

# the Messenger

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## Summer Playlist: Psalms of the Heart

This July we'll be exploring the book of Psalms through a sermon series: *Summer Playlist: Psalms of the Heart*. Since the Psalms have always been a part of the worshipping life of the faith community, we are invited to allow them to guide our worship and prayer life. The practice of praying the Psalms on a regular schedule, one after another, day after day, has been around since the beginning of the church.

Each Sunday, Pastor Sally will preach on a different element of the book, including: praise, happy, lament,

help, and longing. You are also invited to read through the book of Psalms throughout July. There are daily readings for morning and evening devotion and prayer. Let us join together in reading! A schedule is included in this newsletter, online and you can also have it texted to you twice daily. A musical playlist is also available via Spotify (search Myers Memorial and no membership is required to listen) with both secular and religious music inspired by the Psalms. Invite someone to join you in this season of Psalms.

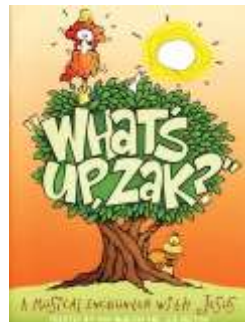
### Summer Playlist Reading Through Psalms

You are invited to read through the book of Psalms this month. A reading plan has been provided in this newsletter, the bulletin, online and will be posted on our Facebook page.

If you would like to receive texts at 8a and 6p with the morning and evening scripture reading, please text @MMPL19 to 81010.

## Music Camp 2019: *What's Up, Zak?*

The 2nd Annual Music Camp is July 29-August 2 is open to rising 1-6 graders no matter their musical experience! Have you registered your child or grandchild yet? It's not too late to contact Tony Sane for this week packed with fun activities, lots of singing & acting! 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. 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.

We hope you have made plans to attend the final performance on Friday, August 2 at 6p in the CFC. Contact Tony Sane, Director of Music, with any questions or to request scholarship assistance, [tony@myersmemorialumc.com](mailto:tony@myersmemorialumc.com).

## Congregational Care

*You are invited to send a note to one or all of these folks who are not able to gather with us in worship and small groups.*

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

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On behalf of the Henry Justice family and Cancer Services of Gaston County, I would like to personally thank you for your recent support of the Walk for Wellness: in memory of Henry Justice. This was our most successful event yet and the energy for the cause and wellness initiatives was contagious! We raised over \$6100 for those persons living with cancer in Gaston County.

The Lord blessed us with an absolutely gorgeous day and Myers members were out there in full force! We had walkers, boot camp participants, vendor support and speakers. I was overwhelmed with the Myers presence there that day. I know there were others who could not make it to the walk that made donations to Cancer Services and we are truly grateful for you all as well.

So many of us have been affected by cancer, either personally or in our families, that when there is an event like this that we can admire the survivors, support the fighters and honor the taken, it helps take some of the hurt out of our hearts. Thank you, thank you, Myers family. We will do this again next year, **continuing Hannah Black's dream and Henry's legacy** and watching it grow. Health and blessings to you all!

Sincerely, Allison Evanoff, *Health Cabinet Chair*

Dear Myers Memorial Church Family,

For a large portion of my life the Lord has been calling me into a career of full-time ministry. Therefore, following graduation this May, I accepted a two-year internship position with an amazing campus ministry called Reformed University Fellowship at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN!

Just after our wedding in July, my then wife, Rachel, and I will be moving to Nashville to begin this new and exciting chapter of our lives! This position is meant to grow and stretch me in countless ways both personally and spiritually. I will be leading weekly small group Bible studies, meeting one-on-one with students, planning social events, and meeting regularly with my ordained campus minister. I will be helping to put on a weekly “large group” as well where we will pray, sing and be taught by the word of God. I will also be participating in a very rigorous study plan that requires me to read Scripture daily as well as many other books about theology and Christian living. As a recent college graduate, I understand the deep need for a ministry that actively strives to keep college-aged individuals involved in the church and helps to keep them grounded in their faith during a time when it seems like everything around them is constantly changing. My experience with RUF during college allowed me to connect deeply with other Christians in a gospel-centered community and to experience live-giving Biblical teaching on a weekly basis. I am so very excited for the opportunity to provide these experiences for the students at Vanderbilt and pray that God would use me to carry out his kingdom work on campus.

