

Day of Service ~ May 18, 2019

Saturday, May 18 will be a day to SERVE God by serving others! This is our second church-wide opportunity this year to live out our 2019 Ministry Theme: Serve (based on Joshua 24:15) The Outreach & Witness Committee hopes you and your household will take the time to choose this day where you will serve as we all Serve God together! As details and more opportunities become available we will share them via the weekly emails and church bulletin.

- Trinity UMC Community Breakfast 8:30a to 10:30a Prepare, serve and eat with neighbors at Trinity's monthly Community Breakfast.
- Mission Response Center Depart at 9am to serve at our Conference Mission Response Center in Terrell, NC. Jobs include sorting and packing humanitarian items. Pack a lunch and water bottles. Must be 12 or older.
- Crisis Assistance Ministry All hands are needed to help stock the shelves after the Postal Service's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive! Last year CAM received 35,000 pounds of nonperishable items! It'll be our job to sort and shelve this plethora of donations! 9a to 12p at 805 Airline Ave. All ages and abilities are welcome, children under 12 will need adult supervision and guidance.
- Donut Delivery Pick up Dunkin Donuts and deliver to area businesses and first responders.
- The Rotary Community Garden How does your garden grow? Ours grows to serve the community with fresh vegetables! Take some time to weed and clean up at the Community Garden at 320 E. Franklin Blvd. (weather permitting)
- The Cathy Mabry Cloniger Center - **A Battered Women's Shelter** Prepare & Deliver Dinner to feed 15-25 shelter residents. On the menu: Taco Bar!
- Snack Pack Assembly Meet in the CFC to assemble protein rich snack packs for the hungry neighbors that stop by our church each week. This is perfect for preschoolers and their favorite loved one!
- Loads of Love A day at the laundromat isn't the most fun but we can make it much less of a burden by supplying the suds! We'll meet at the church to divide and conquer, spreading love to area laundromats through free laundry detergent!
- Mission Possible Project to be determined yet hammers will be required!

Spring Party in the Patch

May 30 5:30p~8p

We had so much fun last fall that we want to do it again and we don't want to wait until the fall again! Grab your chairs and bring a friend, we're partying out back on Thursday, May 30th from 5:30p to 8p.

Live Music
by Justin Morehead

Dinner
by Will's Doggin' It Food
Truck *Will's on a Roll*

Free Snow Cones
for Dessert

Giant Games
for Kids of All Ages



Thursday,
May 30
5:30p to 8p

Health Cabinet News

contributed by Health Cabinet member, Ree Threlkeld

Ah, the beauty of spring has arrived at last! We are all probably overjoyed that the weather is so beautiful and all of the spring colors are exploding. Along with the great weather comes getting our yards in order with cleaning up, clearing old plants and planting new things for summer.

Because we spend so much time outside, we all need to have a refresher on poison ivy, oak and sumac. About 85% of the population has a sensitivity to these plants. Most experience a rash after exposure to any parts of these plants, which contain an oil, urushiol. This oil is extremely powerful and can cause a rash within 12-72 hours. Sometimes, we have a delayed reaction even days later.

The symptoms begin with a blistering red rash that itches intensely. The blisters can ooze, but the liquid cannot cause any more rash. It is NOT contagious but can be spread by animals, clothing that has absorbed the oil and even gardening tools. It can even be spread in the air, especially when burning brush.



How can we identify these plants? An old saying is, "leaves of 3, let it be."

Poison ivy and poison oak are very common in this area and can be found easily. They are vines that indeed have 3 leaves in a cluster. Poison sumac grows in moist areas like swamps and is not as much of a problem.

How do we treat the rash? Begin by keeping the area clean and dry. Medications such as over the counter creams and ointments that contain Hydrocortisone are helpful. A visit to your doctor is recommended if the rash persists for more than a few weeks, if you are having difficulty breathing, or if the rash is around your eyes or private area.

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!

