

THE WALMSLEY WITNESS

Walmsley Boulevard United Methodist Church

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Worship with Us!

Sundays @ 9:30a

In-Person or on

Facebook Live

(WalmsleyBlvdUMC)

Join Us for
Sunday School

Sundays @ 10:45a

Classes for ALL ages
available!

AUGUST 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Call To Excellence

The call to serve is a teaching that the church emphasizes with great degree of frequency and urgency. This is understandable because as Christ-followers we are called to serve others. Throughout the Gospels, we find Jesus teaching his disciples of the importance of serving others (Mark 10:42-45; Luke 22: 21-30; Matthew 23:11). Since we all agree that serving others is a hallmark of Christian discipleship; the call to excellence deserves the same level of importance in Christian discourse.

Excellence must not be conflated with perfection. Neither should excellence be seen as an achieved status. On the contrary, excellence is being intentional about giving our best and doing our best. That means excellence is a constant work-in-progress. The words of the Apostle Paul to the church at Philippi are instructive here: *"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things"* (Philippians 4: 8 NSRV). Paul's admonition to *"think about these things"* suggests that excellence is the lifestyle of the believer. The believer must always be conscious of how to grow and become better for Christ.

Therefore, serving God and others is a call to excellence. Serving and excellence are intimately intertwined. We are called to a life of excellence because we are called to imitate Christ in all things. So, let us be excellent for Christ!

Rev. Ricardo A. Haynes

Church Office Hybrid Schedule

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The Church Office voicemail will be checked regularly.

You can reach Victoria via the church email walmsleyblvdumc@verizon.net and Pastor Ricardo via his email at hayricanthon@gmail.com or cell phone (804)307-2419

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Monday, 9a-3p  
(work from home)

Tuesday, 9a-3p  
(work from home)

Wednesday, 9a-3p  
(in Church Office)

Thursday, 9a-1p  
(in Church Office)

## Worship Service & Sunday School Times

Our worship service and Sunday School times will continue at their new times!

Worship will be held at 9:30a.

Sunday School will be held at 10:45a.

There will be a brief time of fellowship between worship and Sunday School.

\*This time change is a necessary part of Walmsley's pastoral transition. Walmsley will be part of a 2 point charge and sharing the pastor with our neighbors Sherbourne UMC.

## WORSHIP CONTINUES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Worship will continue to be held in the Fellowship Hall. We hope everyone will enjoy this time to worship in the ORIGINAL sanctuary of WBUMC! The first 6 parking spaces closest to the Fellowship Hall entrance will be reserved for those most in need!

## AUGUST SUNDAY READERS

6th- Gloria Lambert

13th- **READER NEEDED!**

20th- Rose Henshaw

27th- Ryan Thore

We are in need of a second Sunday reader! Please let the Church Office know if you'd like to volunteer!

# STOCKING WBUMC EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

In **AUGUST** we will be focusing on restocking the WBUMC emergency food pantry. All items will be stored at WBUMC to be handed out in emergency need situations.

Please bring non-perishable/single-serve/microwaveable items such as:

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|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| * Ramen noodles | * Cookies     | * Granola bars |
| * Canned soup   | * Crackers    | * Fruit cups   |
| * Mac & cheese  | * Canned tuna |                |
|                 | * Chips       |                |

Please leave donations in the shopping cart outside the Fellowship Hall.

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

26– Rosemary & Wayne Bruce



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1– Kathey Thore  
6– Rosemary Bruce  
7– Roger Mackey  
9– David Tyree  
15– Aeryn Farmer  
17– Brandy Thore  
20– Juan Cox

20– Shaun Cox  
20– John Everett  
21– Nadia Stewart  
23– Debbie Koren  
25– Bailse Williams  
26– Caden Farmer



## Online Giving!

God loves a cheerful giver and YOUR CHURCH IS IN GREAT NEED!

