

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!

JULY 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:3-6).

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! I'm both grateful and honored to be given this privilege to become a part of this faith community. Indeed, it is the grace of God through Jesus Christ our Lord and the Holy Spirit that has brought us together. As we begin this new chapter in the life of Walmsley Boulevard United Methodist Church, let us face it together with optimism and exuberance knowing that it is the Lord *who began a good work in us*. To be sure, the work is incomplete. It is ongoing and, the Lord has summoned us to partner with Him in this work so that the Kingdom of God will come on earth as it is in heaven.

As a faith community, we only have the present. The past is behind us. But it is necessary to take the lessons we have learned from the past into the present so that we can be better prepared for the future. We are all God's children regardless of age, race, class, and ethnicity. This means we all have something to contribute in making Walmsley Boulevard United Methodist Church the best it can be for God.

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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 hayricanthony@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)

It is important to remember that we labor for the Lord. We live for the Lord. And it is the Lord who is the source of our strength and the strength of our lives. Therefore, let us face this new chapter with courage, a new mindset, and a renewed commitment that is open to the moving and workings of the Holy Spirit knowing that our labor will not be in vain. I thank God for each and every one of you and for embracing me and giving me a warm welcome. May the peace and grace of God abide with you always!

Shalom,

Rev. Ricardo A. Haynes

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## Worship Service & Sunday School Time Changing

Starting Sunday July 2nd, our worship service and Sunday School times will change.

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.

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## **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!

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## **MEET THE PASTOR- REV. RICARDO HAYNES!**

Born and raised in Spanish Town, Jamaica, Ricardo Anthony Haynes' preparation for the Christian ministry has been shaped by life experience and formal academic training. He has been active in ministry since the age of fifteen. Growing up in an impoverished and violent community, the church became his bedrock and place of refuge. His mother instilled in him and his brother the importance of education as a means of overcoming poverty. Over the years, Rev. Haynes has served the church and the theological academic community in various capacities. Within the church he served as Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Leader, Bible Study Teacher, and Associate Minister. He has also served as an Instructor at the Jamaica Theological Seminary and the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University.

Rev. Haynes would describe himself as a hard worker and life-long learner, who is inspired to live, serve and share the passion of Christ. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and three Master degrees --- a Master of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with honors from the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology, a Master of Divinity degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University, and a Master of Theology degree in Systematic Theology from Candler School of Theology, Emory University. He is the former pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Bumpass, VA.

Rev. Haynes provided transformational servant leadership to the benefit of the church. In addition to his commitment to the church, Rev. Haynes is a passionate activist for social and racial justice. His commitment to the fight against racism has led him to partner with the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities to foster healing and bridge the racial divide. His favorite scripture is Micah 6:8 (ESV), "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"



## MEET & GREET POTLUCK

Join us on Saturday July 8th at 5:00p for a "Meet & Greet" potluck dinner, as we welcome and get to know our new pastor Rev. Ricardo Haynes! Please bring a dish to share!



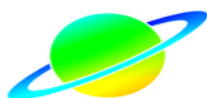
### Vacation Bible School Weekend July 28th-30th



Friday July 28th: Spaghetti Dinner @ 5:30p (ALL invited),  
VBS @ 6:15-8:30p

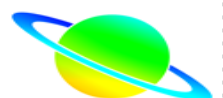
Saturday July 29th: 10a-1p,  
lunch @ 12p (ALL invited)

Sunday July 30th: Potluck Brunch  
(bring a dish to share) @ 9:30a,  
5th Sunday VBS Celebration @ 10:a



Bring a friend and  
come for a great time  
including

BIBLE ADVENTURES. MUSIC.  
CRAFTS. GAMES. FOOD & more FUN!



If you'd like to volunteer during any of these times, contact Rose Henshaw



# JULY SUNDAY READERS

2nd– Gloria Lambert  
 9th– **READER NEEDED!**  
 16th– Rose Henshaw  
 23rd– Ryan Thore  
 30th– Gloria Lambert

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

## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will be on break until further notice



## 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 Sherbourne UMC in support of their Food Pantry.

In **JULY** we will be collecting **CEREAL**.

Please place donations in the grocery cart in entry way near the Fellowship Hall.



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 3– Tyson Thore     | 9– Dale Guess    |
| 3– Talia Thore     | 15– Iris Jackson |
| 3– Jaxon Thore     | 22– Maddie Orta  |
| 5– Scott Thore     | 30– Jacob Thore  |
| 9– Bonnie Heretick |                  |

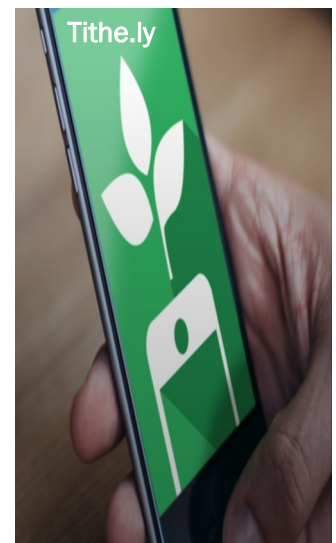


## Online Giving!

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!