In order to get to campus and do anything ministry related I need to have fundraised 85% of my ministry salary for the year. I have full faith that the Lord will provide all that is required for me to minister effectively this coming year. If you would like to be included on my email list to stay updated about how things are going on campus and to hear about my fundraising needs please just send me an email me at [jamison.brown@ruf.org](mailto:jamison.brown@ruf.org) or give me a call at 704-853-9799. If you would like to support my ministry through financial giving go to [www.givetoruf.org/donate/1891](http://www.givetoruf.org/donate/1891)

Thank you so much for reading and I humbly ask that you keep me and this ministry in your prayers over the next year!

Jamison Brown, son of Marty & Kelly Brown

## Praying the Psalms ~ July 2019

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
July 1	Psalms 1-5	Psalms 6-8
July 2	Psalms 9-11	Psalms 12-14
July 3	Psalms 15-17	Psalm 18
July 4	Psalms 19-21	Psalms 22-23
July 5	Psalms 24-26	Psalms 27-29
July 6	Psalms 30-31	Psalm 32-34
July 7	Psalms 35-36	Psalm 37
July 8	Psalms 38-40	Psalms 41-43
July 9	Psalms 44-46	Psalms 47-49
July 10	Psalms 50-52	Psalms 53-55
July 11	Psalms 56-58	Psalms 59-61
July 12	Psalms 62-64	Psalms 65-67
July 13	Psalm 68	Psalms 69-70
July 14	Psalms 71-72	Psalms 73-74
July 15	Psalms 75-77	Psalm 78
July 16	Psalms 79-81	Psalms 82-85
July 17	Psalms 86-88	Psalm 89
July 18	Psalms 90-92	Psalms 93-94
July 19	Psalms 95-97	Psalms 98-101
July 20	Psalms 102-103	Psalm 104
July 21	Psalm 105	Psalm 106
July 22	Psalm 107	Psalms 108-109
July 23	Psalms 110-113	Psalms 114-115
July 24	Psalm 116-118	Psalm 119:1-32
July 25	Psalm 119:33-72	Psalm 119:73-104
July 26	Psalm 119:105-144	Psalm 119:145-176
July 27	Psalms 120-125	Psalms 126-131
July 28	Psalms 132-135	Psalms 136-138
July 29	Psalms 139-140	Psalms 141-143
July 30	Psalms 144-146	Psalms 147-150
July 31	Reflect and Reread Your Favorite Psalms	

# Stewardship Report

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness

July 2019

## Sunday Morning Servants

Coffee Fellowship Hosts	United/Young Adult Class
Communion Stewards: July 7	Brent & Shelly Alman, Jim & Phyllis Windham, Lydia Smith, Freida Pendleton, Louisa Suggs
Head Ushers	Nursery Caregivers
July 7 Ken Avery	Tanya Lunsford, Jennifer Gross, Paige Falls, Jaclyn Tant
July 14 David Snyder	Angie & Victoria Flake, Elizabeth Lanier, Jennifer Stroupe, Robin Pearlman
July 21 John Crain	Donna Fletcher, Karen Carrick, Sydney Shugart, Debbie & Angelica Brown
July 28 Dave Davis	Lauren Hearne, Chris McCullen, Dana & Mallory Wolfe

### Youth & Children Leading in Worship

Scripture Reader	Crucifer	Acolytes
July 7	Adam Anderson	Ella & Mattie Queen
July 14 Dawson Moore	Katie Carpenter	Charlotte Hearne & Rhett Buchanan
July 21 Hallie Walker	Matthew Walker	Andrew Walker & Brock Davis
July 28 Angelica Brown	Kathleen Sharp	Lilly Allen & Evan Falls

## Congratulations to

Erika & Davis Phillips  
on the birth of *Carter James* born June 9.  
Grandparents are Paula & David Phillips.

Lauren & Matt Hardiman  
on the birth of *Ava Gray* born June 14.  
Big sister is Kyndal and Grandparents are  
Cindy & Mike Gillespie.

Teanna Little & Jordan Johnson  
on the birth of *Jahir Johnson* born June 23.  
Grandmother is Evelyn Long.

Zach & Courtney Hurst  
On the birth of *Hudson Verne* on June 24.  
Grandparents are Penny & John Hurst.

