The Worship of God
The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost | Rice Bowl

7 July 2019
at 10:00 in the morning
Myers Park Baptist Church | Heaton Hall

GATHERING

Silent Meditation
Rock and roll is the sound of angels telling the truth.
— Jim Morrison

Woodstock was not about sex, drugs, and rock and roll. It was about spirituality, about love, about sharing, about helping each other, living in peace and harmony.
— Richie Havens

At Woodstock, we focused our energy on peace, setting aside the onstage discussion of political issues to just groove on what might be possible. It was a chance to see if we could create the kind of world for which we’d been striving throughout the sixties: That would be our political statement—proving that peace and understanding were possible and creating a testament to the value of the counterculture. It would be three days of peace and music.”
— Michael Lang

When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.
— Jimi Hendrix

That’s all nonviolence is — organized love.
— Joan Baez

Gathering Music
“Bad Moon Rising”       Creedence Clearwater Revival
I see a bad moon rising. I see trouble on the way.
I see earthquakes and lightning. I see bad times today.

Don’t go around tonight, well, it’s bound to take your life, there’s a bad moon on the rise.

I hear hurricanes a-blowin’. I know the end is comin’ soon.
I feel rivers overflowin’. I hear the voice of rage and ruin.

Don’t go around tonight, well, it’s bound to take your life.
There’s a bad moon on the rise. Alright!

Hope you got your things together.
Hope you are quite prepared to die.
Looks like we’re in for nasty weather. One eye is taken for an eye.

Well, don’t go round tonight, well, it’s bound to take your life.
There’s a bad moon on the rise.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*
Call to Worship

Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell

Inspired by the bold and boundless hospitality of Jesus, we are “open to all,” which means we welcome and accept all people into the life of our Church without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, age, economic status, political affiliation, physical or mental capacity, or religious belief. We believe that God’s call is given to all people, and we embrace the Spirit that continues to cross boundaries in order to unite the world.

Childcare is available for children ages birth to four years. Please meet our paid staff at the rugs.

*Opening Sentences

Leader: We come now to the place of Shalom, to the Center of who we were created to be,
People: to the place where we see others through the lens of mercy and love.
Leader: We come now to the place of Shalom, to unity with the One who created us,
People: to the place where love for family, friends, and strangers binds everything together.
Leader: In love, we pray to be filled to the brim with the wholeness of God.
People: In love, we pray for the peace that surpasses all understanding.

*Opening Song

“For What It’s Worth”

"For What It’s Worth"

Buffalo Springfield

There's something happening here, but what it is ain't exactly clear.
There's a man with a gun over there, telling me I got to beware.

Refrain:  I think it's time we stop children, what's that sound?
Everybody look - what's going down?

There's battle lines being drawn. Nobody's right if everybody's wrong.
Young people speaking' their minds, getting so much resistance from behind. Refrain.

What a field day for the heat.
A thousand people in the street
singing songs and carrying signs, mostly saying, “hooray for our side.” Refrain.

Paranoia strikes deep,
into your life it will creep.
It starts when you're always afraid,
step out of line, the men come and take you away. Refrain.

The Invitation to Silent Confession

Katie Hambrick

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:
the fear that stifles us,
the prejudice that blinds us,
the ignorance that hobbles us,
the doubt that plagues us.
Help us, we pray, that we will
find courage in unlikely place,
see the world with new and gracious eyes,
move to those places where love is needed,
and have faith that you are with us. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Let us live in the good news –
there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God!
People: Thanks be to God.
*Passing of the Peace

At this time, children ages 3 and 4 and TK/K will leave with their leaders and may be picked up in Room 107 after TalkBack. Please take children to the rug or to Room 107.

Children in 1st - 5th grades will remain in worship.

Welcome of Our Guests

If you are our guest today, please text “guest” to 474747 or fill out a guest card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during worship as your gift to us.

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Rev. Debbi Grosch

After this, Jesus appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But at the judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Congregational Song

“Get Together”  
The Youngbloods

Love is but a song we sing; fear’s the way we die.  
You can make the mountains ring or make the angels cry.  
Though the bird is on the wing and you may not know why,

Refrain: Come on, people now, smile on your brother;  
everybody get together, try to love one another right now.

