The Worship of God
at
Myers Park Baptist Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

Pentecost
Rice Bowl

9 June 2019
THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

*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.*

The Silent Meditation

Music is means of expression. It is language, it is act, it is prayer, it is something one gives and receives. Music is color, fire, depth, and height and sound. It is passion subdued and released; it is lostness and savedness -- it is redemption caught for a moment in sound.  

-----Carlyle Marney

The spirit will always be totally unmerited grace. She always takes the initiative, because Spirit is omnipresent, and thus there first! In the first Pentecost account (Acts 2:1-13) the Holy Spirit is experienced as intimacy, enlightenment, joy, and fire, and the power to love beyond boundaries and ethnicities, which now becomes the universal language. She is presented as surprising, elusive, and free, and yet totally given. The Spirit comes from no place we can control, least of all by our good behavior or even our bad behavior. All we can do is surrender, enjoy, and share.  

-----Richard Rohr

The Ringing of the Angelus Bell

The Prelude

“La Paix”  
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

“The Heavens Declare (Psalm 19)”  
Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

“Corrente in F”  
Archangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

“Allegro from Concerto Grosso in G”  
Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

The Carolina Chamber Players

The Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

*Childcare is available for children ages birth through five years – please see a greeter for more information.*

Worship kits for children are available in the Narthex.

*The Opening Sentences

Leader: We gather to worship the one who crafted creation out of chaos.  
People: Our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

Leader: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice.  
People: We bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

Leader: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God’s love.  
People: Young and old; tone deaf and perfect-pitched lift the new songs of faith.

*The Procession and Opening of the Bible

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”  
Number 207  
Azmon

*The Prayer of Invocation

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*
The Anthem
“The Ground”
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi.
Dona nobis pacem.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Grant us peace.

THE PEOPLE CONFESS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

The Kyrie Eleison

The Invitation to Silent Confession

The Prayer of Confession
Joy-giving God, we know who we are:
people who hear the harmony of your grace and love in our souls,
but sing off-key so often.
We want to learn new songs,
but those haunting tunes of our past mistakes run through our hearts.
We long to make a joyful noise to you,
but the hurts inflicted on us and the pain we have caused others silence our voices.

Sing to us, conductor of grace:
sing of your forgiveness; your hope, your love for us.
Strike a chord of humility in our hearts so our eyes can see all you have done for us;
and in seeing, we might believe how much you love us;
and in believing, we would echo that new song of hope and life
composed through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon
Leader: God is full of Grace and God forgives us. Be open to new life.
People: Thanks be to God.

*The Canticle (Glory to God in the highest.)

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The Passing of the Peace

*Preschool children* will leave with their teachers and may be picked up in Room 107 after worship.

The 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.*

The Hebrew Scripture

“The 23rd Psalm”

The Lord is my shepherd, I have all I need, she makes me lie down in green meadows, beside the still waters, she will lead.

She restores my soul, she rights my wrongs, she leads me in a path of good things, and fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land, there is nothing that can shake me, she has said, she won’t forsake me, I’m in her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes, she anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me, all the days of my life, and I will live in her house, forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:6-21 (NRSV adapted)

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

The Gospel Reading

Acts 2:1-14 (NRSV adapted)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of
Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

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.

*The Sermon Hymn

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Children in grades 1 - 5 will leave during the 2nd stanza of the hymn and may be picked up in the Sanctuary transept after worship.

The Sermon

“The Reverend W. Benjamin Boswell

“Singing in Many Tongues”

The Time for Silent Reflection

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS TO GOD’S WORD

The Church at Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Offertory

Mobile giving is available through the Church Life app or via text – see page 8. Gifts of loose cash in June will benefit Women in Transition (WIT) at the YWCA which provides affordable transitional housing and intensive support services for single, unaccompanied women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The Anthem

“Hold To God’s Unchangin’ Hand”

The Chancel Choir

F.L. Eiland and Jennie Wilson, arr. Paul Halley (b. 1952)

Time is filled with swift transition,
Naught of earth unmoved can stand.
Build your hopes on things eternal,
and hold to God’s unchanging hand.

