

the Walmsley Witness

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From the Lay Leader:

Dear John, Lynn, and Family,

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! We are so happy you are now a part of the family of God here at Walmsley Boulevard UMC. We have been praying for you before we even knew your names and we praise God for answering our prayers. We are excited to discover what God will do in our spiritual lives through your leadership and service and with the continual guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I know you will find this Body of Christ to be friendly and loving. We welcome you with open arms and open hearts. With you, we commit to fulfill the Mission statement of our church which states:

We, the people of Walmsley Boulevard United Methodist Church, are commissioned by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be witnesses for Christ. We believe that life is a gift and is eternal through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Through our daily walk in His light, we seek to respond to the needs of our world and community through our love, prayers and actions.

We continue to pray for a smooth transition for you as well as for the church family.



Love in Christ,
Gloria Lambert, Lay Leader
On behalf of the Body of Christ
at WBUMC

Game Night on the Road

Are you interested in taking Game Night in the Road?

We are thinking of taking Game Night to Burkeville. We would stay at the Lodge of the Blind.

We would arrive at the Lodge on Friday evening, stay overnight and return on Saturday evening.

The only dates that are still available are:

September 14 and 15

September 20 and 21

The cost is \$20.00 per person per night. There are rooms available for couples and others sleep 4-5 per room. (We will discuss eating arrangements once the trip becomes reality.)

There is a lovely gazebo where you can swing and play games to your hearts content. There is also a pond with fishing available (ask John Holmes!) or just to take a leisurely stroll around.

We need to have at least 10 people to make the trip possible.

If you are interested in participating, please sign below and return to Debbie Smith by July 15 with the date you would like.

Youth Scoop

The Youth will experience a time of fellowship and praising God at "King's Fest" at King's Dominion on July 6th.

Youth meetings are held every Friday evening from 6:00—8:00 pm. The meetings include a time for praise and worship, Bible study and fellowship.

The Youth are in prayer for our new pastor.

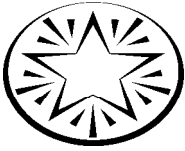
SUMMER ART CAMP

The Berryman 2007 Summer Arts Camp, held July 9-August 3, will provide a safe and meaningful day camp experience for children ages 7-12 years old. The goals are to strengthen spiritual, academic, social, physical and artistic skills among participants, and to keep kids, many with no other constructive options, away from drugs, gangs, and crime. The program is provided at no cost to youth and their families. We anticipate serving 40-50 participants. Operating hours are Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.

In addition to expanding our days and hours, we are also planning a day trip to the Smithsonian Institute Art Museum and to Williamsburg.

For more information or to volunteer contact 232-0818 or <info_berryman-center@yahoo.com>

Mission School



The 2007 Virginia Conference School of mission will be held at the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center in Blackstone, with two sessions: July 30-August (week) and July 27-29 (weekend). This year's theme is "Sing Across The Walls". The school offers men, women, youth and children the opportunity to learn about being partners in God's global mission. There will be three studies for adults: Geographic Study: "Israel/Palestine;" Spiritual Growth Study: "Music and Mission;" and Issue Study: "Globalization: Its Impact in Our Lives." The youth Study: "Music and Mission," will be offered at both sessions. Children will study "Israel/Palestine," with two options. During the week, there will be a class for children (ages 3-12) using a Learning Center model and on the weekend, children (ages 5-12) with their families will participate together in the Intergenerational Study.

For information contact 521-1144 or <Mission@vaumc.org>.

Notes . . .

It seems like I'm always saying thank you to the wonderful people at WBUMC. Once again I'm overwhelmed by the many kindnesses and good wishes that have been bestowed on me as I leave as your secretary. Your generous monetary gift will come in handy now that I'm unemployed. "Thank you" seems so inadequate to let you know how much I appreciate all of the love and care you have shown me through the years. Please know that I appreciate all that you have done for me and I am grateful for the time spent here. You will always be in my heart. May God bless you all.

Till we meet again,

Jane Miller

I would like to thank you all for making me feel so welcome and at home here at WBUMC. I have never gotten such a warm welcome at any job and it has made going back to work much easier for me. I would also like to thank Jane for all her patience and advise this past month. I hope your retirement is a happy one, Jane!

