.

Congratulations to

Loni Little & Henry Hill
who were married March 20, 2019

Congregational Thanks

Myers Church Family, Thank you so much for all the love, cards, texts, calls and support you have show both Carlos and myself when his dad passed. Your love was felt and so very much appreciated. We feel lucky to have a church family like we do have at Myers.

Much Love, Heather & Carlos Steffey

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Coffee Fellowship Hosts		Head Ushers	
April 7	Drifters	April 7	Ken Avery
April 14	Drifters	April 14	David Snyder
April 21	Worship Comm.	April 21	John Crain
April 28	Drifters	April 28	TBD

Communion Stewards ~ April 7

Justine & Lauren Snyder, Randy & Lee Black, Lydia Smith, Mike & Jennifer Rhodes

Communion Stewards ~ Maundy Thursday, April 18

Steve & Karen Carrick, Jackie Gross, Louisa Suggs, David & Connie Elzey, Freida Pendleton

Youth & Children Leading in Worship

	Scripture Reader	Crucifer
April 7	Cassie Fehrs	Adam Anderson
April 14	Hallie Walker	Matthew Walker
April 21	Jillian Medlin	Jake Hoskins
April 28	Reagan Osborne	Marie Kalinoski

Acolytes

April 7	Rhett Buchanan & Ella Queen
April 14	Andrew Walker & Lilly Allen
April 21	Mattie Queen & Brock Davis
April 28	Charlotte Hearne & Evan Falls

Sunday Morning Nursery Volunteers

Janet Lagos, Nursery Coordinator, 704-907-4652

April 7	Chris McCullen, Jennifer Gross, Paige Falls, Jaclyn Tant
April 14	Pam & Caroline Shoemaker, Elizabeth Lanier, Jennifer Stroupe, Robin Perlman
April 21	Donna Fletcher, Karen Carrick, Sydney Shugart, Debbie Brown, Angelica Brown
April 28	Lauren Hearne, Tanya Lunsford, Dana Wolfe, Mallory Wolfe

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Myers Memorial United Methodist Church Calendar

www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/calendar

704-864-3222

Church Office
(M-Th) 9a to 4p
(Fri) 9a to 12p

Weekday
Preschool
(M-F) 9a to 12p

Meals on Wheels
(M-F) 8:30a - 12:30p

Schedule of Regular
Events

Sundays
9a Focus Prayer Group
9:30a Coffee Time
9:45a Sunday School
10:50a Worship
5p Sunday Night Live
5p Youth Choir
5:30p IxB & Youth
Snack Supper
5:30p Children's Choirs
& Worship Arts
5:30p Disciple I & III

Mondays
5p Aldersgate Bells
6p Cub/Boy Scouts

Tuesdays
10a GriefShare
11a AI-anon
6p Girl Scouts
6:30p World Religions
6:30p DC/DC4K
6:30p Chancel Bells

Wednesdays
9:30a Women's Study
5:15p Connect Dinner
6p Connect Worship
9:45a Sunday School
6p Knit for Christ
6:30p Small Groups
Whole 30; Men's
Bible Study
7p Chancel Choir

Thursday
6p Men's Basketball
7:30p NA

Friday
7:15a Devotion

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 9a District Committee on Ordained Ministry 3p Sandwich Making 4:15p Supper Club at WGBGC 7p Shag Lessons	2 10a GriefShare, Parlor 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4Kids	3 9:15a Women's Bible Study 11a Warlick Mentoring 5:15p Connect Meal 6p Connect Worship Prayer Walk	4 12p Joy Circle, AmberJacks 7p Outreach & Witness	5	6
7 Communion Easter Lily Orders Due 8am UMM/UMW 10:30a Health Cabinet Screenings, Bridal Room 5:30p SNL	8 7p Shag Lessons	9 10a GriefShare, Parlor 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4Kids	10 9:15a Women's Bible Study 5:15p Connect Meal 6p Connect Worship Prayer Walk	11 UMM BBQ & UMW Bake Sale	12	13
14 Palm Sunday 12p Easter Egg Lunch & Hunt 5:30p SNL	15 May Newsletter Deadline 6p Admin. Committee 7p Shag Lessons	16 10a GriefShare, Parlor 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4Kids	17 9:15a Women's Bible Study 11a Warlick Mentoring 5p Health Cabinet Screenings 5:15p Final Connect Meal 6p Lenten Prayer Stations	18 11:30a 60+ , Dino's 7p Maundy Thursday Service	19 Weekday Preschool Closed through April 29 7p A Service of Darkness, Sanctuary	20 8:30a Trinity Breakfast
21 Easter Sunday 7a Sunrise Service, Gathering Garden 9:30a Coffee Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:50a Worship	22 Church Office Closed 7p Shag Lessons	23 10a GriefShare, Parlor 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4Kids	24 9:15a Women's Bible Study	25 6:30p Koinonia 7:05p Half-Time	26	27
28 Spring Ring 5:30p SNL	29 Pack 21 Meeting, CFC	30 10a GriefShare, Parlor 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4Kids	April			

Children's Ministry

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- Sunday School Notes | Preschool - 3rd graders gather at 9:45am in room 110 with Pastor Sally before heading to classes. Preschool and Nursery Parents, please sign your children in on the pink sign in sheet. This allows us to better care for children during the Sunday school/Worship transition. Elementary Children (Spark) will return to Room 110 at 10:40am for pick up.
- Palm Sunday Celebration | April 14 | 10:50a
Palm Sunday is the day we remember Jesus entering into Jerusalem by waving palm branches! The children will lead us in this activity and so the schedule will be a little different with a little more logistics! Please be alert as we want the children to lead us in worship so the kids may be in different places after Sunday School! Preschoolers and younger children are more than welcome to participate yet we need adults to walk with them! Join the parade! It's an amazing celebration for all God's Children!