You better hold to his hand,
God’s unchanging hand.

Trust in Him who will not leave you
whatsoever years may bring,
and if by earthly friends forsaken
still more closely to him cling.

Bethany Wherry, soloist
The Rice Bowl

If you wish to help alleviate hunger in the world through the Rice Bowl Offering, come forward and place your contribution in the basket at the Chancel steps. The Rice Bowl Offering is designated for Hunger Relief: Loaves and Fishes (local) and Stop Hunger Now (international).

*The Presentation of Gifts

As the Deacons move down the center aisle, the congregation is asked to stand. This presentation to God enacts our self-offering and gratitude to God.

*The 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.

*The Prayer of Dedication

THE COMMUNITY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD FOR MINISTRY

*The Procession into the World and Closing of the Bible

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

The Benediction

The Choral Response

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord lift his countenance upon you;
and give you peace,
the Lord makes his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you. Amen.

The Postlude

“Final” (from Symphonie No. 1)

Following worship, all are invited to a reception for Fran Morrison in Heaton Hall.

Prior to the reception, preschool children should be picked up in Room 107; children in grades 1 - 5 should be picked up in the back of the Sanctuary (lectern side).
Leading worship today with The Reverend W. Benjamin Boswell, Senior Minister, are The Reverend Carrie Veal, Minister of Children and Community Life, The Reverend Leigh Anne Hagerman, Church Administrator, Mia M. McClain, Associate Minister, and The Reverend Deborah Moore Clark, member of the congregation.

The Chancel Choir leads worship through music with Frances L. Morrison, Minister of Music, Dr. Matt Caine, Minister of Music and Worship, and John Richardson, Organist.

The Carolina Chamber Players:
Phillip Howe, keyboard,
Ron Brendle, bass,
Ocie Davis, drums.

The Instrumental Ensemble:
Emily Chatham, 1st violin,
Kathy Jarrell, 2nd violin,
Ellen Ferdon, viola,
Liz Burns, cello.

The acolytes are William Campbell, Elliott Campbell and Amelia Grace Reeves.

The sound technician is Spencer Rackley. The webcast technician is Van Wilson.

We give God thanks for the ministry of Frances L. Morrison, Minister of Music, who joined our staff on September 1, 1988.
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 the Narthex.

MOBILE GIVING

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

- Start a new text message to phone number 73256.
- In the message of the text, enter 1900Q, a space, and the amount you want to give (i.e., 1900Q 100).
- The system will return a message to you; click on the link provided and follow instructions.
- You will then receive a receipt to confirm your gift was received. It is that simple!
- Next time, since your setup is already done – just text “1900Q, a space, then amount you wish to give” to 73256.

Questions? Contact Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman, Church Administrator, at 704.334.7232 x116 or lhagerman@myersparkbaptist.org
Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so bod-y but not the soul. There is but one train up-on this fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

TEXT: African American spiritual
Music Adapt. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen
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

PENTECOST | RICE BOWL
Rev. Ben Boswell Preaching
"Singing in Many Tongues"
Ephesians 5:6-21 & Acts 2:1-14
Reception Honoring Fran Morrison

June 10-16, 2019

Worship at 10:00a | Prelude with Strings begins at 9:50a | Sanctuary

Celebrating Fran Morrison
Fran has spent her entire life as a member of Myers Park Baptist Church and has blessed us for 30 years with her ministry through worship, music, and friendship. On her final Sunday before her retirement, we will celebrate with a special worship service followed by a reception.