Some may come and some may go. He will surely pass.  
When the one that left us here returns for us at last.  
We are but a moment’s sunlight, fading in the grass. Refrain.

If you hear the song I sing, you will understand, listen.  
You hold the key to love and fear all in your trembling hand.
Just one key unlocks them both, it's there at your command. Refrain.

**The Sermon**

“Bring Peace, Share Love, Carry On.”

**Musical Reflection**

“I Shall Be Released”

They say ev'rything can be replaced,  
yet ev'ry distance is not near.  
So I remember ev'ry face  
of ev'ry one who put me here.

Refrain: I see my light come shining from the west unto the east.  
Any day now, any day now, I shall be released.

They say ev'ry one needs protection,  
they say ev'ry one must fall.  
Yet I swear I see my reflection  
some place so high above this wall. Refrain.

Standing next to me in this lonely crowd,  
is a man who swears he's not to blame.  
All day long I hear him shout so loud,  
crying out that he was framed. Refrain.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Prayers for the People**

*The Lord’s Prayer*

Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive our debtors. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**Sharing of Gifts**

*Please place gifts and member/guest cards in the basket as it is passed.*

*Mobile giving* is available – see page 10.

*Gifts of loose cash* in July will benefit Friendship Trays, which prepares and delivers meals to elderly, handicapped and convalescing individuals through the Charlotte-area Meals on Wheels’ program.

**Offertory Music**

“That’s gone’ to be a long time gone.”

It’s been a long time comin’.  
It’s goin’ to be a long time gone.

Refrain: And it appears to be a long, appears to be a long, appears to be a long time, such a long, long, long, long time before the dawn.

Turn, turn any corner.  
Hear, you must hear what the people say.  
You know there's something that’s goin’ on around here,  
that surely, surely, surely won’t stand the light of day. Refrain.
Speak out, you got to speak out against the madness,
You got to speak your mind, if you dare.
But don’t, no don’t now try to get yourself elected
if you do you had better cut your hair. Refrain.

It’s been a long time comin.’
It’s goin’ to be a long time gone.
But you know, the darkest hour is always
always just before the dawn. Refrain.

*Doxology
Lasst Uns Erfreuen
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures, here below.
Alleluia. Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of Dedication
Katie Hambrick

*Closing Song
Joe Cocker
“With a Little Help from My Friends”
What would you do if I sang out of tune,
would you stand up and walk out on me?
Lend me your ears and I’ll sing you a song
and I’ll try not to sing out of key.

Refrain: Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends.
Mm, I get high with a little help from my friends.
Mm, gonna try with a little help from my friends.

What do I do when my love is away?
(Does it worry you to be alone?)
How do I feel by the end of the day?
(Are you sad because you’re on your own?) Refrain.

Do you need anybody?
I need somebody to love.
Could it be anybody?
I want somebody to love. Refrain.

Would you believe in a love at first sight?
Yes, I’m certain that it happens all the time.
What do you see when you turn out the light?
I can’t tell you, but I know it’s mine. Refrain.

Do you need anybody?
I need somebody to love.
Could it be anybody?
I want somebody to love. Refrain.
Sending
“The Weight”

I pulled into Nazareth, was feelin’ about half past dead.
I just need some place where I can lay my head.
“Hey, mister, can you tell me where a man might find a bed?”
He just grinned and shook my hand, “no” was all he said.

Refrain: Take a load off Fanny, take a load for free.
Take a load off Fanny and (and, and) you put the load right on me.
(You put the load right on me.)

I picked up my bag, I went lookin’ for a place to hide.
When I saw Carmen and the Devil walkin’ side by side.
I said, “Hey, Carmen, come on let’s go downtown.”
She said, “I gotta go but my friend can stick around.” Refrain.

Go down, Miss Moses, there’s nothin’ you can say.
“Well, Luke, my friend, what about young Anna Lee?”
He said, “Do me a favor, son, won’t you stay and keep Anna Lee company?” Refrain.

