



**Chaires  
United Methodist  
Church**

*“A Lighthouse Guiding People to Christ”*

When writing a letter or email we often have to sit and think of the words we say. The tone, the length, how direct we want to be, there is a lot of thought that goes into it. When you first start off in any job, it takes time to learn. Even as you grow as a person, your writing style changes. How we write a letter is also a reflection of how we interact with the world. This morning we are going to look at how Paul starts off his letter to the church of Colossians and how we can use that as an example of how we are to move in the world.

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Mollie*

<u>August Birthdays</u>	<u>August Anniversaries</u>
Matthews, Bobby 4	Dull, Jack & Willette 9
Robbins, Jeanne 11	Stallard, Mike & Carol 18
Peters, Lynne 13	
Alley, Pat 15	
Gail Dampier 15	
Hall, Virgil 16	
Glover, Lynn 18	
Lee, Cathy 26	
Pete Peters 31	

*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).**

Choir practice resumes this Wednesdays at 7:30 PM.

The Upper Room books for September and October are on the shelf on the back wall of the church.

**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.

**Small Groups Begin in September**

Small Groups will resume in September and Pastor Mollie is getting ready to order the book, *The Seven Sacred Pauses*. If you would like to join either the Tuesday 9am Zoom group or Wednesday 5pm in person group, please let her know.

**School Supplies for Madison Youth Ranch**

Information regarding school supply needs for the Children’s Home is on the corner table near the collection box for the school supplies. There are plans to take all of the donated supplies to the Madison Youth Ranch on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**Members:**

Mike Stallard  
Gail & Don Dampier  
Diane Matthews  
Bobbie Harrison  
Mulder & Evelyn Brown  
Neva Holland  
Barbara Palmer

**Friends & Family:**

Susan Petrillo (daughter of Pete Peters)  
Kayla and Sophie (co-workers of Ashley Leggett)  
Family of Butch McKenzie  
Jamie Meeks (friend of Diane Matthews)  
Franklin King (Maggie Hall’s friend)



Marty Holland reports that his mom, Neva, is headed into the home stretch with treatments and hopefully her side effects will continue to be minimal. The calls and cards are much appreciated.

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

## How Firm a Foundation Backstory

The authorship of this great hymn of the faith is one that continues to be one of the great hymnological mysteries.

When John Rippon, pastor of Carter Lane Baptist Church in London, published *A Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors* in 1787, the attribution for this hymn appeared only as “K—.” Hymnologist William Reynolds notes that the 1822 edition designated the author as “Kn,” and the 1835 edition of the collection indicated “Keen.” Finally, an 1844 edition ascribed authorship to “Kirkham.” *How Firm a Foundation* was sung frequently in both the North and the South before the Civil War. Mr. Reynolds notes that it was a favorite hymn of Theodore Roosevelt, and that Andrew Jackson requested it be sung at his deathbed, and that Robert E. Lee asked it to be sung at his funeral. Regardless of authorship, we know that this hymn was written by a Christian who was extremely knowledgeable of the promises of God found in Scripture, who had most likely called upon those promises for strength in times of tribulation.

After it arrived in the U.S., one can be sure that it was a hymn that comforted many on both sides of the Civil War. This sermon in song continues to speak just as meaningfully today.

*Dr. Hawn is professor of sacred music at Perkins School of Theology.*

**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	
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Pianist	Anna Wu
Custodian	Janet Cayson
Audio/Visual	Marty Holland

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