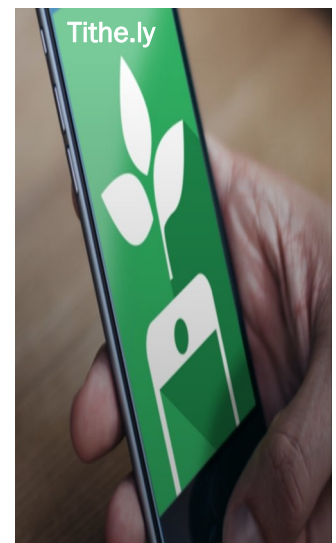
Visit

[walmsleyblvdumc.org](http://walmsleyblvdumc.org)

and click the **green** “Give” button to give your tithes and offerings easily online!

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You can also mail your gifts to the Church (2950 Walmsley Blvd, Richmond, VA 23234)



WBUMC on Facebook & YouTube

If you can't make it to in-person worship, you can catch us LIVE most Sundays on Facebook at 9am. In addition, our streamed services will be archived on Facebook and also on the church YouTube page! Search "Walmsley Blvd UMC" on either site to find our page!

Newsletter Submission

We welcome your news, articles, recipes, quotes & jokes! To be included in the **SEPTEMBER** Walmsley Witness, please have your submissions to the Church Office **no later than WEDNESDAY 8/23!**

WORSHIP WITH US!

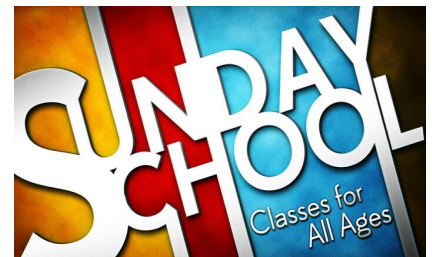
We welcome everyone to worship with us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall!
Come as you are!

If you can't make it in person, you can also join us on Facebook Live on the WBUMC Facebook page (Walmsley Blvd UMC).



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL!

We have Sunday School classes for ALL Ages Sunday morning AFTER worship at 10:45 a.m.



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will be on break until further notice



CHOIR ON SUMMER BREAK

During July & August the choir will be on summer break and will not meet for rehearsals. If you're interested in sharing your musical gifts during these months, please contact Victoria Myers to chat about it!



Share Your Recipes!

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Please share your recipes with us! Recipes should be sent to the Church Office!

Dynamic Works Christian Academy

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Located in the rear Activities building at 2950 Walmsley Blvd, Dynamic Works offers preschool for children ages 3-5.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he shall not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

For more information on enrollment please visit dwps.us or call (804)301-7879



MUSIC NIGHTS AT HOPEWELL METHODIST

Upcoming Dates @ 7p:

August 18th– Smokey Wilson

September 15th– Nikki Hadley

October 20th– Little Ronnie Harris

November 17th– Good News



6200 Courthouse Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832

Cook's Corner

Summer Gnocchi Foil Packet

- 1 lb gnocchi, uncooked
- 4 ears of corn, kernels removed from cob (or 3 cups frozen, thawed)
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves
- Salt and pepper
- Red pepper flakes
- 3/4 cup dry white wine
- 1/4 cup finely chopped basil
- Grated Parmesan for serving



1. Preheat the grill over medium-high heat. Cut 4 sheets of foil about 12 in long. Divide gnocchi, corn, tomatoes, olive oil, and garlic evenly over foil. Season each packet with 1/4 tsp salt and a pinch of red pepper flakes. Drizzle the white wine evenly among each packet.
2. Fold foil packets crosswise over the gnocchi mixture to completely cover the food. Roll top and bottom edges to seal. Place foil packets on the grill and cook until tomatoes burst and gnocchi is cooked through, about 15-20 min. Sprinkle each packet with basil, parmesan and black pepper, and serve.

Reflection

In life we always have troubles such as the loss of a loved one, job, or issues with family, money and health. We also have joys such as the birth of a child, friends who hold us up, and a mother's never-ending love.