"Choral music is not one of life's frills. It's something that goes to the very heart of our humanity, our sense of community and our souls." - John Rutter

The instrumental and choral music as well as hymns for this service have been chosen for their specific scriptures and texts that have had special meaning to Fran and the choir over the years. The music and sermon will be woven around Pentecost themes from Acts 2:1-14 and Ephesians 5:6-21. A preview of some of the music includes the beautiful setting of "The Ground" from Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo's "Sunrise Mass," the hymn "When in our Music God is Glorified," Bobby McFerrin's feminine version of the Twenty-Third Psalm, and from the organ, "Final" from Symphony I by Louis Vierne. The prelude will begin at 9:50a with a string quartet playing Marcello, Corelli, and Vivaldi.

Following worship, all are invited to a reception honoring Fran in Heaton Hall. (This will take the place of Talkback). We are collecting notes of appreciation and a love offering in the Church Office. We hope you will join us in expressing appreciation for our beloved minister and friend.

Sunday, June 16, 2019
The First Sunday After Pentecost
Rev. Dr. F. Timothy Moore Preaching
"Faith in a Disenchanted World" | Matthew 7:21-27, Mark 12:28-34, and John 20:30-31
Dr. Tim Moore served as a pastor for churches in North and South Carolina for three decades. For 19 years, Tim was one of the pastors at Sardis Baptist Church, a spiritually progressive community of faith in Charlotte, where he now holds the title Writer-in-Residence. Currently, he is speaking to churches and organizations on the topic of his new book, Practicing Midrash: Reading the Bible’s Arguments as an Invitation to Conversation, by Wipf & Stock Publishers. Tim will preach and lead Sermon TalkBack on Sunday June 16, and his book will be available for sale ($25) and signing in the Heaton Hall Foyer.

FEATURES

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?

We are excited to roll out Identity Crisis: a 4-part podcast series exploring 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 will examine our identity as we enter into deeper conversations about church clarity and religious branding in the 21st century. This series is led by Rev. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister and Mia M. McClain, Associate Minister. Listen to episode 1 on iTunes or the Church website.

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.

Changes for the Brick Patio
We know that many people in our Church and community visit our campus each day. We also are aware that disabled parking may be hard to find. While the brick patio between the Sanctuary and Education buildings can be used for drop-off/pick-up only, please be aware that it is not for parking. This will be especially important to remember beginning in June, when our TTWS carpool moves to this patio.

COMMUNITY SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Hang Out with the Pastor
Monday, July 1 | 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. The remaining summer dates are July 1 and August 5.

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**Meditation With the Pastor**  
**Wednesdays Throughout the Summer | 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.

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**Sermon TalkBack is Also Online!**  
NOTE: On June 9, the Reception Honoring Fran Morrison will take the place of TalkBack  
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!

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**Summer Sunday Morning Yoga**  
On Sunday mornings, a Yoga 1, 2 class will be offered at 9:00a in the Cornwell 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.

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**Summer Choir - All Are Welcome**  
**Begins Thursday, June 13 | 7:00 - 8:00p | Berry Hall**  
We will begin our summer choir schedule on Thursday, June 13. 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@myesparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x117). Here is our schedule:  
Summer Rehearsals: Thursdays, June 13, 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 Sundays, July 7 or August 4.

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**Newcomer Social**  
**Friday, June 14 | 6:00 - 8:00p | Home of Janet Miller and Nancy Culp**
Those who have joined in the last year or who are guests among us are invited to a newcomer social. This will be a relaxed time for fellowship, and you will have the opportunity to get to know our newest staff members, Matt Caine and Mia McClain. Childcare will be provided at the Church. To RSVP, please contact Caroline Manning (cmanning@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 115).

**Volunteer for Freedom School at Pinewood Elementary**

This year, the dates are June 17 - July 25. There are a variety of ways to serve: Harambee reader, DEAR/lunch buddy reader, field trip chaperone, supply shopper, or activity leader, to name a few. Stop by the table on the Patio before and after worship or in Heaton Hall Foyer after Fran's retirement reception and sign up to be part of Freedom School 2019, on the Church website. Questions? Contact Karen Taylor at fitztaylor@aol.com or Laura Handler at laura.hoeing@gmail.com for more information.