April's Sunday School Theme | Family Friends

Friends love at all time, and kinsfolk are born for times of trouble.
Proverbs 17:17

Easter Egg Lunch & Hunt

Sunday, April 14 | 12p | CFC

Bring your friends and family, gather your Easter Baskets, make your reservations for lunch and plan for a special Palm Sunday at Myers Memorial. We invite everyone to join us for worship on Palm Sunday as our children will be singing in worship. Plan to stay for lunch and watch our children enjoy the Egg Hunt. Egg Hunts are designed for toddlers through 3rd Graders in designated areas around the church building. Our InBetweens and Youth will be helpers with our younger children and have their special Palm Sunday Easter Activities Sunday evening at 5:30p.

Help our Children's Council prepare for the Egg Hunt by dropping off Easter treats to the church office. Ideas include individually wrapped, candy and non candy items that fit in a plastic Easter egg.

Weekday Preschool

Janet Lagos, Weekday Preschool Director
preschool@myersmemorialumc.com

April is all about new life as we explore plants, insects, bugs and the goodness of God's creation! This month we'll be planting and caring for plants; hunting for Easter eggs and enjoying spring break with our families! We are also looking towards big events next month: our Family Picnic on May 17 and Graduation for our 4 year old class on May 24!

Splish! Splash! Let's Raise Some Cash! Tired of pollen on your car? Let the Weekday Preschool help wash your car! No, the kids aren't washing your car! This Spring the Preschool is selling gift cards to Sam's Xpress Car Wash for \$20 to be used on any service you wish! Why buy from the preschool? Because the preschool receives 50% of all sales which will be invested into the classrooms and students! Cards will be available March 29 through April 29.

Outreach Opportunities

- **Let's Go For A Prayer Walk** Prayer Walking is the practice of praying on location! On Wednesdays April 3 and 10, let us gather at the church at 6p to walk and pray for our neighborhood, returning for brief worship service that will conclude by 6:45p. You are invited to wear walking shoes, bring strollers for the youngest and dress for the weather. The path will not be the same for all of us and a variety of areas will be designated for varied abilities. Should it be pouring rain, we will still gather to pray, yet not walk.
- **Making Sandwiches for the Club** You are invited to gather on the first Monday of each month (April 1) at 3pm to assemble Sandwiches for the W. Gastonia Boys & Girls Club. Meet in the CFC Kitchen to make sandwiches and then deliver to the Club for the 4:30p meal. Servers are always welcome!
- **Trinity UMC Community Breakfast**, April 20, 8:30a You are invited to help prepare, serve, and enjoy breakfast in the community on the Third Saturday of each month at Trinity UMC, 1513 Florida Street.

Youth & InX Between

Tresca McSwain, Director of Youth & Young Adults
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Weekly Youth & InXbetween Opportunities

Sundays

- 9:30a Coffee Fellowship (food!)
- 9:45a Sunday School
- 10:50a Worship
- 5p Youth Chorale (*no meeting 4/21*)
- 5:30p Youth & InXBetween (meal & program)

Youth (9th-12th Grades) Youth Lounge

InX Between (4th-8th Grades) Lounge Classroom

April 7 | 5:30p | Holy Week & Easter

- Jesus walked a walk that last week that we can never imagine—one that saved us. Through an interactive prayer walk, we will journey through Holy Week and Easter and learn more about these incredibly important events in our Christian Faith.

April 14 | 5:30p | EGGstavaganza 2019

- Are you EGGcited? You should be! We'll be enjoying an EGGstra special day! Game on!** (Youth & InBetween are needed as helpers with the Easter Lunch & Hunt after church this day, please contact Connie Elzey if you are available!)

April 28 | 5:30p | Night of Service

- InXBetween will assemble and deliver care packages for a local nursing home.
- Youth will bake cookies and deliver to a local fire department.

Youth Mission Trip | July 7-13 | Hayesville, NC

The 8th-12th graders are headed to the farthest corner of western NC to serve at Hinton Rural Life

Center's Outreach program. Our group will

be working on a variety of safe & healthy

home repairs for the local Appalachian community. Brochures have been mailed or there are more outside Tresca's office. The deadline for registration is April 14.

College Mission Trip | May 13-18 | Give Kids the World

Give Kids the World is located in Orlando, FL and the location for the 2019 College Aged/ Young Adult Mission Trip! While there we will be serving in the village to help families who have children with life-threatening have magical vacation with a week away. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to attend (this isn't an experience just for college students).

Easter Lily Orders

Decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday with beautiful Lilies! The cost is \$15 per lily. Lilies can be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please print clearly and include the following information: Names as they are to be printed, designating in honor or in memory and by whom it is given. Please note the best way to contact you should we have questions.

Mail information to the church or email ChurchOffice@MyersMemorialUMC.com

Checks may be written to Myers Memorial UMC with "Lily" in the Memo.

Names cannot be included in the bulletin acknowledgement on Easter Sunday unless payment and information is received by April 7 This is a firm deadline.

Given By:

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UMM BBQ & UMW Bake Sale

Dine In + Carry Out + Delivery

Friday, April 12

10:30a to 6:30p

\$9 per plate

1/2 Chicken or Chopped Pork Plate with sides

* Special Pricing for First Responders *

Call 704-864-3222 or stop by the church office for tickets



A Service of Darkness

a Tenebrae Cantata

based on the

Seven Last Words of Christ

by: Dale Wood

sung by: Myers Memorial UMC

Chancel Choir

directed by:

Tony Sane

Friday, April 19
7pm
Sanctuary