

*"The Church With The Warm Heart"*

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## ***"We Have to Sow2Grow"***

*"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." 2 Corinthians 9:6*

It is through giving of ourselves as God has given to us that we help the body of Christ thrive. Offering our material resources to God is a FUN-damental activity that is so critical to Wesley's mission that failure to perform it in an exemplary way leads to decline. This means that generosity is the "engine" that drives the "giving train". What coal is to a locomotive that is what generosity is to the giver. It is impossible to give without some spirit of generosity. Those who give more money to the church, you could say, have more of a generous spirit. I understand there are some major factors that prevent many from being extravagantly generous to the LORD. One major factor is debt. The average American carries \$10,000 worth of credit card debt. Then there are student loans, car loans, mortgages, clothes, restaurant costs, cable, phone, and food bills. We are hounded by the bill-gods.

Nonetheless, as believers in God....and I am assuming that the readers of this Pastor's page believe in God...we believe that God has and will provide our every need. We believe that God will not send us to the poor house if we give the tithe to the Lord's house. We believe that whatever amount we sow, that is the same amount we will reap. We believe that God is a creator, sustainer, Good Shepherd, Father, Keeper, and ultimate Provider therefore what we give to His church (Wesley) will not negatively affect our standard of living. In fact, it will enhance it. Why? Because God's word, if we believe it, says if you tithe: "I will open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing you won't have room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10b).

When you think about the stewardship history of Wesley, you have to understand that every sanctuary built in which we have worshiped (212 and 201), every church piano and organ that has lifted our spirits, every non-padded and padded pew we have sat, every altar rail where we have knelt, every hymnal from which we have sung, every praise team and choir that has lifted our spirits, every church event, every Jazz Luncheon, every vacation bible school, every preacher that has graced the pulpit, every church sponsored meal that you ate, every church van ride you have taken---are all the fruit of someone's extravagant generosity. Those who have gone on before us sowed into this ministry and now we are benefitting from those who have sowed. They engaged in sowing 'so that' (one of my old sermons) we could still be growing in 2020.

We are the heirs, the beneficiaries of those who came before us who were touched by the generosity of Christ enough to give graciously. Their giving in the past has enabled us to experience the truth of Christ for ourselves in the present. We owe the same to generations to come. Have a great week.

# INFORMATION & INSPIRATION

Please check the church website, now our 'virtual church,' and your email regularly for ongoing updates.

[www.wesleyumcchicago.org](http://www.wesleyumcchicago.org)

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: PURPLE or RED

### Scripture for the month:

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* 2 Chronicles 7:14

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### PRAYER

### PSALM OF PRAISE

Psalm 31:1-8 (UMH #764)

### OFFERING

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:6-14 (NKJV)

### SERMON

*"When a Troublemaker Comes to Town"*

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

### BENEDICTION



# Morning Scripture

## *Matthew 21:6-14 (NKJV)*

<sup>6</sup> So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them.

<sup>7</sup> ***They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.***

<sup>8</sup> And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

<sup>9</sup> ***Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:***

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’

Hosanna in the highest!”

<sup>10</sup> And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup> ***So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”***

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

<sup>13</sup> ***And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’ ”***

<sup>14</sup> ***Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.***

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (3/29/20)	85 (views)
Prayer Group	15 (callers)
Bible Study Call	9 (callers)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>109</b>

# Psalm of Praise

## *Psalm 31:1-8*

***(R) A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.***

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness, deliver me!

***<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me,  
rescue me speedily!  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me!***

<sup>3</sup>You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

***<sup>4</sup>take me out of the net which is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.***

<sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

***<sup>6</sup>I hate those who pay regard to vain idols;  
but I trust in the LORD.***

<sup>7</sup>I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,  
because you have seen my affliction,  
and have taken heed of my adversities.

***<sup>8</sup>You have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;  
you have set my feet in a broad place.***

***(R) A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.***

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***66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary  
Pledge Drive***



## PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check your email weekly for a full list of announcements, scripture readings and updates.