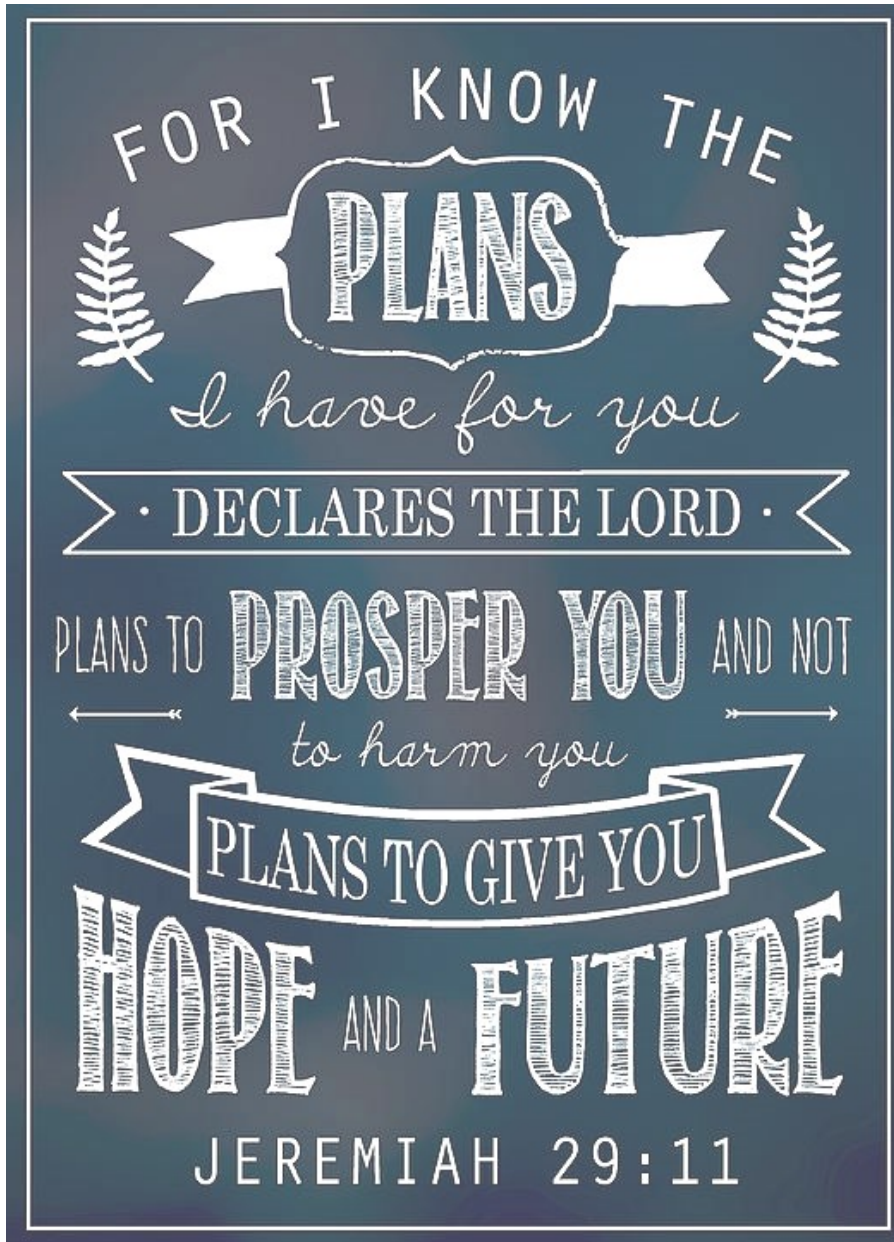
Many in this world are not raised in a Christian home/lifestyle. They have not been taught or shown the love of God. As Christians we need to share this gift we have been given with as many people whose lives we touch by the grace of God.

My favorite/first Bible verse that ever spoke to me is Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to

prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Sharing this favorite verse of mine can be life changing for some as it has been for me. May God shine through you and use this verse to remind you of the love God has for you, and empower you to share that love and the word of God with those you meet along life's way.

May God bless and keep you as we continue to be blessings unto this world.

Lovena Thore



August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:30a, Worship 10:45a, Sunday School	7	8	9	10 8p, NA	11	12
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