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## Newsletter Submission

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We welcome your news, articles, recipes, quotes & jokes! To be included in the JULY Walmsley Witness, please have your submissions to the Church Office **no later than WEDNESDAY JUNE 21ST!**

## 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.



## 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!



## MUSIC NIGHTS AT HOPEWELL METHODIST

Upcoming Dates @ 7p:

July 21st– 4 The Lord

August 18th– Smokey Wilson

September 15h- Nikki Hadley



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## Share Your Recipes!

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

## Dynamic Works Christian Academy

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



## ACCESS ON DEMAND

NEED A RIDE TO WORK OR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS?

CALL US AT (804) 706-2796

Searching for some independence? Find yourself having to call on family to get you where you need to be?

Access on Demand is a same day, door-to-door, point-to-point service for citizens registered for mobility services. Destinations must be located within Chesterfield County, unless for work or medical appointments. Each one-way trip is \$6 and will be charged to your debit or credit card at the time of pick-up. Ride reservations must be made at least 2 hours in advance by calling an authorized provider for same-day service.

Register online, see if you qualify, and learn more about this service here: <http://bit.ly/3Lupfsi>

# RECIPE FOR LIFE

- 1 cup good thoughts
- 1 cup consideration for others
- 3 cups forgiveness
- 2 cups well-beaten faults
- 1 cup kind deeds

Mix thoroughly with tears of joy, sorrow and sympathy for others. Fold in 5 cups of prayer and 4 cups of faith to lighten other ingredients and to raise the texture to great heights of Christian living.

After pouring all this into your daily life, bake well with warmth of human kindness. Serve with a smile!



Submitted by Louise Madison

## Cook's Corner



### Tomato Pie

- 9 in pie crust
- 4-5 tomatoes
- 1/2 onion
- 1 Tbsp chopped garlic
- 1-1/2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise



1. Slice tomatoes and lie on paper towels. Add salt and pepper. Cover and pat out moisture.
2. Layer tomatoes, onion, garlic and 1/2 cup cheese in pie crust. Repeat 2 or 3 times.
3. Mix together 1 cup cheese and mayonnaise. Spread on top of last tomato layer.
4. Bake at 400°F for about 35 min, or until topping is brown and bubbly.



# Jesus Changed Everything



The Roman emperor Constantine lived from AD 272 to 337. Emperor Constantine is an important historical figure because he implemented reforms that stopped the persecution of Christians. He also instituted the calendar dividing all of history into BC (before Christ) and AD (anno domini, in the year of the Lord). The move to secularize this dating system has caused the labels to change to CE (Common Era) and BCE (before the Common Era). Some people today might say the world is trying to keep God out.

Regardless of how hard the world has tried, God hasn't gone anywhere. Our calendar still centers around the reality of Jesus' life on earth. Israel's history often teaches us that tragedy frequently produced celebration. The tragedy of four centuries of slavery in Egypt produced Passover. The desecration of Israel's temple by the Seleucids in the second century BC led to the feast of Hanukkah, which commemorated the temple's rededication. The threat of genocide raised against the Jews in the Book of Esther resulted in the Feast of Purim. In Israel today this Feast of Purim includes children. The children dress up in costumes from the characters in Esther's story. Jewish children are encouraged to remember the stories of their ancestors' rescue throughout their history.

The Book of Esther is unusual in that it contains no specific mention of God, and yet it tells the story of God's deliverance. The people of Israel had been banished from their homeland and were living in a place indifferent to God. Esther 3:8-9, 12-14 tells how a government official wanted to kill all the Israelites. God used Queen Esther and her cousin Mordecai to deliver all His people. This story is celebrated to this day as a Jewish holiday called Purim (9:20-32).

Regardless of what the world chooses today, Jesus changed everything. Jesus introduced us to an uncommon era – one filled with hope and promise. Look around and you will discover that **“Jesus changed everything.”**

**Prayer – Father, we thank you for the story of Esther and the reality that “Jesus Changed Everything.” Amen.**

**Esther 9:23 – “The Jews agreed to continue the celebration they had begun, doing what Mordecai had written to them.”**

# July 2023

| Sunday                                                                                                                 | Monday | Tuesday                   | Wednesday | Thursday                 | Friday                              | Saturday                                         |
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| 2<br>Welcome Rev. Ricardo Haynes!<br><b>9:30A, WORSHIP</b><br>(IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL)<br><b>10:45A, SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> | 3      | 4 <b>Independence Day</b> | 5         | 6<br><br>8p, NA Meeting  | 7                                   | 8<br><br>5p, Welcome/Meet & Greet Potluck Dinner |
| 9<br><b>9:30A, WORSHIP</b><br>(IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL)<br><b>10:45A, SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>                                 | 10     | 11                        | 12        | 13<br><br>8p, NA Meeting | 14                                  | 15                                               |
| 16<br><b>9:30A, WORSHIP</b><br>(IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL)<br><b>10:45A, SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>                                | 17     | 18                        | 19        | 20<br><br>8p, NA Meeting | 21                                  | 22                                               |
| 23<br><b>9:30A, WORSHIP</b><br>(IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL)<br><b>10:45A, SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>                                | 24     | 25                        | 26        | 27<br><br>8p, NA Meeting | 28<br><br>5p, VBS Dinner 6:15p, VBS | 29<br><br>10a, VBS                               |
| 30<br>9:30a Potluck Brunch<br>10a, 5th Sunday VBS Celebration                                                          | 31     |                           |           |                          |                                     |                                                  |