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Walmsley Boulevard United Methodist Church
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Reverend Denise Watkins, Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this letter to you, we are preparing for one of the many outreaches of this church, the Vacation Bible School weekend. Walmsley Boulevard offers one of the best Vacation Bible School weekends that I have been associated with! Thank you for your dedication and loving service to offer this important outreach to our families and communities again this year.

We have been blessed by Union Baptist Church (Debbie Koren is a friend of the Pastor there), who shared their VBS kit and supplies with us from last year. The theme is “ Hero Central, Discover your Strength in God!” And the Key Bible Verse is :

**‘Do Good.
Seek peace.
Go after it!’**

Psalm 34:14b

We are prayerfully and excitedly looking forward to welcoming the children to Hero Central.

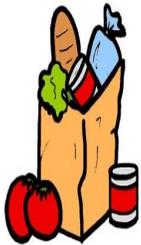
There are so many new and exciting things going on at Walmsley Boulevard United Methodist Church. Thank you for your commitment to this ministry through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service. Please make sure to check the church calendar for the upcoming ministry opportunities.

Enjoy these days of August. May your days be blessed with a slower pace. And may God be the Lord of your Sabbath.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Denise Watkins

AUGUST EVENTS



Grocery Ministry & Clothes Closet

Tuesday August 14th, 10a-12p



COAT DRIVE!

Collecting coats, hats, scarfs & gloves for the Clothes Closet to prepare for the winter!



Bluegrass/Gospel Jam
Saturday August 25th, 5p

Bring your children to join the music and fun during Children's Choir at 9:45am every Sunday!

Children's Choirs

Because we were made to praise!



Summer Choir Rehearsal Schedule

♦ August 8th

♦ August 22nd



Church Picnic

&

Roundtable Visioning

Discussion

See you there!



Saturday Aug. 11th

3:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Chicken provided— please bring a side dish/dessert to share!



Here we are, Lord, SEND US! Final payment is due soon! Help Anne & Bob reach their GOAL!!

If you feel led to donate, you may make the check out to WBUMC and earmark it "Moseley Mission Trip", or you may give the donation directly to one of them.

Very Important -- don't forget to pray!

Baked Potato & Salad Bar

Sunday Aug. 5th After Church

**\$8/person
\$4 under 10 yrs old**

Drinks & Dessert included!

Donations will also be accepted. All proceeds/donations will go to Anne & Bob Moseley's medical mission trip to Honduras!

Sponsored by the UMM & Ignite Youth

Saturday September 8th

Yard Sale begins @ 8a- \$10 to rent a table

Car Wash begins @ 10a

Bake Sale- Calling all BAKERS to donate baked goods!

All proceeds will go to Anne & Bob Moseley's medical mission trip to Honduras!

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August Birthdays

1- Kathey Thore	20- Juan Cox
4- Betsy Lewerenz	20- John Everett
6- Rosemary Bruce	21- Nadia Stewart
7- Roger Mackey	23- Debbie Koren
9- David Tyree	24- Joe Simon
12- Joan Leonard	24- Janet Whetstone
15- Aeryn Farmer	25- Blaise Williams
17- Brandy Thore	26- Caden Farmer
20- Shaun Cox	

1st Week in September Birthdays

2- John Campbell
6- Doug Stewart

Sunday Morning Greeters for August

5- David Tyree	19- Ronda Scott
12- Gee Gee Whetstone	26- Ann Benson

Sunday Morning Readers for August

5- Bonnie Heretick
12- Bob Moseley
19- Gloria Lambert
26- Shaun Cox

Ignite Youth will begin meeting for Youth Group on the 2nd Saturday of the month starting in September!

Sept. 8th
Oct. 13th
Nov. 10th
Dec. 8th

August Communion Servers

Christine Price Bonnie Heretick

August Anniversaries

26- Rosemary & Wayne Bruce

Save the Dates!

9/3 - Office Closed

9/8 - Yard/Bake Sale & Car Wash, 8a

9/8 - Ignite Youth Group, 4:30p

9/11 - Grocery Ministry/Clothing Closet, 10a

9/13 - Josephine Day Circle, 10:30a

9/16 - Admin Council Meeting, 12p

9/22 - Music Jam, 5p

Dear Pastor Denise and Walmsley congregation,

John and I would like to thank you all for all your thoughts and prayers for us this past year and John's extended hospital stay. Our God is so good and has been so faithful in seeing us through, and you all have been faithful in praying for your brother and sister in Christ! We have felt your prayers in lifting us up on days when we felt drained and hurting or in doubt. Thank you also to Pastor Denise for your prayers and visits- they have meant a lot to us. John is home healing and getting stronger for what we hope will be his last surgery in September or October to reattach his colon and be rid of the colostomy bag. Our faith is in our Savior Jesus Christ who finished it all on the cross and by his wounds we are healed! We would also like to say thank you to our dearest friend and sister, Christine Price. There are not enough words to say how grateful and thankful we are to have her in our lives. She has been there every step of the way through all our trials and has never given up on us. God tells us, if you have but one friend to lift you up then you are blessed and we are truly blessed. Again, thank you all for your continued prayers. You are all in ours. May God bless you richly.



