



How Blessed We Are

*A gift opens doors; it gives access to the great.
Proverbs 18:16 (nrsv)*

How blessed we are to receive God's gifts of grace and love in our daily lives! How blessed we are as members of Myers Memorial to freely receive the gifts of time, talents, teaching and so much more from all who call Myers home! How blessed we are to have the opportunity to share our gifts from God with those around us in the Church, the Community and the World at large! Every member of Myers is a blessing to this church and your generosity connects others to God's love through these vital programs.

This past year, our offerings supported programs in the following four categories: Church Administration; Connectional Giving; Age Level Ministries/Worship/Outreach; Buildings & Grounds. More details about these ministries have been mailed to your home along with an Estimate of Giving Card which allows you to decide how much to financially support the continuation of these vital ministries. If you did not receive a letter, Commitment Card and Time & Talent sheet, please contact the church office and one will be mailed to you. Extra copies are located in the church office for you to pick up at your convenience.

The Stewardship Committee invites you to reflect upon how these programs have impacted

your life and the lives around you in 2019. Looking forward to 2020, the Committee asks for your prayerful consideration of how you will impact the lives of loved ones, the community and even the world at large through your generous pledges to Myers Memorial. You are invited to complete the Commitment Card and bring it to worship on Sunday, November 10 when we celebrate Consecration Sunday or you may return it at any time to the church office or directly Cherry Bekheart (322 Burtonwood Dr. Gastonia, NC 28054). You may also call or email Angie Rutledge at 704-671-3662 or arutledge@cbh.com to make your 2020 financial pledge.

As you prayerfully consider your 2020 pledge please reflect upon the words of Proverbs 18:16 "A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great." If you have questions about your gift, please feel free to reach out to any member of the Stewardship Committee. Thank you in advance for your heartfelt generosity.

*The Myers Memorial UMC Stewardship Committee
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All Saint's Sunday

November 3, 2019

On Sunday, November 3, 2019, we will remember the lives of Myers Memorial UMC members who have joined the Church Triumphant in the last year. During worship we will name and light a candle to honor their life. Candles will be available for you to light as you remember loved ones and friends who are on the other side of Glory and reside with our God in Heaven.

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Madelyn Grace Melton

December 27, 2018 - December 27, 2018

Reggie Davis

March 17, 1970 - December 28, 2018

Albert Huffstetler

January 16, 1924 - January 3, 2019

Sara Davis

May 13, 1926 - January 15, 2019

Phillip Wade

September 21, 1947 - January 30, 2019

Paul Outlaw

January 19, 1948 - February 5, 2019

Deanna Clemmer

March 10, 1937 - February 17, 2019

Mary Ellen Current

July 19, 1960 - February 18, 2019

Todd Hoover

April 10, 1985 - March 2, 2019

Joanne Young

June 5, 1932 - June 30, 2019

Nancy Westbrook

March 5, 1936 - July 13, 2019



UMW Presents A Festival of Trees on December 1

Tanya Lunsford, UMW co-President
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The United Methodist Women are sponsoring a new and exciting event for the entire family: A Festival of Trees! Join us on December 1 immediately following worship for a soup lunch among beautifully decorated trees that will in turn bless Angel Tree recipients from the Youth Angel Tree. We'll enjoy a light lunch of soup while enjoying the beauty of the season!

Would You Like to Decorate a Tree? We'd love to have at least 12 trees for families on our Angel Tree and this is perfect for families, friends, small groups to participate in as a group! Trees should be no taller than 4ft tall and all decorated trees will be donated following the event. Simply contact Tanya Lunsford (information above) by November 24 to confirm your willingness to donate a fully decorated 4ft tree. The CFC will be open from 9a to 5p on November 30th so you may decorate at the church or deliver your tree in advance. Please have all decorated trees set up in the CFC by Sunday, December 1 at 9:15a.

How Will We Raise Money for Angel Tree? By voting for our favorite decorated tree...with our money! \$1 equals 1 vote and the tree with the most votes by 1p on December 1, wins! Bring your cash or checks and place your votes for your favorite tree. The real winners will be the Salvation Army Angel Tree and Silver Bell recipients.

How Else Can I Support This Event? By donating a pot of soup for lunch, helping with set up and clean up, encouraging others to participate, deliver flyers, invite friends to lunch, by liking, sharing and commenting on the Facebook event. Please contact Tanya to offer your support.