Crazy Chester followed me and he caught me in the fog.
He said, “I will fix your rack if you take Jack, my dog.”
I said, “Wait a minute, Chester, you know I’m a peaceful man.”
He said, “That’s OK, boy, won’t you feed him when you can?” Refrain.

Catch a cannon ball now to take me down the line.
My bag is sinkin’ low and I do believe it’s time
to get back to Miss Fanny, you know she’s the only one
who sent me here with her regards for everyone. Refrain.

Following worship, all are invited to remain in Heaton Hall for Sermon TalkBack.

Following worship, 3’s and 4’s and TK/K may be picked up in Room 107;
There will be childcare for TalkBack in Room 108 for children of all ages.

Leading worship this morning with Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell, Senior Minister,
are Mia M. McClain, Associate Minister,
Katie Hambrick, Youth Ministry Intern,
and Rev. Debbi Grosch, member of the congregation.

“The Sardines” lead worship through music:
Randy Franklin, guitar and vocals
Mike Clark, guitar
Steve Foley, bass
Tom Thomas, drums and vocals
Donnie Dover, keyboards and vocals

The audio technician is Bob Jennings.

Today’s opening sentences were written by Jennifer Jennings, Children’s Ministry Intern.
THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP

Why do we worship?
Worship at Myers Park Baptist is the gathering of a diverse, intergenerational, ecumenical community of faith, celebrating God’s active and timeless presence in the world. In worship, God re-forms our hearts, minds and bodies, and ignites our imaginations with sacred stories—stories that invite us to question, explore mystery, express joy and grief, and deepen our faith. We worship to learn how to develop caring, empowering relationships with each other, and to stay centered in God as the world swirls around us. We worship to be inspired and prepared to exemplify the compassion and justice of Jesus in our Church family and in the world. Through worship, God frees and transforms us in heart, mind and body, so we can make a difference within ourselves, in our relationships and in our community.

How do we worship?
Focusing on God, worship at Myers Park Baptist unfolds consistently with the Isaiah 6 scriptural model: praise, confession, pardon, calling to respond, commitment and sending out. All our worship services are built on this ancient structural form, regardless of worship style, venue or theme. Communal practices within worship — radical hospitality, confession and assurance of pardon, passing the peace, silence and listening, spirited hymn singing, presentations of gifts, and active participation in Communion—transform worshipers into newness with God and one another. Themes for services, based on lectionary scriptures, annually portray the narrative arc of God’s redeeming love for humankind.

HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as easy as filling out a Joining Card. To receive a card or learn more, stop by the Welcome Table in Heaton Hall Foyer.

MOBILE GIVING

You can now text your contributions and offerings to MPBC! It’s secure, simple, and efficient:

- Start a new text message to: 73256
- In the message area of the text, enter: 1900Q, a space, and the amount you want to give; for example, if you want to give $100 enter: 1900Q 100 and then send the text message.
- The system will return a message to you: click on the link provided and follow instructions
- You will receive a receipt to confirm your gift was received.

Questions? Contact Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman, Church Administrator, at 704.334.7232 x116 or lhagerman@myersparkbaptist.org
Welcome. We’re glad you’re here.

If you are our guest, we’d love to hear from you! Please share with us a little about who you are:

- text “guest” to 474747 OR
- fill out a guest card located in the pew rack. Simply return the guest card in the offering plates during worship as your gift to us.

If you would like to learn more about us, stop by the Welcome Table in the Narthex after worship to speak with one of our members or ministers.

WEEKLY NEWS
July 8-14, 2019

SUNDAY
JULY 14
2019

SUMMER WORSHIP
10:00a Worship | 11:00a Sermon TalkBack
Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell Preaching

Sunday, July 14, 2019
The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost | VBS Children Singing | Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell Preaching
"Finding Strength to Endure" | Colossians 1:1-14

FEATURES

This summer, children will experience Faith in Action! Children ages 3 - completed 2nd grade will participate in VBS with music, crafts, games, and a Bible story. Each day they will learn about an outreach program in our community. Children who have completed 3rd - 5th grades will participate in Community Outreach VBS. Beginning on our campus, they will hear a Bible story and then go to the local outreach organization to learn about the services they provide. Children will participate in a project alongside those who work and volunteer there. Visit our website to find out more and register on the Church website.