60+ Fellowship | May 16 | 11a

- We're headed to the US National Whitewater Center to enjoy a relaxing lunch at *River's Edge*. This restaurant offers a wide selection of food inside or on the patio overlooking the man-made whitewater river. We will be able to watch rafters and kayakers while we enjoy lunch and fellowship. Meet at the church by 11a to carpool or ride the bus. Please RSVP by Monday, May 13. Let's enjoy a spring day!

HalfTime | Thursday, May 30 | 5:30p to 8p

- The HalfTime: Blessings of Mid Life Group will be partying in The Patch this month! Enjoy live music, good food, and wonderful fellowship with others at the church as we gather round the fire pit in The Gathering Garden. Drop in or stay all night! Don't forget your lawn chair!

Sunday School is for ALL

- If you have not been attending Sunday School lately we hope you will challenge yourself to rise and shine on Sunday mornings, join us for Coffee Time in the CFC at 9:30 am and then check out one of our 7 adult Sunday School classes! More information about Adult Sunday School Classes can be found online or in brochures at the church.

Calling all Graduates! We are collecting information about those who will be graduating or have graduated since last Spring so we might celebrate them! If you know of a high school or college graduate, please share their graduation details & future plans with Tresca McSwain, Director of Youth & Young Adults, thmcswain@gmail.com or 704-477-7447. Graduate Recognition Sunday will be June 2nd.

High School Graduates: Scholarship Information is now available for the Dunigan & McSween Scholarships. Please contact Tresca if you would like to apply for these scholarships sponsored by groups in our congregation.

Thank You

We are pleased to announce that our church now has a second AED available in the event of an emergency. An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart reestablish an effective rhythm.



Thanks to the generosity of Jeanna Hyland and Cory Hyland, an AED was given in memory of their husband and father, Bill Hyland. Bill was a member of our Health Cabinet and a First Responder.

AEDs are mounted to the walls in the Narthex at the rear of the Sanctuary near the Parlor and in the hallway between the Sanctuary & Education Buildings.

Day of Prayer

National Day of Prayer | May 2
The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance designated by the US Congress when people are asked to "turn to God in prayer and meditation". You are invited to cover the day from 12:00a to 11:59p in prayer by signing up for the 24 hour prayer vigil located on clipboards in the narthex on Sundays and on the board in the church office. You may pray wherever you are that day yet the Myers Prayer Room will be open through out the day.



The Columbarium Exploratory Committee is having a roundtable meeting Tuesday, May 14th beginning at 7p in the CFC in hopes of garnering support from the congregation for this project. This will be an informative discussion regarding the purpose and understanding of Columbariums and the possibility of having one at Myers Memorial UMC. If you are interested in seeing this project come to fruition, you are invited to participate in the conversation. Questions can be directed to Trustees Chair, John Fletcher, john@carolinabomanite.com.

Check out the Congregational Care Bulletin Board in the Education Hall

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Congregational Care

Stewardship Report

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness

May 2019



Living out & Living into our Faith

Worship Offerings & Attendance

	Worship	Facebook Views	Sunday School	Offering Received
March 24	190	733	73	\$7,699
March 31	189	543	102	\$13,553
April 7	92	1,000	92	\$14,199
April 14	255	324	128	\$38,714
April 18 Maundy Thursday	73	580	-	-
April 19 Good Friday	95	481	-	-
April 21	349	365	103	\$9,648
Sunrise Service	47	-	-	-

Congratulations to

Isabel Claire Windham born April 9 to Will & Lauren Windham; big brother, William and Myers Grandparents: Jim & Phyllis Windham.

Annabeth "Annie" Marie Morehead born April 13 to Jay & Bekkah Morehead; big brother, Owen Myers Grandparents: David & Connie Elzey, and Great Grandmother: Helen Jolly

William "Billy" Philip Brown was born April 16 to Patrick & Kari Brown; big sisters Maggie & Abbie; Myers Aunts Melinda & Angelica Brown & Myers Grandmother Debbie Brown

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Coffee Fellowship Hosts		Head Ushers	
May 5	Contemporary	May 5	Ken Avery
May 12	Contemporary	May 12	David Snyder
May 19	Contemporary	May 19	John Crain
May 26	Contemporary	May 26	TBD