Laura & John Holmes.

Cook's Corner



Summer Gazpacho

- 1/2 English hothouse cucumber, peeled, seeded
- 1/2 large red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded
- 2 lbs very ripe red tomatoes, cut into 1/2-in, (3 tablespoons seeds reserved)
- 1/2 large shallot, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, finely grated
- 2 Tbps sherry or red wine vinegar
- Flaky sea salt
- 2 Tbsp olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- Quartered cherry tomatoes
- Chopped chives
- Grilled or toasted country-style bread

1. Cut 2-in of the cucumber into 1/4-in pieces and set aside for serving; coarsely chop remaining cucumber and place in a large bowl. Cut one-quarter of the bell pepper into 1/4-in pieces and set aside for serving; coarsely chop remaining bell pepper and add to bowl with chopped cucumber. Add tomatoes to bowl and toss with shallot, garlic, 2 Tbsp vinegar, and 1 Tbsp salt. Let stand 30 minutes at room temperature to let flavors meld.
2. Transfer tomato mixture along with any accumulated juices to a blender. Add 3 Tbsp oil and puree on medium speed until smooth; season with salt and vinegar, if desired. Strain through a coarse-mesh sieve into a large bowl or pitcher and chill until cool, about 1 hour.
3. Divide gazpacho among bowls. Top with cherry tomatoes, chives, reserved cucumbers and red pepper pieces, and tomato seeds; drizzle with oil and season with salt. Serve with bread.

If you'd like to share a recipe, please submit it to the church office.

FREE

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

35th ANNIVERSARY

TUESDAY AUGUST 7 2018

POLICE + COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Join Us!

11:00am-2:00pm

KICK OFF National Night Out DURING THE DAY 11:00am-2:00pm with your neighbors, businesses and law enforcement agencies.

Let's all unite together, to build a stronger, safer community!

★ Special music by The Honky Tonk Experience 12:00-1:30 ★



- Guest Speakers
- Vendors
- Hot Dogs
- Kona Ice
- Cotton Candy
- Games
- Classic Cars
- ...and much more!

No registration required.
 Stonebridge Recreation Center
 230 Karl Linn Drive
 N. Chesterfield, VA 23225
 Contact: (804) 768-7885



www.chesterfield.gov/parks

A great turn out for the PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT fundraiser for Bob & Anne's medical mission trip to Honduras!



Would you like to contribute to the Walmsley Witness? We welcome your news, articles, quotes, and jokes! To be included in the September Newsletter, please have your submissions to the church office no later than Monday, August 19th.

Building Your Child's Self-Worth

A banker was appalled when his awkward teenage son began wearing ragged clothing and an earring in his ear. His first impulse was to demand that his son “shape up and clean up.” But before he said anything, he thought, *My son must feel that he isn't a part of the school crowd. He's dressing this way to feel accepted. Rather than work on his dress, I need to work on his self-esteem.*



So a few weeks later, the father invited his son to go with him to his annual banker's club banquet. The two had a great time. Even though the son sported an orange streak in his hair, he wore a suit to the event and behaved superbly, recalling the names of his father's friend and confidently conversing with them. He had responded to the unspoken message of his father's invitation: “Son, I'm proud of you.”

Criticism wounds and tears down. Praise heals and builds up. Your child will encounter plenty of criticism in his or her life, without any of it coming from you. An important part of raising a child is to literally raise their self-worth, their sights, and their faith. That kind of raising is the product of praising.



For many of us, summertime involved days playing with friends, having fun, a trip to camp, and Vacation Bible School. We have fond memories of those summers, the things we learned, and the relationships we formed. Those opportunities often played a role in shaping us and forming us into the people we became.

For many young people in Haiti, summertime doesn't always have those happy sentiments. Students do not typically have the opportunity to go to camp, to go to Bible camp, or to spend time with their friends. This summer, we would love for our youth group to have that opportunity. Our student leaders have been diligently planning a youth retreat (or week of camp) for our students. The youth retreat will take place in Cap Haitien, which is a huge landmark for Haiti. During the week, we will host sessions of teachings on the theme "Renewed." Each session will be taught by a young leader in our community, to show the students that young people can be positive influences and can have an impact. During the day-time, the youth will travel to various historic landmarks and site around Cap Haitien. We would love for all of our youth to be able to participate; however, we know that it can be expensive.

Throughout this spring, the students have been volunteering and working odd jobs to save their money. However, we would love to be able to support them in this endeavor. In order for that to happen, we need your help or partnership. For \$30, we can send a student to camp, all expenses included (food, housing, transportation, medical). If you would be interested in sending a student to camp or help to offset the cost, we would be very appreciative. You can support us in two ways:

1. Online at nwhcm.org, support a missionary, Caitlin Smith. If you note for youth retreat, I will make sure it gets to the student leadership.
2. By check: NWHCM 7301 N. Georgetown Rd. Suite 190, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Please note it for Caitlin Smith, youth retreat.