## Worship Offerings & Attendance

	Worship	Facebook Views	Sunday School	Offering Received
May 26	211	543	75	\$9,564
June 2		498	112	\$17,844
June 9	215	498	100	\$14,254
June 16	202	439	73	\$8,265
June 23	146	276	75	\$8,075



# Myers Memorial United Methodist Church

www.MyersMemorialUMC.org/calendar

704-864-3222

## Church Office

(M-Th) 9a to 4p  
(Fri) 9a to 12p  
Meals on Wheels  
(M-F) 8:30a to 12:30p  
Weekday Preschool  
September-May  
8:30a to 12p

## Schedule of Regularly

### Scheduled Events

Sundays  
9a Focus Prayer Group  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship  
9:45a Sunday School  
10:50a Worship

### Mondays

6p Cub/Boy Scouts

### Tuesdays

10a Grief Share  
11a Al-anon  
6:30p DC/DC4K

### Wednesdays

6p Knit for Christ  
7p Chancel Choir


### Thursdays

6p Men's Basketball  
7:30p NA

### Fridays

7:15a Devotion



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
July	1 10a Myers Mondays & Me	2 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4K	3	4 Office Closed 	5	6 9a VBS Decorating
	8 7 Communion 8a UMM/UMW 9:15a Health Screenings, CFC 12:30p IXB/Youth Pool Party	9 10a Myers Mondays & Me 10a Grief Share 5:30p Executive Committee 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4K	10 6:30p VBS Decorating	11 12p Joy Circle	12	13 9a VBS Decorating
Youth Mission Trip: Hinton Rural Life Center, Hayesville, NC						
14 1:30p VBS Setup	15 August Newsletter Deadline	16 10a Grief Share	17	18 11:30a 60+ Fellowship, Don Pedros	19	20 8a Trinity Community Breakfast, Trinity UMC
6p to 8p Vacation Bible School						
21 5:30p Youth/IXB AOK	22	23 10a Grief Share 6p Dementia Caregiver Support, Trinity UMC 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4K	24	25 10a Myers Mondays & Me WNCC Camping & Retreat Ministry Committee	26	27
28 5:05p Youth/IXB Knight at the Knights	29 10a Myers Mondays & Me 6:30p HalfTime	30 10a Grief Share	31	Music Camp: What's Up Zak? Performance 8/2 at 6p		

# Children's Ministry

Connie Elzey, Director of Christian Education  
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Myers Mondays & Me is designed for toddlers through 3rd graders and their favorite adults (and older siblings). Join together to enjoy summer playdates with other children, parents/grandparents and friends! Please RSVP to Connie by Thursdays before the scheduled playdates on Mondays. Unless otherwise noted, please pack a morning snack/early lunch for your family. Rain will not spoil our plans! We'll meet in the church building if the weather threatens our fun!

Monday, July 1 | 10a | ImaginOn Charlotte is a one-of-a-kind destination in Charlotte as the #1 children's library in the US. It's a wonderful place to explore! Meet at the church at 10a to carpool. We'll grab lunch on our way home.

Monday, July 8 | 10a | Playing at Poston Park. We will leave the church at 10a or you can meet us at there (1101 Lowell Spencer Mtn. Rd.) There is a bike park, playgrounds, fishing, hiking and more so bring along what you'd like to do! We will return to the church by noon.

Monday, July 15 | 6p to 8p | It's VBS week at Myers Memorial! Be sure to register and attend Sunday through Wednesday from 6p to 8p each evening. VBS is for all ages! Parents & Grandparents are invited to volunteer or go to a class of their very own!

Thursday, July 25 | 10a | All Aboard! M3 is on the move because the Shelby train is closed on Mondays! We can't wait to ride the 1919 Carousel at the Rotary Special Miniature Train, plus the playground! The Carousel and Train Rides are \$.50 each and one adult can stand with a child for free. We will stop for lunch on the way home.

Music Camp | Mon, July 29 - Fri, August 2 | 9a to 12p

It's music camp week for our rising 1st—rising 6th graders. Please register for Music Camp, *What's Up, Zak?* with Tony Sane, Directory of Music. And make plans to attend the Friday performance at 6p in the CFC.

Monday, July 29 | 9:15a | Garden Day at Stowe  
Spend the morning exploring the beautiful gardens! A special program called *Small Stalks* is happening for 2-5 year olds in the Lost Hollow for the price of admission plus \$14 (one adult and one child). Older children or those who don't want to participate in the special program will enjoy time exploring God's beautiful Garden. We will leave the church at 9:15a and return by noon.

## 60+ Fellowship

Thursday, July 18 | 11:30a | Lunch at Don Pedro

Gather around the table at one of our favorite lunch places, Don Pedro Mexican Restaurant (3272 Union Rd). RSVP to Connie by July 15 so adequate seating can be reserved.

## Half-Time: Blessing of MidLife

Monday, July 29 | 6:30p-8:30p | Picnic at the Park

We're headed to Kevin Loftin Riverfront Park (1400 Catawba St., Belmont) for a summertime picnic along the banks of the Catawba River! Bring your favorite picnic foods and drinks as we spread a buffet for all to enjoy! Paper products and ice will be provided.