Fondly,

Marlene Otto

The Bulletin Board

- The Education Committee will meet on Sunday July 8th at 5 pm. All members are requested to attend. Members of this committee include all teachers, Youth leaders, Children's and Family Ministries Chair and Adult Ministries Chair.
- A Vacation Bible School planning meeting will be held Sunday July 8th at 5pm. All persons interested in being a part of VBS are asked to attend.
- Cerena and Nathaniel Griffith will be leaving for Niger on July 5th. Please keep the mission team in your prayers as they take the love of God into the mission field.
- Thank You to everyone who donated things for the Missions Yard Sale and Bake Sale. We raised over \$500 for missions.
- The Choir and the Josephine Day Circle will not meet in July and August and will resume their regular schedule in September.
- Thank You all for your generous contributions to the 2007 Samaritan Offering Campaign which ended in Fathers' Day.
- Please pick up your July/August copy of *The Upper Room* on the table in the narthex.

July Birthdays

- 1 Jason Vowell
- 1 Barbara Lehman
- 3 Jaxon Thore
- 3 Talia Thore
- 3 Tyson Thore
- 4 Joe Bowles
- 5 Scott Thore
- 6 Crystal Stewart
- 7 John Adams
- 7 Ralph Bruce
- 7 Carmen Morris
- 7 Patti Lyons
- 9 Rebecca Norton
- 9 Rocky Sorrentino
- 10 Doris Gallagher
- 11 Laura Holmes
- 11 Grace Watkins
- 12 Lassie Jenkins
- 13 Michael Malone
- 13 Shirley Wilkerson
- 14 Scott Campbell
- 14 Ronnie Rideout
- 15 Iris Jackson
- 15 Pete Peters
- 15 Stella Zeigler
- 16 Gary Robertson
- 17 Beth Johnson
- 17 Matthew Satterwhite
- 18 Shannon Harold
- 18 David Fuller
- 18 Wayne Walker
- 19 Johnnie Fallen
- 19 Virginia McConnell
- 20 Doris Watson
- 20 Mark Gallagher
- 21 Leah "Sissy" Elder
- 21 Neil McLaughlin
- 21 Cierra Swan
- 23 Melissa Kimble
- 24 Barry Dodson
- 25 Jessalyn "Bootsie" Dodson
- 25 D. J. Lewis
- 25 Kris Thore



- 26 Matthew Dodson
- 26 Dougie Mayhew
- 27 Brett Townley
- 27 Gary Mawyer
- 28 Michelle Kidwell
- 29 Stuart Dodson
- 29 Reta Gibson
- 30 Jessica Luck
- 30 Jacob Thore

July Anniversaries

- 2 Susan and Glenn Oliver
- 14 Donna and Chip Norton
- 16 Christina and Mark Gallagher
- 19 Frances and Frank Armistead



First Week in August Birthdays

- 1 Lauren Morrow
- 3 Lisa Carter
- 3 Mac Tyler, Jr.
- 3 Andy Townley
- 4 Lacy Martin, Jr.
- 5 Ashley Bryant
- 6 Rosemary Bruce
- 6 Bessie Holmes
- 7 Stefanie Crooks
- 7 Roger Mackey

First Week in August Anniversaries

- 2 Anna and Jimmy Anderson

Our July Helpers

Greeters

- 1 Frank & Frances Armistead
- 8 Ruby & Buck Garrett
- 15 Jim & Bee Malone
- 22 Mozelle Seay & Virginia McConnell
- 29 Anne Campbell & Betty Dalton

Acolytes

- 1 Christopher Campbell & Jacob Thore
- 8 Cierra Swann & Rachel Moran
- 15 Kaitlyn Legaretta & Patricia Moran
- 22 Mariah & Miranda Cook
- 29 Jessica Hood

Nursery

- 1 Robert Sewinson & Mirah Cook
- 8 Robert Swinson
- 15 Anne Campbell
- 22 Shirley Thore
- 29 Shannon Hancock

Sunday School Nursery

- 1 Volunteer needed
- 8 Ronda Scott
- 15 Shirley Thore
- 22 Volunteer needed
- 29 Volunteer needed



Nursery News. . . .

We are experiencing a shortage of volunteers!!!!!!!. Therefore, we are trying something a little different. If you would like to volunteer to help out please stop by the nursery and sign up for a Sunday. You will find a calendar for the next 3 months posted on the door. As our nursery continues to grow, we are also in need of youth helpers. If you are 13 or older and would like to help out in the nursery, please feel free to sign up as a helper . Our goal is to have one adult volunteer and one youth helper for each Sunday and rotate that schedule every 3 months. This would mean a commitment for only 4 Sundays a year. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Thore at 714-2808.