VBS and Outreach Camp Offering
Every year our VBS participants work together on an offering. In the past, we have raised money for Hippo Rollers in Malawi and collected toys for Levine Children’s Hospital. This year, the Children’s Ministry and the Ministry of Outreach are teaming up in the VBS&O offering. We will be collecting new backpacks and school supplies for our 70 Freedom School Scholars at Pinewood Elementary. We would love for you to join us!

Backpacks and supplies can be brought any day beginning the week of July 8. All offerings need to be given by Sunday, July 21, so that we can have the backpacks ready for the Freedom School Finale celebration on July 25. To learn more, contact Rev. Carrie Veal or Mia M. McClain.
Awakening Shalom Podcast Series: Identity Crisis

Who are we? How are we communicating who we are? What does it mean to be Baptist? Do denominations even matter anymore? What’s in a name?

In our 4-part podcast series "Identity Crisis," Rev. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister, and Mia M. McClain, Associate Minister, explore the ever-evolving identity of Myers Park Baptist Church and the "Church" at large. As a people on a journey of faith at the cutting-edge of movements embracing justice, inclusivity and greater diversity, we examine our identity as we enter into deeper conversations about church clarity and religious branding in the 21st century. Listen to the all 4 episodes on iTunes or the Church website.

Town Hall Meetings

The Board of Deacons would like to hear your thoughts about the proposed governance structure changes. Three Lay Leadership Town Hall Meetings will be offered and will be led by Marcy McClanahan. Childcare will be provided. We encourage you to sign up to attend through myMPBC.

- **Wednesday, July 24** | 11:30a - 1:00p | with light lunch $5
- **Saturday, August 17** | 10:00a
- **Wednesday, September 11** | 7:00p

Volunteer for Freedom School at Pinewood Elementary

Freedom School continues through July 25. There are a variety of ways for you to serve: Harambee reader, DEAR/lunch buddy reader, field trip chaperone, supply shopper, or activity leader, to name a few. Sign-up on the Church website. Questions? Contact Karen Taylor at fitztaylor@aol.com or Laura Handler at laura.hoeing@gmail.com for more information.

Come see the passion and energy for yourself!

**Wednesday, July 10 | 830 - 9:00a**

Mia, Karen, and Laura will take you on a "tour" of Freedom School at Pinewood. Meet at MPBC or at the school to see Harambee (8:30 - 9:00a) and learn more about what goes on every day. Let us know if you can attend: Karen Taylor (fitztaylor@aol.com) or laura.hoeing@gmail.com.

Virtual Book Group Begins This Week

This summer, join us as we dive into On the Mystery: Discerning Divinity in Process by Catherine Keller, PhD, our 2019 J21 Scholar. Beginning July 10, we will meet through Zoom, an online platform, in preparation for Dr. Keller’s arrival in October. Jump into the conversation when you can from wherever you are! You can purchase copies of the book on Smile.Amazon.com (choose Myers Park Baptist Church as your charitable
organization) or in the Church Office for $20. If you have any questions, email Mia McClain at mmclain@myersparkbaptist.org. Registration is available through myMPBC.

Week 1 | July 10 | 6:00p | Chapters 1 and 2
What is Truth? | A Conversation on the timeless communal and personal search for truth.

Self-Help Credit Union Grand Opening Event
Thursday, July 18 | 11:00a - 1:00p
Join us to celebrate the grand opening of the Charlotte branch of Self-Help Credit Union. We have entered into a 3-year partnership with Self-Help, a mission-driven credit union committed to expanding ownership and economic opportunities for all. With our $100,000 investment, Self-Help will be able to continue supporting small businesses – specifically nonprofits – and helping families buy their first car, first home, or reduce high-cost debt. Rev. Ben Boswell and Mia McClain will present the check and give a few remarks around 11:30a. Please visit 1065 Providence Rd to make a deposit and help make a difference in the greater Charlotte community. Visit: www.self-help.org.

