

# THE WALMSLEY WITNESS

Walmsley Boulevard United Methodist Church

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Worship with Us!

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

Join Us for  
Sunday School

Sundays @ 9:45a  
Classes for ALL ages  
available!

## JUNE 2023

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Grace and peace to you all!

Walmsley Blvd UMC is now having two types of transition. I will be leaving, while the new pastor will be coming in. The new pastor's first Sunday in the pulpit will be on July 2nd, 2023. Walmsley is now experiencing the pastoral leadership transition and I ask all church members to be one in praying for the new pastor. Welcoming is much more important than goodbye: The former is for the present and future, while the latter is for the past. I give thanks to you all for your love, prayers, and support during the past two years. I believe that all of the Walmsley congregation will give the same thing to the new pastor. I will be very happy if I hear good sounds that Walmsley people make with the new pastor. Therefore, prepare yourself to greet and welcome your new pastor.

Here is another transition that Walmsley Blvd UMC is experiencing. It is to revitalize the church. It is related to the church's recent financial condition. Church leadership and I decided to request our Bishop to send a part-time pastor rather than a full-time pastor to Walmsley Blvd UMC. To be honest, it was a very difficult decision. However, church leaders and I had discussed, prayed, and discerned for a long time until arriving at the decision. We believe that it surely can be the best way for Walmsley Blvd UMC and its sustainable present and future. Therefore, I gently ask all of the Walmsley congregation to be ONE in Jesus Christ and ONE in church mission and ministry. The Walmsley congregation must be much more vital and grow not just in finance but in all church ministry areas such as worship attendance, Sunday School, Bible study, local and global mission, etc. To make the church vital and growing, all people of Walmsley must be ONE. In the mindset of open heart, open mind, and open door, all people must collect ideas, prayers, and actions, and all people must invite and bring people to the church. For this revitalization of the church, prepare yourself to go, meet, invite, and welcome whoever. And, trust God. Trust your church leadership and support them, and cooperate with them always.

Friends, I am very thankful that I have been your pastor here at Walmsley Blvd UMC. I came here in July 2021, had open-heart surgery in September 2021 and stayed away from the pulpit for two months for recovery.

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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](mailto:walmsleyblvdumc@verizon.net)  
and Pastor TaeWon via  
his email at  
[pastortaewonkang@gmail.com](mailto:pastortaewonkang@gmail.com)  
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)

Since having the open-heart surgery, I have not had easy days physically. Even a little unfamiliar symptom from the heart or body used to make me nervous and stressed. It's been a fact that unusual symptoms from the heart let me visit the emergency room. Honestly, it has been very difficult to discern what symptoms could be ignored or what symptoms have to be checked by medical professionals. I am not a medical doctor or cardiologist. By knowing my limitations, what I can do is that I put myself in the hands of doctors in a hospital. In similarity, like this, we all need a doctor for our spiritual health, especially. It is a reason that a pastor is called a doctor of the soul. During the ministry here and leaving here now, I often ask myself, "Am I a useful doctor for the souls of the Walmsley people?" Of course, I grant that I have not been perfect. Therefore, Walmsley people, I ask your grace for my imperfection, mistakes, wrongdoings, etc. These should be leaving with me. Instead, please keep good memories continually. God loves you all. Thank you and thank you. Amen.

*Pastor TaeWon Kang*

## PASTOR TAEWON'S FAREWELL

Sunday June 11th we will say "thank you" and bid Pastor TaeWon farewell as he has his final worship service at Walmsley. Please join us for worship at 11a, followed by a coffee hour celebration in honor of his 2 years of ministry at WBUMC!



## CALLING ALL KIDS & YOUTH!



Starting on Sunday June 4th we will begin a new format for Children and Youth Sunday School! ALL children & youth are encouraged to attend for fun, fellowship and to learn more about Jesus!

## CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE

Open to any church member interested in attending, there will be a called Charge Conference **Wednesday June 7th @ 6:30p** to approve the Clergy Compensation for the new pastor.



## **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!

## **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 Belmont UMC in support of their Food Pantry.

In **JUNE** we will be collecting **PASTA & RICE**.

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



## **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

5- Victoria & Brad Ostermann



## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

3- Kelsey Bruce  
7- Marie Barnett  
8- Matt Thore

9- Gloria Lambert  
21- Amber Thore  
24- Brad Ostermann





# JUNE SUNDAY READERS

4th– Gloria Lambert

11th– **READER NEEDED!**

18th– Rose Henshaw

25th– Ryan Thore

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

## MEET THE NEW 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?"



## Online Giving!

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

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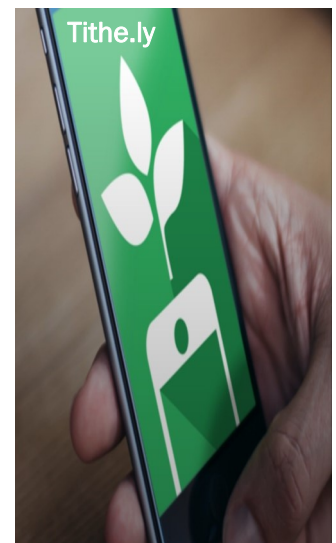
[walmsleyblvdumc.org](http://walmsleyblvdumc.org)

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)



## 20203 GRADUATES!

Congratulations to **Justin “Wyatt” Thore** who graduated from Meadowbrook HS in May! In addition to earning his diploma, he will be certified for HVAC. He plans to continue his education and employment with Bradley Mechanical doing HVAC services. He is also newly engaged to his long-time girlfriend McKenzie!