In Him,

Caitlin Smith
Northwest Haiti Christian Mission
nwhcm.org



Hymn Story: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Article written by J. Braxton Kubasko

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast brought us, thine we are.*

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us,” attributed to Englishwoman Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847), is found in almost every Christian hymnal. According to the hymnology website, www.hymnary.org, “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” appears in 1005 hymnals. It is one hymn that most church members can recognize across denominational lines. What may surprise most churchgoers to know, however, is that for such a well-known and loved hymn of the Christian faith, we know little about how it was written or who the true author was. Its past aside, however, we see that whoever penned these words had a deeply theological message to share.

The mystery of the authorship of the words goes back to the 1830s, when the hymn made its first appearances in Thrupp’s *Hymns for the Young* (c. 1830) and the Fourth Edition in 1836, but without attribution. Rev. Williams Carus Wilson published a magazine titled *The Children’s Friend* (June 1938) and ascribed the poem to “Lyte,” possibly Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). British hymnologist J. R. Watson notes, “The authorship remains in doubt; all that can be added is that a stylistic analysis of the vocabulary, rhythm, and content would suggest that Thrupp, rather than Henry Francis Lyte, was the author” (*Canterbury Dictionary*).

The penned words were directly applied to children, and the anonymous writer obviously meant to use this four-stanza hymn for teaching. It was more than twenty years later that the tune we presently know was composed by the American musician Williams Bradbury (1816-1868). His tune, named after himself, has most often been associated with this text, except in the case of the Episcopalian tradition that paired the text with the tune SICILIAN MARINERS. When Bradbury composed this tune, however, he modified the original words meant for children and broadened the meaning to include all the congregation. Then, with some modernizing of the language, the text was standardized as it appears today. Since about 1830, the hymn has remained largely untouched. In fact, when the Methodist *Book of Hymns* shortened the refrain in 1966, the publisher received so many complaints, the full Bradbury version was put back into *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989).

One has to wonder why this hymn has been so successful for nearly two hundred years. The most likely answer is found in the theology of the hymn. Since the focus of the original composition was for young children, Thrupp would have wanted to encapsulate the essence and message of a caring Christ who loves all his children. In the first stanza, we see Christ portrayed as a shepherd offering care and guidance to his flock as well as preparing for service and Christian life.

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Hymn Story: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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This is followed by an acknowledgment that we are Christ's. Thrupp alludes to Psalm 23- "pleasant pastures"- and draws upon the image of Christ as the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18).

Likewise, the second stanza picks up with the idea of possession by Christ and the continued picture of Christ as the Good Shepherd. Now, however, the author shows that we are not only possessed by Christ, but we are also in fellowship with Christ. Christ is our defender and guide, and he will hear us when we pray to him and follow in his footsteps. The author also alludes to the lost sheep (Matt. 18:12-14; Luke 15:3-7), especially in the phrase, "seek us when we go astray."

The third stanza offers a wonderful picture of the salvation message of Christ- that no one is beyond the reach of God's love and there is no sin too great to keep us separated from God. Underlying this message is an understanding of original sin, the inherent sinful nature of all of God's children: "Thou hast promised to receive us,/ poor and sinful though we be...". Although the concept of original sin finds its roots with St. Augustine (354-430), the sixteenth-century reformers Martin Luther and John Calvin assured the continuation of this theological concept among Protestants. The refrain then acknowledges "We will early turn to Thee," providing an effective segue into the final stanza- a poetic device known as *anadiplosis*.

Stanza four reminds us that the original focus of the hymn was on children- with references to seeking Christ early in life": "Early let us seek thy favor,/early let us do thy will...". Thrupp advocated for an early and honest following of Christ that leads us to a place of service and following God's will. There is a plea for the love of God to be shown through us as the body of Christ and that God's love will always be present, as he has always loved us. The picture we get from this hymn, and the reason it has been such a defining song of the church, lies in the fact that it presents the fuller theology of Christian life in one song. This picture of saving love and grace of God, the salvation message of God, God's fellowship with us, and the continuing service to God gives us the broader perspective of what the Christian life should be. Thrupp attempted to make the hymn accessible to children, and Bradbury has presented it in a way that is applicable to every Christian. Although this song may have had some vague beginnings, it has a certain future in the church because of its message of hope, love, salvation and Christian living.

August 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Closed Every Wednesday: 10:30a Bible Study	2 Office Closed Every Thursday: 8p NA		
5 Every Sunday: 9:45a, Sunday School/ Children's Choir 11a, Worship 12p, Baked Potato & Salad Bar Lunch	6	7	8 6p, Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11 3p, Roundtable Visioning Discussion & Church Picnic
12	13	14 10a, Grocery Ministry/ Clothes Closet	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 6p, Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25 5p, Music Jam
26	27	28	29	30	31	