CELEBRATING PRIDE
Although June was the official LGBTQ+ PRIDE month, PRIDE festivals and parades continue over the next few months allowing participants to attend the events in various cities around the country. Charlotte’s PRIDE event will take place August 17-18. All are invited and encouraged to join us again this year as we host a booth and march in the parade. Stay tuned for details.

LOOKING AHEAD

Awakening to Environmental Injustice

Awakening to Environmental Injustice | Launching September 22
Reconciling with the earth, Reconciling with each other, Reconciling with God
"The Lord God took Adam-made from the ground-and put him in the garden of Eden to serve, work, and worship the earth." Genesis 2:15

We are a faith community that stretches beyond these walls - beyond the lush campus grounds and the oak trees of all heights and girth that so graciously remind us of the diversity of God's creativity. We are a people on a journey, and this fall, we eagerly invite you to join us on a voyage through an exploration of environmental injustices in our city, state, country, and beyond. From August 2019 to May 2020, we aim to explore how the mismanagement of natural and human-made resources are in direct relation to racism, class-ism, and disembodiment - how the misuse of our planet stems from a lack of seeing ourselves, our neighbors, and the earth as divine - sacred - holy. Throughout our journey, we hope we can come to a point of collective reckoning as we re-imagine our role as keepers of the earth while reconciling our relationship with all of the inhabitants thereof. We look forward to the voyage and trust that the still-speaking God will reveal fresh insight along the way.

Save the dates for these exciting events that will be part of our
Awakening to Environmental Injustice series:

Jesus in the 21st Century will welcome
Catherine Keller, PhD | October 11-13
We are excited to welcome this year's J21 Scholar, Catherine Keller, PhD, during the Awakening to Environmental Injustice series. Dr. Keller is the Professor of Constructive Theology at the Theological School of Drew University, with concentrations in ecological justice and feminist thought. She is author of On the Mystery: Discerning God in Process (we are reading and discussing this together in our Virtual Book Group - see above for more information) and Political Theology of the Earth: Our Planetary Emergency and the Struggle for a New Public - just to name a few. This will be a weekend you will not want to miss, full of engaging events such as a live podcast recording with Dr. Keller and Tripp Fuller from Homebrewed Christianity. Tell a friend and come on out!

Awakening Now! Featuring "Little Miss Flint"
Saturday, November 2 | Noon - 3:00p
Join us this fall for our first ever intergenerational Awakening Forum, featuring Amariyanna "Mari" Copeny, popularly known as "Little Miss Flint." In early 2016, the then 8-year-old from Flint, Michigan wrote a letter to President Obama, describing the unending plight of her community, who had been living with lead-contaminated water since 2014. Since then, Mari has fundraised over $500,000 with the nonprofit organization Pack Your Back that has impacted over 25,000 children in Flint and beyond. Come and engage with local environmental justice organizations and initiatives, and hear what "Little Miss Flint" has to say about the ongoing crisis and how young people can get involved in justice movements around the country. This event is free and open to the public. All ages are encouraged to attend.

Fall Faith Formation for Our Children
We are recruiting for the fall already! We want to make sure we have a great team assembled and that you are trained, comfortable, and ready to go on Start-Up Sunday, September 8! Each Sunday we need 10 volunteers to make our Faith Formation classes go smoothly. As we kick off a new year, we would like to encourage you to pair with a friend and teach one Sunday a month - just one! Your lesson and supplies are provided. To learn more or to sign up, please contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cvveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118).
SAFE (Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment Seminar)
September 27 - 28
Almost every week we hear from a colleague in ministry or read about a church who is in the middle of a sexual misconduct case involving a minor. Often people ask the question, how did this happen . . . in a church? The answer? Not enough people are aware, trained, and involved in the lives of minors in churches. In the climate of me too and church too, we must do all that we can to speak, act, and show that we are a space that is safe for all minors and that equips all adults in best practices of being in community with minors who are on our campus. The SAFE Seminar will help all of us! This is more than just a faith and sexuality workshop for parents. It’s an equipping time for every congregant on the MPBC campus. Make plans to join us.