Celebrating Connectional Gifts

Did you know that our church has been the recipient of two ministry grants totaling \$5,000 in 2019? The Reynolds Ministry Fund has provided the funding for many of our Parties in the Patch this year, including the Spring Party in the Patch, our Thursday night Concert Series, new parking lot cones (the blue ones that say welcome), as well as the advertising and supplies. The purpose of this money is to support our efforts in reaching others and making disciples of Jesus Christ. We at Myers Memorial UMC have been working hard at creating events where we can get to know one another, finding ways to share our faith.



Myers Memorial UMC has also received a Dinner Church Grant from the WNC Conference Office of Congregational Development for our Wednesday Connect Lunches. This money will supplement the food as well as the advertising as we seek to connect with our neighbors at lunch, proclaiming the Good News and transforming the world! Your support of these ministries through participation and invitation only amplifies this message and builds the church for generations to come.



Rise Against Hunger ~ Nov. 23

Join United Methodist Churches in Gastonia on Saturday, November 23 from 9:30a until 12 noon to pack thousands of meals for Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now). The event will be held at Warlick Academy (1316 Spencer Mountain Rd, Gastonia) over two days to pack 10,000 meals. On Friday, the students of Warlick Academy will have the opportunity to make a difference in the world through their work. On Saturday, the people of Gastonia's United Methodist Churches are invited to come together to pack thousands of nutritious meals. Rise Against Hunger responds to emergencies, working with in-country partner organizations in order to address the immediate needs in the wake of crisis, most recently Hurricane Dorian.

If you would like to serve on November 23, please mark the connection cards or email Pastor Sarah. If you would like to make a financial contribution, please earmark your check "Rise Against Hunger".

To learn more about Rise Against Hunger, please visit www.RiseAgainstHunger.org or vimeo.com/riseagainsthunger.

Advent Luminaries

The Chancel Hand Bell Choir is sponsoring luminaries this Advent Season. The tradition of "light a candle" continues with a dollar-per-name donation and all monies collected will go towards the handbell fund.

The Worship Committee is investing in beautiful electric luminaries that will light the paths around the church throughout December and in the years to come. If you would like to sponsor a luminary in its entirety, the cost is \$60 and a notation will be made on the luminary (no notations will be made on the luminaries).

A booklet of all names honored or memorialized with luminaries this season will be presented at the December 8th Love Feast. The deadline to participate in these seasonal opportunities is November 24. Order forms will be in the Sunday bulletins as well as in the church office. Please mark your financial gifts/checks according to your gift.



Stewardship Report

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness

November 2019

Living Out & Living into Our Faith

	Sunday School	Worship	Facebook Views	Offering Received
Sept. 29	96	232	497	\$9,050
Oct. 6	125	247	567	\$14,713
Oct. 13	94	144	477	\$11,381
Oct. 20	136	188	450	\$6,682

Gifts Given in Memory of

Deanna Clemmer

Congregational Thanks

The Tuesday Morning Alanon Group would like to thank you for allowing us to use the fellowship hall to celebrate our 15th Anniversary!

With Much Love, Patsy, Treasurer

Dear Church Family. Thank you for the calls, cards and most of all, your prayers. I really appreciate your love and support.

God bless you all! Shirley Norman

Dear Myers Friends, Thank you so much for the storybook Bible and knitted blanket! Carter already loves listening to Bible stories and cuddling with the blanket. That was so thoughtful and special and will be a apart of Carter's routine for many years to come.

Thank you!

Sincerely, Erica, Davis and Carter Phillips

I just wanted to reach out on behalf of everyone at the shelter to let you know what an amazing time we had painting pumpkins. The children (and their parents) had such a wonderful time painting pumpkins and creating some lasting, positive memories for each of them. Thank you again for the continued support of the shelter and our residents!

Mollie Weakland, Outreach Specialist

The Cathy Mabry Cloniger Center:

A Domestic Violence Shelter

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Coffee Fellowship Hosts		Head Ushers
Nov. 3	Contemporary	Ken Avery
Nov. 10	Contemporary	David Snyder
Nov. 17	Contemporary	John Crain
Nov. 24	Contemporary	Dave Davis

Communion Stewards ~ November 3

Steve & Karen Carrick, Allison Evanoff & Brendan Rooney,
Louisa Suggs, Jackie Gross, Freida Pendleton

Youth & Children Leading in Worship

	Scripture Reader	Crucifer
Nov. 3	Angelica Brown	Katie Carpenter
Nov. 10	Hallie Walker	Matthew Walker
Nov. 17	Brendan Rooney	Marie Kalinoski
Nov. 24	Sydney Shugart	Jake Hoskins

Acolytes

Nov. 3	Mattie & Ella Queen
Nov. 10	Andrew Walker & Lilly Allen
Nov. 17	Rhett Buchanan & Serenity Clay
Nov. 24	Adam Anderson & Harrison Davis

