

**Backpack Blessing &  
Back to School  
Celebration Sunday  
August 8, 2021**

**SHINE**

**ON!**



**YOU'RE**

**AMAZING!**



MATTHEW 5:16

Windermere Union Church United Church of Christ  
10710 Park Ridge Gotha Road ▪ Windermere, FL 34786



August 8, 2021

*Backpack Blessing*

PRELUDE

***The Way***

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

GREET TIME *(Wave from your seat)*

HYMN

***This Little Light of Mine***

\*CALL TO CELEBRATION

Rosie Patel

Traffic lights tell us when to yield, stop and go.

***We are lights in the world.***

Headlights help us to drive through dark nights.

***We are lights in the world.***

Nightlights helps us feel safe from monsters, ghosts, and goblins.

***We are lights in the world.***

God, your light has awakened us to the beauty of ourselves and one another. No one can dim the power of your light.

***We are keepers of light.***

***Amen***

PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN

Regan Johns

AROUND THE WORLD

*Remind us, God, that we do not live on this planet alone. All children on all continents are equally loved by you. We pray for children who are separated from their families. We pray for our friends we are connected to through Compassion International. We pray for families who lost children because of violence. We pray for children who have no food or shelter. We pray for children who are ill. We pray for the safety of children who endure civil wars in their communities. We give thanks that we are not in this world alone. We are grateful for those who use their lights to make our world a more beloved community. Amen*

SONG OF PRAISE      ***You Are the Light of the World***

OFFERTORY INVITATION      Alex Jones  
***God of Love, we are thankful for a place to share our lights. Remind us that sharing a smile and a word of encouragement can change someone's world. Amen***

OFFERTORY      ***Hokey Pokey***

\*DOXOLOGY  
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

VBS VIDEO      Chris Stumpf  
PRESENTATION

BACKPACK BLESSING      LaTrell Harrison  
***Bless, O Lord, these backpacks and all who carry them. Thank you for the supplies within them that will enable students to enrich their educational experience. Thank you for every resource that allows students to expand their brains and capacity. May the tags attached to them remind each student that they are special, and they have the ability to reach their dreams. Amen***



PRAYER OF BLESSING &  
THANKSGIVING FOR SCHOOL

LaTrell Harrison

*God, we are grateful for institutions that shape our minds. Thank you for every teacher, administrator, and staff member who make our schools a safe and tidy place conducive for learning. Thank you for the creativity of teachers who make learning fun and understandable. Thank you for school administrators and school boards who stretch budgets to make sure we have all the resources we need. Thank your bus drivers and carpool parents who make sure we arrive to school safely. Bless the grounds of our schools. Bless all who enter the doors. May we, the community, be a source of encouragement and support to remind them of the good work they do while our children are in their care. **Amen***

A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Malena Larenas

***I promise to give my best in the classroom. I promise to speak kind words to myself and my peers. I promise to ask for help when I don't understand an assignment. I promise to respect my teachers, principals, librarians, and all adults who help my school to be a great environment. When I forget to be kind to myself, may those around me remind me that I and my words matter. Amen***

BENEDICTION RESPONSE





**CONCERNS** expressed by members and friends. Please pray for:

><> Harry and Nancy Poston - Harry has been diagnosed with metastatic squamous cell carcinoma in his neck lymph nodes which will need to be surgically removed as well as part of his nose where the cancer originated.  
><> Karen - Prayers for her friend Jennifer who is in the hospital.

*~ God we know You hear our prayers ~*

**CELEBRATIONS** from church members and friends

><> Harry and Nancy Poston – Harry’s most recent scans showed no signs of the Hodgkin Lymphoma cancer remaining.  
><> Troy- Thank you to all who attended choir practice.

*~ Thank You God for blessing us ~*

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE the C and C SLIPS, TO HELP ENSURE ACCURACY.**  
*The Cs and Cs listed above are from completed slips and internet messages sent to the church office at [office@windermereunion.org](mailto:office@windermereunion.org). Please submit your Cs and Cs no later than Tuesday morning to be included in the next bulletin.*

**Usher's**

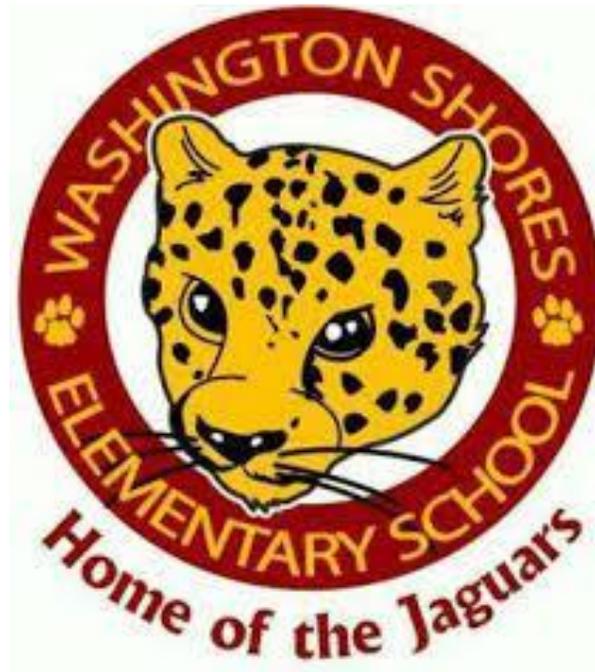
August 8<sup>th</sup>            Connie Lawton and Cathy Colman  
August 15<sup>th</sup>        Becky Neaman and Mary Ellen Nattan  
August 22<sup>nd</sup>        Kathy Coleman and Mary Ellen Nattan  
August 29<sup>th</sup>        Nancy Wheeler



**August Birthday's**

Mike Wozniak	August 2	Cathy Dawson	August 13
Harry Poston	August 2	Jill Chase	August 15
Margie Thanner	August 3	Carmen Lanning	August 15
Randy Chase	August 5	Luanne Foos	August 17
Sarah Larenas	August 6	Nancy Cordes	August 18
Cameron Lawrence	August 7	David Rodriguez	August 18
Cathy Eyer	August 9	Rachel Bednarek	August 22
Dee Meyer	August 12	Janie Bartlett	August 22
Kevin Jones	August 12	Billie Northerner	August 30

**Our Recipient This Year  
is  
Washington Shores  
Elementary**







## This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go,  
I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Jesus gave it to me,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Jesus gave it to me,  
I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.



## You Are the Light of the World

You are the light of the world  
You are the light of the world  
But if that light's under a bushel  
It's lost something kind of crucial  
You got to stay bright to be the light of the world

You are the salt of the earth  
You are the salt of the earth  
But if that salt has lost its flavor  
It ain't got much in its favor  
You can't have that fault and be the  
salt of the earth  
So let your light, so shine before men

Let your light so shine  
So that they might know some kindness again  
We all need help to feel fine  
You are the city of God  
You are the city of God  
But if that city's on a hill  
It's kind of hard to hide it well  
You gotta stay pretty in the city of God  
So let your light, so shine before men  
Let your light so shine  
So that they might know some kindness again  
We all need help to feel fine,

You are the light of the world  
You are the light of the world  
But the tallest candle stick  
Ain't much good without a wick  
You got to live right to be the light of the world  
You got to live right to be the light of the world  
You got to live right to be the light of the world