

THE WALMSLEY WITNESS

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Worship with Us!

Sundays @ 11am
In-Person or on
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(WalmsleyBlvdUMC)

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JANUARY 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Happy New Year!

First of all, I want to say that this year 2023 will be a wonderful year for all those of Walmsley Blvd United Methodist Church. The church is not a building or program but people. A church is a faith community and a community of love. Prayer, worship and mission are the main purposes. Let's remember that Jesus gave his followers the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20). To love is given as the New Commandment (John 13:34-35). The Great Commission and the Great Command tell us what we are and what we shall be and do, and where we are and shall go. Some may be worrying about the future of our denomination the United Methodist Church. Some may say that the current situation – disaffiliation issues for homosexual issues – is very negatively influencing the mission of the church. It may be right. However, it does not rightly say what the Walmsley congregation has been and must be struggling with. Our struggle is 'people' as the Church. Our checking point and our beginning point must become whether we Walmsley are loving or not loving people as Jesus has shown us. Our goal must be to love more people and to give more love to people in Jesus' name. In other words, it is the new year 2023. The pandemic is moving toward being history. The pandemic began in March 2020. It was three years ago. Elderly people have been ageing more. Young people growing. Some of the elderly people have been homebound. Some of the young people have been growing and can come and join the church. This recognition asks us to see and accept the fact that there are more people that we need to visit, and at the same time, there are more people that we need to invite or call. In other words, each person of Walmsley is asked to take an action to love people and to give more love to people in Jesus' name. I believe that this act of love can make a difference and make this year wonderful.

The pandemic was very influential to all areas and all people. When the virus hit the world, people thought it would be a kind of seasonal flu.

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Church Office Hybrid Schedule

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The Church Office
voicemail will be
checked regularly.

You can reach Victoria
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and Pastor TaeWon via
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or cell phone
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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**  
(Victoria in Church  
Office, Pastor TaeWon  
work from home)

It was a very strange infectious disease that humankind had not experienced in the past. The characteristics and effects of the virus were unknown yet. However, the virus was highly active, and it was very quickly transmitted among people.

The case of hospitalization and the case of death began to rise very steeply. The situation was getting serious. At that time, the covid-test kits and the test centers were not ready yet. The lack of basic equipment like surgical masks and gloves was real. It meant that healthcare providers could be exposed to the virus in the process of caring for patients at healthcare facilities. It also meant that any place in the world, even a hospital, was not safe from the virus. Anyone and any facility were not ready to respond to the virus. Some still wished that the virus would be like a seasonal cold or flu. However, such a wishful mind could not bear hope. Some poured their anger on others. For instance, the case of hate crimes against Asians in this country began to rise steeply during the pandemic. However, as a wishful mind could not bear hope, anger and hate could never bear comfort and hope either. Rather, all those things made people and society sick and tired. As we know, the virus developed beyond its original shape as an infectious disease. We know that the covid-19 developed into variants as an infectious disease. It also became varied as an international conflict issue, a political issue, and even a faith-type issue. In other words, the virus disclosed the hidden and dark side of our society. The pandemic was one of the darkest eras in humankind's history. Of course, I've expressed it in the past tense, but it is ongoing still in the present, here and now. A reason that I've expressed it in the past tense is that humankind in the present has been equipped with various solutions to fight against and overcome the virus. This points to us that, as the virus developed into several variants, humankind also has been searching and finding, and inventing various solutions through the experiences of the virus personally and socially, locally and globally, and scientifically and non-scientifically. Endless endeavors to SAVE THE LIFE OF PEOPLE have been making a difference. It is never attainable by ceaseless anger, blame, and hate crimes. This may sound naïve. However, it is an evolution and progression that humankind has been making throughout the pandemic.

Siblings of Christ in Walmsley Blvd UMC, we are called to save the life of people by Christ's love and in Christ's name. We are called to love more people and to give more love to people. Our checking point and our beginning point must be whether we Walmsley are loving or not loving people as Jesus has shown us. Our goal must be to love more people and to give more love to people in Jesus' name. It asks each one and everyone to take an action more. It will make your life in 2023 much more wonderful. Amen!! Happy New Year!!