## Caregiver Support Group

for Alzheimer's & Dementia Related Concerns

4th Tuesday of each month, 6p to 7p

Trinity UMC 1513 Florida Ave, Gastonia

Leadership provided by CaroMont Hospice,  
Beverly Lutz, MSW, LCSW, 704861-8405

# Youth Ministry

Tresca McSwain, Director of Youth & Young Adults  
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Sundays  
9:30a Coffee Fellowship (food!)  
9:45a Sunday School  
10:50a Worship

Sunday, July 7 | 12:30p - 3:30p | Summer Splash!  
We are splashing into summer with a pool party Sunday after worship at the Queen Family home. Bring your **suits, towels and sunscreen to church** as we'll be departing after worship. Students will need to be picked up at the Queens at 3:30 pm. Please RSVP to Tresca or Pastor Sally so we may provide directions and have an accurate count for lunch.

July 14-17 | 6p - 8p | To Mars & Beyond! Without **leaving the church we'll discover where God's power can take us!** Join us for engaging Bible stories and fun **activities with friends new & old that remind us of God's love for us!** Register at [www.MyersMemorialUMC.org](http://www.MyersMemorialUMC.org) and click on the VBS logo.

July 21 | 5:30p - 7p | Service Night Jesus reminds us that he did not come to be served, but to serve and his life on earth was full of examples of serving others. **That's why we have a night of service every month!** #ourmissionistolove Gather this night for dinner and service to others.

July 28 | Family Fun Night at the Knights

**We're headed to Charlotte for the 5:05p game at the Charlotte Knights!** Tickets are \$10 each (payment reserves your tickets). Hop on the bus at the church at 3:45p for a ride to the ball field in uptown Charlotte. Tickets are limited!

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

Please hold these team members in your prayers as they travel, serve and may the never be the same: *Marie Kalinoski, Sydney Shugart, Katie Carpenter, CJ Carpenter, Lauren Snyder, Dawson Moore, Lynda Sides, and Tresca McSwain.* These youth and adults are participating in a weeklong mission trip at Hinton Center in Hayesville, NC. While there, they will join with other youth groups to work on homes in the local Appalachian Community.



InXbetween Mission Mania | August 5-8

Mission and Fun activities abound as we go crazy in serving God and serving others this week! Monday – Thursday, 9am to 2p (except Tuesday, we depart at 7:30a), this week is designed for rising 5th-8th graders. Pack a bag lunch & reusable water bottle each day. Cost is \$100 for this weeklong service camp! More details can be found at [www.myersmemorialumc.org/youth](http://www.myersmemorialumc.org/youth).

## July 28<sup>th</sup> is World Hepatitis Day

What is hepatitis? The simplest definition is inflammation of the liver. It can be caused by medications, fat deposits, autoimmune, alcohol or dangerous viruses.

World Hepatitis Day is a celebration of the progress that has been made in the elimination of viral hepatitis. It is one of the World Health Organizations seven officially mandated global public health days.

In 2016 every country signed up to eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030, currently 12 are on track to do so. Viral hepatitis kills more than 1.34 million people each year, more than HIV/AIDs and malaria, yet there is a cure for hepatitis C and a vaccine and effective treatment for hepatitis B, the 4000 deaths each day are preventable. Currently 290 million people live with viral hepatitis completely unaware; one of the key reasons is the lack of awareness of this disease.

A few general routes of transmission for hepatitis B or C viruses include risky behaviors, health procedures, tattooing or body piercing with unsterilized equipment. More details can be found by asking your health care provider.

If you think you could have been at risk from either hepatitis B or C, it is important to get tested. A specific test is required for each. Do not assume that you would have been tested in a routine health check.

Getting vaccinated is the best way of preventing hepatitis B infection. More than one billion doses of the hepatitis B vaccine have been used since the early 1980s and it has been shown to be effective in approximately 95% of cases. There is currently no vaccine for hepatitis C.

Ask your doctor today whether you should be screened!

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## VBS 2019

*Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that  
we could ask or imagine by his power at work  
within us! Ephesians 3:20*

**Vacation Bible School is finally here! We're going to Mars and Beyond  
and Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!**

Our amazing space adventures will take place  
from 6p to 8p on July 14-17 (*no meal provided*).

VBS is open to children, adults and youth and  
includes daily snacks, crafts, science, games,  
songs, Bible stories, and more!

Sign up online at [www.MyersMemorialUMC.org](http://www.MyersMemorialUMC.org)  
and click on the VBS icon.

We hope to see you there!