Directory Changes

Rev. & Mrs. Homer P. Carper
7211 Granby St. #232
Norfolk, VA 23505-4001

Karen Fry
3905 Terrence Bay Ct, Apt 15
Richmond, VA 23233-1233

Rev. & Mrs. John Bright & Family
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Administrative Council Minutes

April 29, 2007

Members Present:

Frank Armistead
Jessalyn Dodson
Margaret Fallen
Gloria Holmes
John Michael Homes
Lawrence Kanak
Gloria Lambert
Jim Malone
Christine Price
Genevieve Whetstone

Anne Campbell
Martha Ellington
Ruby Garrett
Jerry Holmes
Laura Holmes
Lonie Kanak
Alice Luck
Doris Nelson
Debbie Smith
Shirley Wilkerson

Isaac Dodson
Wilbur Ellington
David Henderson
Jerry Holmes
Harold Johnson
Bob Lamb
Bee Malone
Jack Nelson
Jim Smith

Call to order: Christine Price, chairperson, at 7:00 p.m.

Devotion: Led by Gloria Lambert. Debbie Smith was asked to give the devotion at the next meeting, July 8, 2007.

Minutes from the previous meeting (March 4, 2007) were read and approved as corrected.

MISSION & MINISTRY PROGRAM REPORTS

Evangelism- No report.

Education- A question was raised and not answered about Children's Bible School dates. Gloria Lambert recommended sending reminders to committee chairpersons before the next Council meeting. The chairmanship of this committee is not filled.

Children's ministries- No report.

Family ministries- No report.

Senior ministries- Martha Ellington gave Betty Dalton's report of services to those who are sick: no visits, six cards and no calls.

Worship- No report.

United Methodist Women- Bee Malone invited and encouraged all women to come to the next UMW meeting, on May 12.

United Methodist Men- John Michael Homes said the men are working on staging "Our Master's" Golf Tournament, May 23. In a general discussion, members were encouraged to seek sponsorships for the tourney, which is where the most profit is gained. Credit was given to the sons of Buck and Ruby Garrett for their contributions.

United Methodist Youth- The group's "lock-in" on the previous weekend was encouraging, according to John Michael Holmes. He expects growth, and believes the young people are beginning to understand their role in the church. One gave his life to Christ, he said. The young people also recently ran a car wash profiting \$382.00.

Visioning- No report.

Praise Team- No report.

Disaster Relief- Laura Holmes announced a meeting, May 20 following the worship service, to which all are welcome.

Old Business- Gloria Lambert questioned progress on improving the activities building. It was reported that the United Methodist Men and United Methodist Youth have collaborated on removing refuse and cleaning the

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the interior; the Visioning Committee is working on ideas for use of the building.

New Business– Bee Malone questioned the possibility of providing a key to the church for Swineford Florist to deliver Sunday's flowers on Saturdays. After a discussion it was decided to give further study to this suggestion. Frank Armistead asked about the choir's missing CD player; it was reported that a new one has been purchased. Doris Nelson requested some resolution to the insect and rodent pest situations in the kitchen and activities building. The Council approved a motion asking John Michael Holmes to establish a one-year contract for this with his employer, including the positioning of rodent bait stations in strategic locations. The Council asked Debbie Smith to cancel its contract with the Orkin Company.

David Henderson asked where to insert in the church budget a \$2,000.00 seed grant from the General Board of Global Ministries for the Community of Shalom initiative; it will be itemized under non-budget reserves. He invited members to attend the Shalom team's commissioning on May 19 at Central United Methodist Church at 1:00 p.m. and reviewed the initial strategies the team will undertake.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Staff/Parish– Frank Armistead reported the whole committee and Gloria Lambert on April 25th met with the Reverend Mr. and Mrs. John Bright, who, when declared official, would become the new pastor and his wife for our church, beginning July 1st. The Brights have served in Lynchburg for the past five years. They have requested a family vacation week beginning July 14.

Nominations and Personnel– Bob Lamb reported that the committee is preparing two nominations.

Trustees– Bee Malone announced that a rental parsonage has been offered to the church. The new pastor and his family have viewed and approved it, and the trustees have approved of its rental.

Property– Jerry Holmes reported that, except for bathrooms, which will be finished in the fall, the painting in the church has been completed. He thanked the Youth Group for its clean-up work.

Stewardship– No report.

Treasurer– The report submitted by Debbie Smith was approved.

Finance– John Holmes explained that if all budget allocations were spent there would be a negative account balance of \$7,357.00.

Lay Leader– Gloria Lambert praised God for providing a new minister to the church. She reported attending part of the most recent Shalom team training and invited all to attend the team's commissioning.

Pastor– Bob Lamb stated that he has met with the new pastor, for whom he has been praying for some time. He expects to hear good news from the church. He gave thanks for prayers and support for him and Mrs. Lamb. He repeated special credit to those devoted to stewardship of the church buildings and grounds, which have been transformed through the past eleven years. He committed himself to work to supply the needs of the new minister.

The next council meeting was scheduled for July 8, 2007. A motion to adjourn was approved; the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted in the grace of God,

David J. Henderson

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