Communion Stewards ~ May 5

Jim & Phyllis Windham, Rev. George Yates, Camilla Jenkins, Jamie Griffith

Youth & Children Leading in Worship

	Scripture Reader	Crucifer
May 5	Brendan Rooney	Jake Hoskins
May 12	Sydney Shugart	Katie Carpenter
May 19	Dawson Moore	Ashley Fehrs
May 26	Angelica Brown	Evan Falls

Acolytes

May 5	Rhett Buchanan & Adam Anderson
May 12	Lilly Allen & Ella Queen
May 19	Charlotte Hearne & Andrew Walker
May 26	Mattie Queen & Brock Davis

Sunday Morning Nursery Volunteers

Janet Lagos, Nursery Coordinator, 704-907-4652	
May 5	Allison Isenhour, Jordan Erwin, Paula Philips, Nancy Wilkins
May 12	Angie Flake, Louisa Suggs, Jennifer Gross, Lori Kimble, Elizabeth Lanier
May 19	Karen Carrick, Mevalyn Farris, Allison Buchanan, Lisny Aul
May 26	Pam & Caroline Shoemaker, Robin Pearlman, Jennifer Stroupe

Gifts Given in Memory of

Todd Hoover Deanna Clemmer
Lucille Bryant


Gifts Given in Honor of

Little Red Schoolhouse

Myers Memorial United Methodist Church Calendar

www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/calendar

704-864-3222

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						
5 Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
Camp Tekoa	3p Make Sandwiches 4 the Club 7p Shag Lessons	10a GriefShare, Parlor 6:30p Divorce Care/ DC4Kids	6:30p In}{Between Jump Night	Program Staff Retreat 12p Joy Circle, Milano's		USPS Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive
12 Mother's Day Children's & Youth Choirs Sing	13	14	15	16	17	18
	7p Shag Lessons	10a GriefShare, Parlor 6:30p Divorce Care/ DC4Kids 7p Columbarium Interest Meeting, CFC	11a Warlick Mentoring	11a 60+, Whitewater Center		Day of Service
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
5p In}{Between & Youth Goose Chase 6p Church Council	Pack 21 Meeting, CFC	10a GriefShare, Parlor 6:30p Divorce Care/ DC4Kids		6:30p Koinonia	Last Day of Weekday Preschool 7p Youth Lock In (through 8am)	3p Private Event in CFC
26	29	28	29	30	31	
	Memorial Day Church Office Closed	10a GriefShare, Parlor 6:30p Divorce Care/ DC4Kids		party in the patch 5:30-8p		

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
5:30p IxB & Youth
Snack Supper

Mondays
6p Cub/Boy Scouts

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

Wednesdays
9:30a Women's Study
6p Knit for Christ
6:30p Small Groups
Whole 30
7p Chancel Choir

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

Friday
7:15a Devotion



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.
- Serving Together | May 18 | Day of Service We hope your family will make the time to serve together in our church wide day of service on May 18. Service opportunities that are perfect for children and families include: Sorting Donations at CAM, delivering doughnuts to the Fire & Police Stations, Packing Snack Pack, making dinner for The Shelter, and giving away laundry detergent.
- **Children's Choirs** will sing in worship on May 12

May's Sunday School Theme | Church Family

An abundance of grace was at work among them all. Acts 4:33

- May 5: Peter & John ~ Acts 3:1-4:22
- May 12: Pentecost ~ Acts 2:1-41
- May 19: Believers Share ~ Acts 4:32-37
- May 26: Choosing the Seven ~ Acts 6:1-7

Medical Response Volunteers

The Health Cabinet continues to offer ways to insure the care of your health and wellness while at the church campus. The Health Cabinet is seeking designated Medical Response Volunteers to serve on Sunday mornings and other times we are gathered (special events, Wednesdays during Connect season). Are you CPR/First Aid certified or work in a medical profession? If so, you are invited to share your gifts and talents by making yourself available on a rotation schedule. As we have experienced recently, it is vital to know who is equipped to deal with unexpected health needs! Please contact Dr. Alison Evanoff, Health Cabinet Chairperson, aer999@aol.com or Connie Elzey, dce@myersmemorialumc.com.