- **Do you have the GivePlus+ app? Electronic giving just got easier!!** Vanco’s **GivePlus+** app makes it as easy as 1-2-3! Just download the **GivePlus+** app, (click for **Apple**, or **Google**) complete your login and profile using your email address and password, provide your bank information and that’s it! You can setup a recurring payment or enter the amount each time.
- **NEW FEATURE! GivePlus+ also allows you to make contributions with a quick text message!** Simply send a text to **833-595-0705** with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$25. Within a few minutes, you’ll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically!
- **Wesley’s Support Call – Mondays at 6 pm** This ‘support call’ will be open to anyone who is feeling challenged during this time or need to feel connected to your church family. During these calls, 1 person is needed to do the opening prayer and 1 person is needed to provide either an inspirational story, poem, song or clean joke. Call in info: 425-436-6348; 672500
- The **NIC Discipleship Task Force** invites United Methodist youth and young adults across the conference to participate in our first **meme-making** contest called, **“What Does Jesus Meme to Me?”** The contest runs **March 15 through April 15**. (Entries must be submitted between 12p March 15 and 12p on April 15). Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100), 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$75), and 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$50) place entries in the following age brackets: 8th grade and under; 9th - 12th grade; and young adults **under 22 years old**. Use the hashtag #whatJesusmemestome and help spread the good news of Jesus Christ! Click/visit [www.umcnic.org/memecontest](http://www.umcnic.org/memecontest) for rules and more information.
- **66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Pledge Drive** Wesley has kicked off our **66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Pledge Drive!** We are asking each member of the church to prayerfully sign a pledge, committing to one of two sacrificial giving program tiers for the first 6 months of the year: **Contractor @ \$750; Bricklayer @ \$500**, either of which may be submitted in installments or a single payment. Our faith-raising goal is **\$60,000**.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Denise Richardson	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Skylar Wilson	April 21 <sup>st</sup>
Charles Curtis	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Letha Cunningham	April 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Gloria Banks	April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ebun Agbaje-Williams	April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Kaylen Lomax	April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jasmine Kidd	April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Mary Alice Lovely	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Regina Julun	April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Dwight McCombs	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Frederick Woolery	April 25 <sup>th</sup>
Monique Howard	April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Braila West	April 30 <sup>th</sup>

## PRAYER LIST

**Below is this week's prayer list. Please keep these persons in your prayers!**

(\* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

<b><u>SHUT-IN</u></b>	
*Minnie Thompson (20)	*Bessie Alford-Moore (18)
*Lucile Sanders (16)	*Doris Anderson (1)
*Clarence Sanders (16)	*Spencer Plaxico (17)
*Barbara Shepherd (18)	*Jessie Stokes (19)
*Eric Geraldts (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)
*Edna Lott (18)	*Fred Williams (20)

<b><u>GENERAL</u></b>	
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	Adolph Fulbright, Jr.
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	Byron Agnew, Jr.
*Y. Shorter-Darden & Family (4)	Sam Agnew
*Gloria Banks (20)	Nannie Agnew
*Doris Echols (16)	Juanita Weatherspoon
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Annie Lois Robinson
*Diamond Jones (12)	Jessica Smith Crenshaw
*Trinity Jones (12)	Joyce Chisem-Davis
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Carolyn Ransom
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Sylvia Nichols
*Mark Garrett (5)	Betty M. Dermer
*The Plaxico Family (17)	Milton Kellum
*Denise Richardson (20)	Rosie Howard
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	Natesha Smith
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	James Sanders
*Lucious Smith (12)	Joanna Lennhardt
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Martha Muhs
*Eric/Darlene Fulbright & Family (4)	Muriel Bolden
*The Moss Family (13)	Gregory Simms
*Rhonda Smith-Leach (4)	Norbert Sanders
*The Hudson/Bradshaw Families (7 1 12)	Brittany Porter
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Rhonda Monique Miller
Alexandria Ward	Ashley Parks
Mila Kuntu	Kathy Jenkins
Katherine Thompson	Rebecca Merkson
Katherine Evans	John Anderson
Vinelle Myrie	Jerry Simmons
Leslie Carey Kirk	Rochelle Johnson
Davion McNeal	The Robinson Family
Rashaud Thompson	The Ford Family
Mae Gilliams Fizer and the Gilliams Family	Ron Birton
Robert A. Watkins	Aiden Combs
Aaron Thomas, Jr.	Michael Miller
James Taylor	Angel Acosta
Carl Frazier	Anna Young
The Baker Family	Dorothy Williams
Belinda Starks	Lois Tucker
The Denman Family	David Williams
James Williams	

# SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

## Is Stress Making You Sick?

Studies have found many health problems related to stress. Stress seems to worsen or increase the risk of conditions like obesity, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, depression, gastrointestinal problems and asthma.

**The next time you feel stressed, here are four stress relief tips you can try.**

**Breathe deeply.** Just a few minutes of deep breathing can calm you.

**Smile and laugh.** Our brains are interconnected with our emotions and facial expressions. When people are stressed, they often hold a lot of the stress in their face. So laughs or smiles can help relieve some of that tension and improve the situation

**Take a break from the stressor.** When you give yourself permission to step away from what is causing you stress, you give yourself time to do something else, which can help you gain a new perspective.

**Keep your problems in perspective.** The next time you're feeling stressed out, think about the things for which you're grateful.



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Please **NOTIFY** the church office of ALL meetings or events scheduled in the church buildings.

# APRIL 2020

+ Event occurs after worship service  
\* Event occurs at alternate site

Please check bulletin and emails **regularly** for schedule changes.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29 <i>Remote Worship Service</i> -----	30	31 NO Zumba -----	1 Remote Bible Study 11 am -----	2 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- NO Zumba -----	3	4
5 <i>Remote Worship Service</i> ----- (No Communion) -----	6 Support Call 6 pm	7 NO Zumba -----	8 Remote Bible Study 11 am -----	9 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- NO Zumba -----	10	11
12 <i>Remote Worship Service</i> -----	13 Support Call 6 pm	14 NO Zumba -----	15 Remote Bible Study 11 am -----	16 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- NO Zumba -----	17	18
19 <i>Remote Worship Service</i> -----	20 Support Call 6 pm	21 NO Zumba -----	22 Remote Bible Study 11 am -----	23 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- NO Zumba -----	24	25
26 <i>TBD</i> -----	27 Support Call 6 pm	28 NO Zumba -----	29 Remote Bible Study 11 am -----	30 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- NO Zumba -----	1	2

## Postponed...

### Women's Health Seminar, sponsored by Wesley's United Methodist Women Saturday, May 9, 2020

The Women's Health Seminar, originally scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>, has been postponed until further notice, pending the successful control of the coronavirus.

Good health and God's blessings to you all.

# Social Commentary

## **Coronavirus Makes It More Clear Than Ever: Health Care Is a Human Right**

by Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Across the country, Americans are terrified at the potential costs if they get sick. Twenty-seven million Americans have no health insurance at all. Four in 10 working Americans have a high-deductible plan that forces them to pay thousands of dollars out of pocket before they get benefit from the premiums taken out of their paychecks each week.

In any case, insurers admit that if the costs soar they will factor it into the cost of plans next year. As Peter Lee, the head of Covered California, an independent state agency, noted, insurers are likely to seek rates next year that are double their additional costs from the virus. If costs go up 20 percent, rates could jump as much as 40 percent. That could mean, Lee warned “that many of the 170 million Americans in the commercial market may lose their coverage and go without needed care.”

The insurers will sustain their profits; it’s the patients who will suffer. The government is investing billions of dollars to develop a vaccine for the virus, and to develop other drugs that can help treat it. Yet, because the government turns over any drug developed to the private pharmaceutical companies, Health Secretary Alex Azar — a former lobbyist for the drug companies — said he couldn’t guarantee that the treatments would be affordable. Already, as the Intercept reported, bankers are goading drug companies to prepare to raise prices to benefit from the expected demand.

The U.S. spends about twice as much per capita for its patchwork health-care system than most industrialized countries. Why were we caught with such shortages of masks, ventilators or hospital beds?