Intergenerational Family Retreat
February 28 - March 2
We will be heading to the mountains for a weekend of sabbath and fellowship at Montreat Conference Center. We are excited to announce that our retreat leader will be Rev. Dana Trent, author of Saffron Cross, For Saffron’s Sake, Dessert First, and One Breath at a Time. Mark the dates Friday, February 28 - Sunday, March 2 on your calendars and stay tuned - many details to come!

COMMUNITY SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Meditation With the Pastor
Wednesdays | 11:30a - Noon | Library
Rev. Ben Boswell will guide a weekly meditation on Wednesdays throughout the summer. This dedicated time begins with a word, poem, or insight pertaining to mindfulness, followed by peace, quiet, calm, clarity, and quite possibly a transformed life. Inhale, Exhale. Our lives rest in the balance of these simple actions. Come catch your breath with us.

Hang Out with the Pastor
Monday, August 5 | 5:00p | The Common Market South End
We get together on the first Monday of each month at 5:00p at The Common Market in South End at 235 W. Tremont Avenue. All are invited to this casual time of fellowship! Bring the family, bring your appetite, or just come and hang out. There is something for everyone. We hope to see you there.

Stay Engaged This Summer - Join Us At The Ballgame!
This is a fun opportunity to get together and enjoy a night out supporting the Charlotte Knights. Come for one or both games July 12 and 26. Start time is 7:00p. Tickets are $19 each and include a
$2 gift card for food or beverage. Please RSVP through myMPBC (the links are available below) or by contacting Caroline Manning (cmanning@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 115). Tickets can be picked up in the Church office.

BooTy on the Lawn - Campus-Wide Event
Friday, July 26 | 6:00 - 9:00p | Cornwell Center Front Lawn and Parking Lot
This 3-hour event will commemorate the opening of Charlotte's annual 24-Hours of BooTy for 2019 (starts at 7:00p on Friday). It will showcase the Cornwell Center and invite members of the community to watch the race from our lawn. There will be activities for all ages such as: children's obstacle course, yoga on the lawn, music with DJ, wellness vendors, food trucks, face painting, spin class/bikes on the lawn, and Cornwell promotional items. Questions? Contact the Cornwell Center at 704-927-0774 or visit www.cornwellcenter.org.

O’Connor Method String Camp Returns to MPBC
July 29 - August 2 (Orientation July 28)
Mark and Maggie O’Connor are bringing their string camp back to MPBC this summer. It is a delightful week of watching music emerge from all ages. Camp and registration information is available on the Church website. There are jam sessions at the end of each day. Come and listen in. If you would like to volunteer to assist with Sunday registration or greeting/shepherding parents and students for the first few days as they become familiar with our campus, sign-up through the Church website.

Rituals and Relationships
School, work, sports, vacations, and more - our lives are full, and we are constantly moving. Taking time to talk can become challenging. Rituals and Relationships is designed to help families make space for this important time together. The topic for the week of July 8 will be "service." This session of Rituals and Relationships will be emailed to you, posted on the Children's Ministry Facebook Page, and the Children's Ministry website page. For more information, please contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704-334-7232 x 118).

Summer Youth Gatherings
This summer, we have fun opportunities to get together. MPBC youth are going to meet on Wednesday, July 10 for a pizza party and brainstorm ideas for the Youth Hall renovations and possible Cornwell Center programs. Please check your inbox for an email from Allen Davis with details about this gathering and others. If you have any questions, please email him at adavis@myersparkbaptist.org.

Shopping on Amazon Can Benefit MPBC!
If you are like a lot of us, you frequently shop on Amazon.com. Now, by shopping through Amazon's charity site, a donation will be made directly to support ministries at Myers Park Baptist. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to our Church. How do you start? Start at smile.amazon.com and do a search on charitable organizations to find us.
Free Silver Furnishings
We have many sterling silver and silver plated bowls, vases, and platters that are not needed by the Church. They are free to anyone who may be interested. To see the pieces, contact Jill Kinney at jillkinney@bellsouth.net or Leigh Anne Hagerman at lhagerman@myersparkbaptist.org.

