



## *“A Lighthouse Guiding People to Christ”*

Merriam-Webster defines “shows up” as being involved, helping, supporting, making an active contribution and being plainly evident. God “shows up” in many ways both in *what* God does and *how* He does it. In our narrative for this morning, Naaman, a foreigner is looking for healing and only by being forced to look past his ego and status is he able to see the way God is working in both those around him and through means that seem simple but show the full grace and power of God. Come, this morning and hear how God continues to work in mysterious ways to make us whole.

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Mollie*

<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	

*Chaires Charge Conference will be held in-person at the church on Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 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](http://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.



The 8<sup>th</sup> fan donation was dropped off at ElderCare Services. Since they also have a food bank that serves the elderly, the food donations were also included as well.

### The Story Behind Rock of Ages

Augustus Toplady was born in England in 1740. His father was a Royal Marine and died on duty soon after his son’s birth, leaving the boy to be raised by his mother. Toplady had an interest in religion during his younger years and showed this in spiritual journals and moralistic behavior. However, it wasn’t until his fifteenth year, while attending a Methodist revival that he was “brought nigh to God.” Having been converted under Methodism, Toplady initially aimed to become a Methodist minister. This changed, however, when he began to consider more closely the distinctions between Arminianism and Calvinism. The Methodist movement was decidedly Arminian, so he joined the Calvinistic Church of England. Unfortunately, towards the end of his short life, the debate grew increasingly ugly, resulting in a major and public rift between him and John Wesley that would never find resolution. Toplady died in 1778 (aged 38) from tuberculosis. There is a common story of the hymn being inspired by (and even written from within) a rock cleft that Toplady once took refuge in during a storm. The particular rock is in Burrington Combe gorge in North Somerset, England, and it has a plaque on it with this claim to fame. However, the story is probably apocryphal. Toplady was most likely inspired to write the hymn after reading the preface of John and Charles Wesleys’ Hymns on the Lord’s Supper (1745)



Members:

- Pastor Mollie
- Edna Matthews
- Diane Matthews
- Marion Lollie
- Bobbie Harrison
- Mulder & Evelyn Brown
- Neva Holland
- Barbara Palmer

**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.

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)
- Casey and her family

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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Opportunities to share good times with good friends.

Thomas Hatcher's boss, Jeff, is home from the hospital.

Holly's family (Paula Davies' daughter)

continues to recover at home.

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





