



“A Lighthouse Guiding People to Christ”

Sweet Hour of Prayer

The text appears to come from Walford, an obscure, blind lay preacher who served in the hamlet of Coleshill, Warwickshire, England, in the mid-19th century. He owned a small trinket shop in the village. The story goes that a Congregational minister and friend, Thomas Salmon, stopped by Walford’s shop one day in 1842. Walford asked if Salmon would write down his new poem on the subject of prayer. Three years later, Salmon was in the U.S. and showed the poem to the editor of the *New York Observer*, who printed it in the Sept. 13, 1845, issue.

The text first appeared in the 1859 Baptist hymnal *Church Melodies*, edited by Thomas Hastings and Robert Turnbull. The famous American gospel song writer, William Bradbury (1816-1868)—who composed music for so many beloved gospel hymns such as “Just As I Am” (Charlotte Elliott), “The Solid Rock” (Edward Mote) and “He Leadeth Me” (Joseph H. Gilmore)—also wrote the music for this favorite hymn in 1861.

This hymn is about private, devotional prayer—not to be confused with the prayers said in public worship. There is a tone that stresses withdrawal from the world rather than engagement with the needs of the world as the body of Christ. The sweet personal relationship that God deserves.

Would you like to share a brief personal story or reflection of faith, gratitude, spiritual strength, or encouragement in the weekly newsletter? You can send them to the secretary by email. Handwritten is fine also.

<u>July Birthdays</u>	<u>July Anniversaries</u>
Brown, Mulder 4	Gordon & Donna Wheeler 19
Holland, Marty 7	
Cayson, Trey 8	
Dull, Willette 10	
Smith, Theresa 13	
Messer, Victoria 17	
Harvey, Betty 21	
Spence, Dorothy 24	
Mulder, Gerry 25	
Dampier, Don 26	

Church Council has a Zoom meeting on Monday, July 18th at 6:30 PM

As we worship in person, all church services will continue to be posted after 1 pm each Sunday through the church website at chairesumc.com.

Adult Sunday School

This class will be meeting each Sunday at 9 AM. You can participate via phone, the dial-in number is (516) 387-8169.

The choir will be taking a break during the month of July and the first week in August.

Certified Lifeguard Needed at Madison Youth Ranch near Pinetta, FL



They are desperately looking for a part time, certified lifeguard, at least 21 years old to make sure everyone is safe on those sweltering summer days.

The Youth Ranch is 58 miles from Tallahassee. The contact person is Lisa McGee (lisa.mcgee@fumch.org).

If you have Facebook, please post this need.

Upper Rooms for July & August are on the back shelf.

We need your help...there is a cat family-a mom and four kittens- living under our Sunday School building. If you know a contact at a rescue organization, please let Susan, the secretary know!



Members:

Diane Matthews
Marion Lollie
Bobbie Harrison
Mulder & Evelyn Brown
Neva Holland
Barbara Palmer

Friends & Family:

Sandra & Dennis Rackley (friends of Diane Matthews
Butch McKenzie and his family (friends of Diane Matthews)
Peggy & Jimmy (friends of Terry Hatcher)
Holly's Family (Paula Davies' daughter's family)
McClellon Family (friends of Mary Alice Linzy)
Jamie Meeks (friend of the Matthews family)
Jeff (Thomas Hatcher's boss)
Casey and her family
Mickey Abraham (friend of Lynne Peters
Family of Suzanne Rickenboker (friend of Mary Alice Linzy)
Donna Oxedine (niece of Franklin & Frances Chaires)
Family of Linda Skinner (friend of Frances Chaires)



Phillip's father, William, received good test results and he is continuing his recovery at home.
Marion Lollie is back in church and recovering from medical procedures.

(Please call the church (850) 219-9361) to update your prayer request.



ECHO (Emergency Care and Help Organization) needs jelly, canned soup, and canned fruit...anything that makes a quick and easy lunch. Just leave your food donation in the ECHO bin at church. We are not taking donations of clothing. If you have furniture to donate, please call ECHO at (850) 224-3246 to arrange for pick up

Pastor's Weekly Email: if you are not receiving the pastor's weekly email and update, please make sure that she has your correct email

Giving Through Our Website

Go to <https://ChairesUMC.com> and just click the blue GIVE button and you will be taken to the church REALM site. The church secretary can help you set up your account.

Chaires Staff	
Pastor	Mollie Bradshaw (pastormollieb@gmail.com)
Secretary	Susan Capelouto (secretarychairesumc@gmail.com)
Music Director	Phillip Ashley
Pianist	Anna Wu
Custodian	Janet Cayson
Audio/Visual	Marty Holland

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