Congratulations to **Kristen Schlager**, daughter of Michelle & Joey Schlager, and granddaughter of Jerry & Glory Holmes, who graduated from UVA on May 20th! Kristen received a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Government with a minor in history. She plans to take a year off and work for the Attorney General's office, and then go to law school.

Congratulations to **Jordan Hancock**, granddaughter of Gloria Lambert, who graduated from Bryant & Stratton College on Friday May 19th with her LPN degree! She plans to continue her education and become a Registered Nurse. Her Family is very proud of her!



Congratulations to **Josh Chapman** who graduated in February from Penn Foster HS. He plans to pursue a career in Forensic Science and continue his studies at Virginia Tech in the future!



## WBUMC on Facebook & YouTube

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

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 11:00 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 before worship at 9:45 a.m.



## CHOIR REHEARSALS—COME JOIN US!

Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 5:00p!

If you have interest in singing with the Choir OR playing an instrument with the Choir, please don't hesitate to talk to Victoria or any choir member, and join us any Wednesday evening!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✦ 7/2– Rev. Ricardo Haynes 1st Sunday!
- ✦ 7/2– WORSHIP TIME CHANGE (9:30a W, 10:45a SS)
- ✦ 7/4– Independence Day (Office Closed)
- ✦ 7/8– Meet & Greet Potluck, 5p
- ✦ 7/28 & 29– VBS
- ✦ 7/30– 5th Sunday VBS Celebration





## 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



# 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 Sherburne UMC.

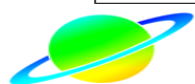
## Vacation Bible School Weekend July 28th-30th



Friday July 28th: Dinner @ 5:30,  
VBS @ 6:15-8:15p

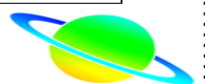
Saturday July 29th: 10a-12p, lunch

Sunday July 30th: 5th Sunday VBS  
Celebration



Bring a friend and  
come for a great  
time including

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



# MUSIC NIGHTS AT HOPEWELL METHODIST

Upcoming Dates @ 7p:

June 16th– True Spirit

July 21st– 4 The Lord



6200 Courthouse Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832

## Cook's Corner

### Chicken & Wild Rice Casserole

- 1 (2.25oz) packages sliced almonds, toasted
- 2 (6.2oz) boxes fast-cooking long-grain and wild rice mix
- 1/4 cup butter
- 4 celery ribs, chopped
- 2 medium onion, chopped
- 5 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 2 (10-3/2oz) cans cream of mushroom soup
- 2 (8oz) cans chopped water chestnuts, drained
- 1 (8oz) container sour cream
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 tsp. table salt
- 1/2 tsp freshly ground pepper
- 4 cups (16oz) shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
- 2 cups soft, fresh breadcrumbs



1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Bake almonds in a single layer in a shallow pan 4-6 mins or until toasted and fragrant, stirring halfway through.
2. Prepare rice mixes according to package directions.
3. Meanwhile, melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat; add celery and onions. Sauté 10 mins or until tender. Stir in chicken, next 6 ingredients, rice, and 3 cups of cheese. Spoon mixture into light greased 15X10 in baking dish or 2 (11X7in) baking dishes. Top with breadcrumbs.
4. Bake at 350°F for 35 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining 1 cup cheese, and top with toasted almonds. Bake 5 minutes.



# What Makes Us Feel Good?



Researchers say that people who give their money and time to others are happier than those who don't. While giving can make us happy, I wonder if happiness should be our goal. Giving can make us feel good, but there are difficult situations that require our support.

In I Chronicles 29:1-5, King David invited the Israelites to donate. Verses 6-8 tell us the people gave joyously, but it is important to realize why they gave. Verse 9 says, "They gave freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord." The Israelites gave gold, silver and precious stones. I Chronicles 29 shows King David passing the throne on to Solomon. David's life was marked by conflict, but Solomon, whose name means "peace," would have a different kind of rule. The "golden age" of Solomon would see Israel attain prosperity and influence. Solomon's reign was marked by large building projects, including the temple and his palace.

Scripture never tells us to give because it will make us happy but to give willingly to meet a need. When we give to meet a need, joy often follows. Raising money for evangelism can often be easier than for administration. We are called to be generous towards the needs of others. Jesus freely gave himself to meet our needs. (II Corinthians 8:9)

**Prayer – Thank you God for the "joy" found in giving. Give me a generous heart toward all needs, especially ordinary needs. Amen!**

**I Chronicles 29:9 – "The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord."**

# June 2023

| Sunday                                                                                                                            | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday                                                | Thursday         | Friday | Saturday |
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|                                                                                                                                   |        |         |                                                          | 1                | 2      | 3        |
| 4<br>Communion<br><br>9:45a, Sunday School<br>11a, Worship in the Fellowship Hall                                                 | 5      | 6       | 7<br><br>5p, Choir Rehearsal<br>6:30p, Charge Conference | 8<br><br>8p, NA  | 9      | 10       |
| 11<br>Pastor TaeWon's Last Sunday<br><br>9:45a, Sunday School<br>11a, Worship in the Fellowship Hall<br>12p, Farewell Coffee Hour | 12     | 13      | 14<br><br>5p, Choir Rehearsal                            | 15<br><br>8p, NA | 16     | 17       |
| 18<br>Father's Day<br><br>9:45a, Sunday School<br>11a, Hymn Sing Worship in the Fellowship Hall                                   | 19     | 20      | 21<br><br>5p, Choir Rehearsal                            | 22<br><br>8p, NA | 23     | 24       |
| 25<br><br>9:45a, Sunday School<br>11a, Worship in the Fellowship Hall                                                             | 26     | 27      | 28<br><br>5p, Choir Rehearsal                            | 29<br><br>8p, NA | 30     |          |