A central reason is that about \$500 billion of what we spend on health care each year doesn’t go to health care. It is wasted on costly bureaucracies needed to bill the maze of private insurers or track down patients for their co-pays. It goes to hundreds of billions in profits for insurance companies and drug companies. It goes to excessive CEO salaries rising to \$80 million or so a year.

At this point, the overriding imperative is that every person in the U.S. understand that they should get the testing and treatment they need. All should be reassured that their costs will be covered. Congress went part of the way with the last rescue package. It should finish the job, preferably by having Medicare pay for all the costs directly.

But we shouldn’t be satisfied with single-payer coverage just during a massive pandemic. This crisis exposes dramatically the foolishness of pretending that health care is a private marketplace. Health care is a human right. This pandemic gives ample evidence of why we need to move to a Medicare for All system where high-quality health care is guaranteed to all.

# Little Known Black History Fact

## Dr. Justina L. Ford

By D. L. Chandler



**Dr. Justina L. Ford** was a pioneering physician who practiced medicine in Colorado, despite facing the barriers of race and gender. Dr. Ford, better known as the “Lady Doctor,” was rumored to have delivered 7,000 babies in her lifetime and was the lone Black female doctor in the state for the first half of the 20th century.

Justina Laurena Warren was born January 22, 1871 in Knoxville, Tenn. The daughter of a nurse, she moved to Chicago and married preacher John Ford in 1892. Ford attended Hering Medical College in the city and graduated in 1899. After working briefly in Alabama, Ford relocated to Denver in 1902 and became the first Black woman in the state to earn a medical license.

Despite Dr. Ford’s credentials, Black doctors were banned from working at larger white hospitals. There were few places that served the needs of the poor. Ford was also denied access to the state’s medical association, which would have provided her a network of opportunities afforded to her white, male counterparts.

Ford opened a gynecology and pediatrics practice out of her home which earned her the nickname. Ford’s generosity was legendary, and she often took trades of goods for her services if patients didn’t have the money to pay her. Poor patients also got special care in the form of Ford providing food and clothing when she was able. She saw patients of all racial backgrounds and made frequent house calls.

Some accounts state that for several decades, Ford was the only woman physician in Colorado. What can be confirmed is that up until 1950, she was the only Black female doctor there. Denver General Hospital eventually opened its doors to Ford and she was finally admitted to the Denver Medical Society. Dr. Ford’s former home is now the Black American West Museum. Ford passed in 1952.

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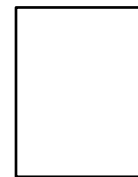
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(Matthew 19:14)



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***Wesley's 66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary!***

This year we will celebrate **Wesley's 66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary!** We are so very grateful for the years of service to this community, yet we know there is still much left to be done.

We've kicked-off our **66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Pledge Drive**, "*Building for the Future.*" Program details will be shared periodically during morning worship service and via mailings. Please prayerfully consider participating in this sacrificial giving program. These special gifts can be given in a single payment or in installments over several months. We need your sober commitment to support our church and serve the Lord through this ministry!

**2020 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)**

**Week of April 5<sup>th</sup> – April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**April 5**

Deuteronomy 28:1-68  
Luke 11:14-36  
Psalm 77:1-20  
Proverbs 12:18

**April 8**

Deuteronomy 32:28-52  
Luke 12:35-59  
Psalm 78:56-64  
Proverbs 12:24

**April 6**

Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20  
Luke 11:37-12:7  
Psalm 78:1-31  
Proverbs 12:19-20

**April 9**

Deuteronomy 33:1-29  
Luke 13:1-21  
Psalm 78:35-72  
Proverbs 12:25

**April 7**

Deuteronomy 31:1-32:27  
Luke 12:8-34  
Psalm 78:32-55  
Proverbs 12:21-23

**April 10**

Deuteronomy 34:1-Joshua 2:24  
Luke 13:22-14:6  
Psalm 79:1-13  
Proverbs 12:26

**April 11**

Joshua 3:1-4:24  
Luke 14:7-35  
Psalm 80:1-19  
Proverbs 12:27-28