Sunday Morning Nursery Caregivers

Nursery Coordinator, Janet Lagos, 704-907-4652

Nov. 3	Nancy Wilkins, Jennifer Gross, Lori Kimble, Pam Shoemaker
Nov. 10	Carrie Allen, Mevalyn Farris, Allison Buchanan, Donna Fletcher
Nov. 17	Jennifer Gross, Angie Flake, Elizabeth Lanier, Jennifer Stroupe
Nov. 24	Allison Isenhour, Nancy Wilkins, Paige Falls, Jaclyn Tant

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 Aldersgate Ringers
9a Focus Prayer Group
9:30a Coffee Fellowship
9:45a Sunday School
10:50a Worship
5p Youth Chorale
5:30p Sunday Night Live
Adult Bible Study, E-105

Children's Choirs, 3rd floor
Youth & inXbetween,
Youth Lounge

Mondays

6p Cub/Boy Scouts

Tuesdays

10a Grief Share
11a AI-anon
6:30p Chancel Bells
6:30p DC/DC4K

Wednesdays

9:30a **Women's Bible Study**
11:30a-1p Connect Lunch
6p Connect Small Groups
7p Chancel Choir

Thursdays

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

Fridays

7:15a Devotion

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
November						
3 8a UMM/UMW 9:15a Health Screenings, CFC 5p Youth Chorale 5:30p SNL Sunday Night Live 7p Church Council	4 3p Make Sandwiches for the WGBGClub	5 10a Grief Share 11:15a Warlick Mentoring 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4K	6 9:30a Women's Bible Study 9:30a Staff Meeting 11:30a-1p Connect Lunch 6p Connect Small Groups	7 12:15p CPR/First Aid 5p Threads of Hope, Women's Shelter Benefit	8 9 Current/McGhee Wedding	2 Handbell Festival Clinic
10 Commitment Sunday 12p Charge Conference 5:30p SNL Sunday Night Live	11 Veteran's Day Church Office Closed Weekday Preschool Closed	12 10a Grief Share 11a Memory Café Trinity UMC 6:30p Trustees 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4K	13 9:30a Women's Bible Study 11:30a-1p Connect Lunch Honoring of Vetrans 6p Connect Small Groups	14 12p Joy Circle	15 16	
17 5:30p SNL Sunday Night Live 8p Meredith College Choir in Concert	18 4:30p The Shelter, Supper Club	19 10a Grief Share 11:15a Warlick Mentoring 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4K	20 9:30a Women's Bible Study 11:30a-1p Connect Thanksgiving Lunch 5p Thanksgiving Feast 6:30p Thanksgiving Worship	21 11:30a 60+	22 23 Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event with students of Warlick Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event District Event held at Warlick	
24 5:30p SNL Sunday Night Live	25 6p Pack 21 Meeting, CFC	26 10a Grief Share 6p Caregiver Support Group, Trinity UMC 6:30p Divorce Care/DC4K	27 Weekday Preschool Closed	28 Weekday Preschool Closed	29 30 Weekday Preschool Closed 9a-5p, Festival of Trees Set Up	

Adult Ministry

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Half-Time: Blessing of MidLife | November 2

Gather at the Elzey's on Saturday, November 2 at 1:30p for their Annual Apple Cider Fest & Hayride! The apple press will be waiting! Join us to prep, grind, press and enjoy! Bring a fall snack to share during this afternoon of fun & fellowship. Please RSVP before October 30.

60+ Fellowship | November 21 | Chimney Rock Village
Chimney Rock Village, nestled at the base of Chimney Rock State Park, offers eateries, shops and a River walk. Invite a friend and join us for a fun fall day in the Village! We will leave the church parking lot at 9:30a. Please sign up by Monday, November 18.

Wednesday Connect Evenings | 6p to 7p | Nov. 6 & 13
Disciple 1; Men's Upper Room Study; Zumba; Yoga; Personal Finance; Youth; Children; Knit for Christ; Walking and Nursery.

Weekday Preschool

Janet Lagos, Weekday Preschool Director
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"N" is for November and Nutrition in the Weekday Preschool. This month we will be cooking as we prepare to celebrate the many feasts coming this time of year. On Wednesday, November 20, the Preschool families will celebrate a feast in the CFC along with the Myers Connect Lunch. The children will be leading the prayer and a song. The Weekday Preschool will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 27-29 and reopen on Monday, December 2.



Story Time in the Patch each week was an October favorite!