*Pastor TaeWon Kang*



## **JAN. 8TH-WORSHIP MOVING TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Starting on Sunday January 8th, 11am worship will be moving to the Fellowship Hall. Worship will remain there through the colder months in an attempt to save on oil used to heat the Sanctuary. 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!

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## **WORSHIP SPACE PREP DAY**

Help is needed on Saturday Jan. 7th @ 10a to prepare our worship spaces! We will be taking down the Advent/Christmas décor in the Sanctuary, and also be prepreparing our worship space in the Fellowship Hall for worship in the winter months! Any help will be greatly appreciated! Contact Christine Price with questions.

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## **VICTORY LUNCH AT PINOS!**

All are welcome to join for a “victory” lunch on Sunday January 15th in celebration of the work done and completed on the parsonage, and in honor of Jerry Holmes’ hard work in heading this up! We will also celebrate a New Year of ministry at WBUMC. We will meet at Pino’s Pizza (4112 Meadowdale Blvd, Richmond, VA 23234) after worship. \*Please note that each person will be responsible for their own lunch.

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## **2023 GIVING ENVELOPES**

Be sure to pick up your Giving Envelopes from the Narthex. If you do not see a set with your name but would like one, please let the Church office know!

## BIBLE STUDY ON BREAK

Weekly Bible Study will be on break in January. Pastor TaeWon will let everyone know when the next study will begin!



## GROCERY MINISTRY

In 2023 WBUMC will continue to focus on our Grocery Ministry outreach by collecting specified items and sending them to our sister church Belmont UMC in support of their Food Pantry.

In **JANUARY** we will be collecting **CANNED MEAT**.

Please place donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



22- Ryan Thore

25- Betty Kreider

## JANUARY SUNDAY READERS

1st- Gloria Lambert

8th- **READER NEEDED!**

15th- Rose Henshaw

22nd- Ryan Thore

29th- Gloria Lambert

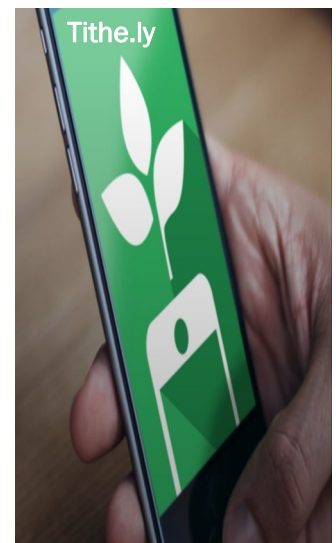
We are in need of a second Sunday reader! Please let the Church Office know if you'd like to volunteer

## 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!

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



## WBUMC on Facebook & YouTube

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If you can't make it to in-person worship, you can catch us LIVE most Sundays on Facebook at 11:00 am.

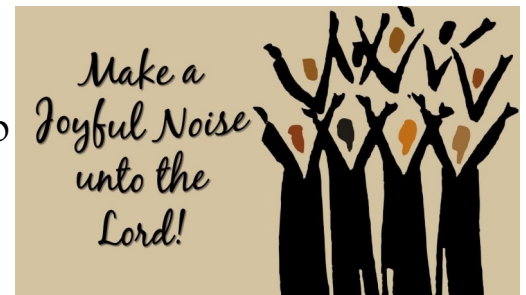
In addition, our streamed services will be archived on Facebook and also on the church YouTube page! Search "Walmsley Blvd UMC" on either site to find our page!

## Newsletter Submission

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We welcome your news, articles, recipes, quotes & jokes! To be included in the FEBRUARY Walmsley Witness, please have your submissions to the Church Office no later than THURSDAY Jan. 19th!

## NO CHOIR REHEARSAL IN JANUARY

There will be no Choir Rehearsal in January. ANYONE interested in joining the Choir is invited to our first 2023 rehearsal on Wed. Feb. 1st!



## IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER...

During the winter months, any Church closures due to inclement weather will be posted on our Facebook page, emailed through the Church email chain, and passed along via the established phone chain. We will also do our best to post notices to the 3 major TV stations NBC 12, ABC 8 & CBS 6.



## WORSHIP WITH US!

We welcome everyone to worship with us on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. 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 before worship at 9:45 a.m.



## 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](http://dwps.us) or call (804)301-7879



# Cook's Corner

## Classic Chicken Pot Pie

- 1 box (14.1 oz) refrigerated Pillsbury Pie Crust (2 count), softened as directed on box
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1-3/4 cups chicken broth
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2-1/2 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables, thawed

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Prepare pie crust as directed on box for Two-Crust Pie using 9-inch glass pie pan
2. In 2-quart saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion; cook 2 minutes, stirring frequently, until tender. Stir in flour, salt and pepper until well blended. Gradually stir in broth and milk, cooking and stirring until bubbly and thickened.
3. Stir in chicken and mixed vegetables. Remove from heat. Spoon chicken mixture into crust-lined pan. Top with second crust; seal edge and flute. Cut slits in several places in top crust.
4. Bake 30 to 40 minutes or until crust is golden brown. During last 15-20 minutes of baking, cover crust edge with foil strips to prevent excessive browning. Let stand 5 minutes before serving





“No one can go back and start a new beginning, but everyone can start today and make a new ending.” The author of this is unknown, but it’s a wonderful place for us to begin in this new year. We can’t start over, but we can begin right where we are, making things better in our lives.

Resolutions are wonderful but they’re not effective. As Christians, it’s more than saying we will do this and won’t do something else. The new year is more about asking the Lord to help us each day, to fall deeper and deeper in love with Christ. We need to focus on heavenly things and not earthly stuff.

Do you want a new ending this year? How do you want the ending of your life? If you’re not a Christian, please know that this can be the best year of your life. Your life can be filled with faith, hope and love. To know what the ending will be is an extra bonus. Resolutions may or may not be accomplished but when you believe in Jesus, your life will turn around.

If your life with Christ is stagnant, then it’s time to rekindle that relationship. Jesus calls us to Himself and says, “Come away my beloved.” Jesus is tugging at your heart. The real ending in our life will be when Jesus says, “Well done my good and faithful servant.” That statement will be for someone who took the time to get to know Him, love Him and obediently followed Him.

**II Corinthians 5:17 – *If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.*”**

Article borrowed from Tommy Henderson, VA United Methodist Foundation

<https://vaumfoundation.org/2019/01/07/new-beginnings-make-new-endings/>

# January 2023

| Sunday                                                                                                             | Monday                            | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday             | Friday     | Saturday                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Epiphany Sunday<br>9:45a, Sunday School<br>11a, Worship                                                          | 2 Office Closed                   | 3       | 4         | 5<br>8p, NA Meeting  | 6 Epiphany | 7<br>10a, Worship<br>Space Prep Day |
| 8 Baptism of the Lord<br>9:45a, Sunday School<br>11a, Worship<br><u>IN FELLOWSHIP HALL</u>                         | 9                                 | 10      | 11        | 12<br>8p, NA Meeting | 13         | 14                                  |
| 15<br>9:45a, Sunday School<br>11a, Worship<br><u>IN FELLOWSHIP HALL</u><br>12p, Victory Lunch at<br>Pino's         | 16 Martin Luther<br>King, Jr. Day | 17      | 18        | 19<br>8p, NA Meeting | 20         | 21                                  |
| 22<br>9:45a, Sunday School<br>11a, Worship<br><u>IN FELLOWSHIP HALL</u>                                            | 23                                | 24      | 25        | 26<br>8p, NA Meeting | 27         | 28                                  |
| 29 Birthday Sunday<br>5th Sunday Celebration<br>10a Potluck Brunch<br>10:30a, Worship<br><u>IN FELLOWSHIP HALL</u> | 30                                | 31      |           | 8p, NA Meeting       |            |                                     |