Stephen Ministry Is Here For You
Are you feeling stressed, lonely or depressed? Do you need support? We are here to help. Contact Rev. Ben Boswell.

SUNDAYS

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost | Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell Preaching
"Bringing it All Together" | Colossians 1:15-28

Rev. Dr. Bill Leonard is Coming to MPBC
Sundays, July 28 and August 4
Summer at Myers Park Baptist would not be complete without a visit from our beloved professor Dr. Bill Leonard. He will preach back-to-back Sundays and lead TalkBack on both occasions.
Sunday, July 28 worship will be in the Sanctuary
Sunday, August 4 worship will be Jazz in the Round in Heaton Hall.

Sermon TalkBack is Also Online!
We continue our tradition of Sermon TalkBack following worship. We are excited to also offer online TalkBack. Rev. Ben Boswell will field questions from both those present in Heaton Hall and those who will be able to tune in online and send in their questions through the MPBC Facebook page. Our goal is to provide TalkBack to everyone who wishes to participate, even if they can’t be onsite. So, join the conversations this summer!

Summer Sunday Morning Yoga
On Sunday mornings, a Yoga 1, 2 class will be offered at 9:00a in the Cornwall Center’s Group Exercise Studio. This gentler, slower paced practice makes it more accessible for people of all sizes, ages, and fitness levels. It assists with stress management and restoration of the mind, body, and soul while creating an atmosphere of safety and comfort that fosters self-esteem and body awareness. Childcare is available in Room 107.

Summer Choir - All Are Welcome!
Summer is a great time for anyone who would like to give choir a try without making a commitment and for any who would love to sing throughout the year but are unable to do so to join us! Questions? Contact Matt Caine (mcaine@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 158).
Here is our schedule:
Summer Rehearsals: Thursdays, July 11, and August 8 | 7:00 - 8:00p | Berry Hall
Sunday Worship: Rehearsal at 9:00a | Service at 10:00a | Sanctuary
* The choir will not sing on Sunday, August 4.

**Children's Summer Worship**

This summer all three of our interns will lead children's worship on a rotation basis. Since a child’s faith formation is paramount to any church, we want to give the interns as much exposure as possible. We will follow our usual worship liturgy with the children hearing different voices and experiencing different styles of leadership. Be sure you offer encouragement to our interns who are learning while teaching! Questions? Contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118) or Jennifer Jennings (jjennings@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 610).

**SCHEDULE**

**Looking for Our Schedule of Activities and Meetings?**

An always-current calendar is available on our website, through myMPBC, and on the ChurchLife App (find out how by using the search feature to find "myMPBC Member Directory" on the Church website).

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**CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Please remember the following members of our congregation (as of Tuesday, July 2, 2019.)

**CMC - MAIN**

- Marion Wood
- David English

**DISCHARGED FROM A MEDICAL FACILITY**

- Jerry Petty

**LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO**

- The family of Betty Bozeman McKenzie on her death June 24, 2019 in Charlotte, NC.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

- Hannah and Sam Frink on the birth of their daughter, Mason Frink on the birth of his sister, and Susan and Joe Aldrich on the birth of their Granddaughter, Charlotte Elizabeth Frink, on July 2, 2019 in Smithfield, Virginia.

We rely on friends and relatives to keep us posted on hospitalizations, births and deaths.

If you know of any member not listed, please contact Carol Cedar

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OUR COVENANT

We, the members of the Myers Park Baptist Church, are a people on a journey of faith. By God’s grace we are experiencing God’s love through Jesus Christ and in the community of the faithful. We are discovering in this experience our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world.

We will be open to all new light, strengthened by God and each other in our faith. We will sustain a critical examination of Scripture, belief and ritual as interpreters of God’s active presence in the world. We will accept controversy as a reality of life together and an opportunity for growth toward maturity. We covenant to be a community of God’s new creation and affirm that we are open to all and closed to none.

We covenant to nurture this Church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in this world: by worship, by Christian education, by the dedication of our personal and material resources and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.

We covenant together to be priests celebrating God’s presence in community and in the world, believing we are participants in God’s kingdom on earth.

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