Interested in seeing the hype of Freedom School live? Come with Mia, Karen, and Laura to visit Pinewood on Wednesday, June 26. Either meet at MPBC at 8:00a or at Pinewood at 8:30a to meet this year's interns and scholars, join in Harambee, and get a glimpse of IRC (integrates reading curriculum). Email Laura Handler at laura.hoeing@gmail.com for questions or to RSVP.

**Children's Ministry Parent Social**

**Sunday, June 30 | 5:00 -7:00p | Home of Tara and Richard Harris**

Parents are invited to a social to meet our newest staff members, Mia McClain and Matt Caine. Please bring a beverage to share. Childcare will be provided at the Church at a cost of $10/family. RSVP through myMPBC or by contacting Caroline Manning (cmanning@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 115) in the Church Office.

**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.

**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.

**CHILDREN**

**SAFE Seminar Rescheduled!**

*(Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment)*

We have rescheduled and the new dates will be Friday, September 27 and Saturday, September 28. Please mark your calendars and save these dates.
for this important church-wide event.

**Children's Summer Worship**
Children begin worship with the congregation and leave after the Passing of the Peace. Jennifer Jennings, Children's Ministry Intern, meets the children in the Sanctuary Lower Level, Room 3 to sing songs, learn about the Bible, and interact with the text in new, enlightening ways.

On June 16, we will begin an Earth Series. We will sing "La Paz de la Tierra/The Peace of the Earth." We will read the book Touch the Earth by Julian Lennon and work through the scriptures Isaiah 44:21-24 and Matthew 8:23-27. Questions? Contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118) or Jennifer (jjennings@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 610).

**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 June 10 will be "prayer - part 2." 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).

**MAD Camp Performance and Dinner | June 21**
On Friday, June 21, the music and children's ministries will present Oh Jonah, by Allen Pote and Carole McCann. The children participate in a week-long MAD (Music, Art, and Drama) Camp where they will paint, build, sing, play instruments, act and have a great time. We hope you will join us for this production. There will even be a whale sighting as we explore Jonah's story! Dinner will begin at 6:00p in Heaton Hall followed by the performance at 6:30. Please make your reservations on the Church website. The cost for dinner is $5 per person.

**VBS and Community Outreach Camp | July 9 - 11**
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.

**YOUTH**

**Summer Youth Gatherings**
First week of Summer and you don't know what to do? Why don't you come hang out with your friends and give back to the community? MPBC youth are going to meet at Pinewood Elementary school on June 13 for a day of hanging out and giving back. Please watch your inbox for an email with details from Allen Davis. If you have any questions, please email him at adavis@myersparkbaptist.org.

**CORNWELL CENTER**

**Open Gym Pickleball at the Cornwell Center**
Come experience the new fitness craze! Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Two or four players use paddles to hit a ball, similar to a Wiffle Ball, over a net. Join the fun on Tuesdays, 1:30 - 3:30p | Thursdays, 10:30a - 12:30p | Saturdays, 8:00 - 10:00a | and Sundays, 12:30 - 2:30p. Free for Cornwell members | $2 drop-in for Silver Sneakers and Fit, AARP Supplemental Plan, Renew Active ($25/month pickleball membership for these folks only) | $5 drop-in for non-members (after 3-day guest pass). Questions? Contact the Cornwell Center at 704.927.0774 or visit www.cornwellcenter.org.

**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 to get the app on the Church website).

**CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Please remember the following members of our congregation (as of Tuesday, June 4, 2019.)

**LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO**

- Mary Lou Buck on the death of her husband, George Buck on June 4, 2019 in Charlotte, NC. (His memorial service will take place at Myers Park Baptist Church on Monday, June 10 at 2:00p.)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

- Claudette and Morris Green on the marriage of their daughter Cherise Green to Jeremy Beckett on Saturday, May 25, 2019 in Richmond, VA.

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 (704.334.7232 x 100 | ccedar@myersparkbaptist.org).
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.