Weekday Preschool

Janet Lagos, Weekday Preschool Director
preschool@myersmemorialumc.com

May is the final month in the school year for the Myers Weekday Preschool! And the perfect time to register for the 2019-20 school year! Registration forms can be found on the church website or by stopping by the church office.

The theme for May is Summer & Sports with lots of family fun and end of year activities. May 6-10th is **Teacher Appreciation Week** where we'll shower extra love on our amazing Weekday Preschool Teachers. We'll enjoy a Family Picnic at 11am on May 17th and everyone in the family is invited to come! May 24th is a bittersweet day as it's the last day of school and our Graduation Ceremony as we send off our oldest children to Kindergarten!

Outreach Opportunities

- Making Sandwiches for the Club You are invited to gather on the first Monday of each month (May 6) 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!
- Bonus Day of Service Saturday, May 11 is the **National USPS Food Drive** where we're all encouraged to leave nonperishable items at our mailboxes for the postal carriers to pick up. Volunteers are needed between 5p and 8p to receive donations off the mail trucks and into CAM's building at 805 W. Airline Ave.
- Proctors Needed for End of Grade Testing all local schools are in need of extra help in the classrooms during the end of grade testing. Testing runs May 23 to May 29 yet some testing will go through the last day of school in June! If you are available to assist in any way, please contact our partner schools: Sherwood Elementary, Mrs. Kenyon, 704-866-6609 or Grier Middle School, Ms. Cherry, 704-836-9604.

Youth & InX Between Music Camp 2019

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
- 5:30p Youth & InXBetween (meal & program)
 - Youth** (9th-12th Grades) Youth Lounge
 - InX Between** (4th-8th Grades) Lounge Classroom

Sunday, May 19 | 5p | Wild Goose Chase

- Are you up for a picture perfect challenge? We'll start at the church and travel around town completing various challenges and snapping photos of the fun! We'll return to the church for dinner and sharing of photos!

Youth Only

Senior Lock In | May 24-25 | CFC

- Youth in 9th-12th grades are invited to get locked in the gym for a night of fun and fellowship and roasting the Seniors! Contact Tresca to let her know you will be coming so you don't get locked out!

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. Limited spots remain!

InX Between Only

Wednesday, May 8 | 6:30-8p | Altitude Trampoline Park

- Head to Altitude Trampoline Park for Christian Music Night! Drop off at 6:30p at Altitude (near Monkey Joe's in Franklin Square) & pick up at Ben & Jerry's at 8p. Cost is \$10 to jump and however much ice cream you'll eat!

Mission Mania: Crazy to Serve | August 5-8 | 9a - 2p daily

- Mission and Fun activities abound as we go crazy in serving God and serving others this week! Designed for rising 5th-8th graders, we'll participate in mission projects in the morning followed by a fun activity in the afternoon. Pack a bag lunch & reusable water bottle each day. Cost is \$100 for this weeklong service camp! *Tuesday we depart at 7:30a

The Music Ministry of Myers Memorial UMC is pleased to announce the Second Annual Myers Children's Music Camp! *"What's Up, Zak!" A Musical Encounter with Jesus*. The 2019 Camp is only \$50 per participant and will take place July 29-August 2, from 9a to 12p and returning on Friday night for the musical performance. At 6p. Tuition assistance is available, please contact Tony Sane.

The week will be packed with fun activities, lots of singing & acting! Each day will include rehearsals in the sanctuary, crafts, bible explorations and weather permitting, outdoor time! Each cast member will be given individual vocal instruction as they prepare for Friday's performance. A chance to meet the cast and a reception will follow. Music Camp is open for rising 1-6 graders no matter their musical experience.

We will be learning an entire musical in one week so it'll be a fast paced week and campers will be expected to be focused and engaged. Music will be provided in early summer and auditions will be held the first day to cast the show.

Contact Tony Sane, Director of Music, with any questions or to request scholarship assistance, tony@myersmemorialumc.com.





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