Farm Day at the Preschool



Children's Ministry

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Children's Sunday School | November

Our children (preschool & elementary ages) kick off each Sunday at 9:45a in room E-110 on the children's hall before heading to their classrooms. This time with Pastor Sally is where children can share their highs and lows of the week then pray and sing together before heading to their respective rooms. Elementary children will return to this room at 10:40 for parents to pick up.

This month we'll be hearing stories that shape our faith community—the story of creation, Noah & the Flood, Daniel, Jonah. These stories help us learn more about God's character and how we can live well in creation with other humans, animals and plants knowing that God is always with us no matter how many chances we might need.

November Theme: *Stories that Shape our Faith Community*

Memory Verse: *Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey. Psalm 119:105*

Nov. 3: Adam & Eve *How do you care for creation?*

Nov. 10: Noah & the Flood *What reminds you of God's promises?*

Nov. 17: Daniel & the Lions *Who helps you be brave?*

Nov. 24: Jonah & the Fish *When has someone given you a second chance?*

Wednesday Connect for Children | 6p to 7p

Join us each Wednesday for fun ways to connect with one another and with God as we look at living as whole children of God ~ Body, Mind & Soul. Childcare for infants and preschoolers on main floor. Elementary ages will meet on the 3rd floor.



Advent Festival | Sunday, December 1 | 9:45a

It's time to prepare ourselves for the greatest gift, Jesus! This year's Advent festival will take place on Sunday morning during Sunday School. Parents, you will want your children to be here this meaningful and fun time.

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

5p Youth Chorale 5:30p Snack Supper & Program

Youth (9th-12th Grades)

November 3 | Let's Talk Vaping Parents & Youth are invited to come together to learn more about the dangers of vaping. You are encouraged to invite others you know who would be interested in this program. Presented by Tobacco Free Gaston.

November 10 | Trivia Night Bible? Sports? Disney? What's your area of expertise? Show off your knowledge with this fun game night!

November 17 | AOK Night On this night we'll prepare food and snack packs for Share a Meal Gaston. SAM Gaston is the name of food pantries that have opened in several local high schools as another way to meet the need of students in our community.

November 24 | What Can I Give? We're entering the season of giving, but shouldn't that last all year long? What have we to give? And how can we use them to glorify God?



Thank you for supporting the Youth Ministry's annual fundraiser, The Pumpkin Patch! We appreciate your support through purchasing pumpkins and the many hours served in the patch to support the ministries for the youth.

InXbetween (5th-8th Grades)

November 3 | Gratitude Attitude What do you have to be thankful for and how can we express that to God and others? Attitude Adjustments Allowed.



November 10 | Super Silly Game Night Enough Said ~ it's time to get silly, laugh and have fun!

November 17 | AOK Night Cards that Care ~ a card is an easy way to remember others that might not be able to get to church as often as we do.

November 24 | Advent Festivus Advent is a time of waiting, yet also a time of celebration as we prepare to welcome the Christ Child!

Wednesday Connect

November 6 | Yoga Lee Black will lead us in the basics of yoga. Dress for movement.

November 13 | Yoga & Wellness Brinkley Rhodes will be with us for more Yoga movement and to discuss the benefits of Yoga as it relates to wellness in our lives.

November 20 | Thanksgiving Worship Give Thanks with a grateful heart!

Music Ministry

Tony Sane, Director of Music tony@myersmemorialumc.com

A Call for Art Work ~ A Portrait of Hope

As Advent draws closer, we are continuing to collect artwork to display during Advent and to highlight during the Festival of Lessons & Carols on December 15. We are looking for new and original artwork that visually depicts the scriptures of the season. The art will be included in a silent auction with proceeds going to Crisis Assistance Ministry. Please contact Tony if you would like choose one of the remaining scriptures and create an art piece.

Meredith College Choir in Concert at Myers

On Sunday, November 17, the Meredith College Choir will be in concert as part of their Fall Tour. Join us at 8p in the Sanctuary for an evening of music.

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Connect on Wednesdays *in November*

Connect Body + Mind + Soul
Wednesday Connect Lunch
11:30a to 1p

November 6: Beef & Broccoli Stir-Fry

November 13: Soup & Sandwiches

November 20: Thanksgiving Lunch

Invite Someone to Come!

Please RSVP in advance if possible

704-864-3222 or text @MCL301 to 82010

Veteran's Appreciation Lunch

Wednesday, November 13

11:30a to 1p

Connect Lunch Community
Thanksgiving Feast
11:30a to 1p

Prayer and Song

led by the Myers Preschool at 12p

5p Thanksgiving
Feast

6:30p Thanksgiving
Worship

