

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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"An Empowered Laity"

Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ! Another glorious day has been given to us and we shall rejoice and be glad in it. In the book, *The Lay Driven Church: How to Empower the People in Your Church to Share the Tasks of Ministry*, the author challenges misguided yet traditional thoughts about who should actually drive the ministry within a church. In a revolutionary way, Melvin J. Steinbron argues that the laity, the people of God, is to be the 'main' doer of ministry in a church and not the pastor. He is not saying that there is no need for a pastor, but what he is saying is that the pastor and paid staff are to empower, teach, train, and deploy the laity to engage in ministry.

Imagine for a minute what Wesley Church would look like if every baptized believer were involved in some ministry? Imagine for a minute how different our church campus and surrounding community would look if every baptized believer were involved in ministry? Our church would be abuzz with all kinds of ministry activity. Every generation's needs would be met. The children, youth, young adults, adults, baby boomers, and the seasoned saints would all have thriving ministries to join and be a part of. There would not be one unmet need within our church and community if every baptized believer were involved in ministry. God's work is so important that it cannot be done by the typical 20 percent of the congregation who do 80 percent of the work. Much of God's work is left undone because there are simply not enough people willing to commit to ministry. We all have to begin to believe that every baptized believer is a minister. Once we realize that then we will be on our way to fulfilling our mission of making disciples of Jesus the Christ. It takes teamwork to make our dream work.

Come here Nehemiah. In the story of Nehemiah inspiring the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls, it would not have happened without the people saying, "Let us rise up and build." It would not have happened if the people didn't possess "a mind to work." Come here Moses. Moses could not have become the legendary lawgiver and liberator of Israel if the people refused to participate. God's work cannot get accomplished without the full and committed participation from God's people.

Today, won't you commit to get involved in one of the ministries at Wesley? We not only need every member to be involved in ministry, but we also need every member to display awesome commitment. The Bible supports the argument that the saints are to be equipped for ministry: ¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (**Ephesians 4:11-13**).

It takes all of the people of God to do all of the work of God. Have a blessed week!

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR APRIL: "Restoration is on the Way"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: WHITE or GOLD

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 16

Offering

Scripture

John 21:1-9, 15 (NKJV)

Sermon

"Unfinished Business"

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Benediction



Thank you!

**Grocery
employees
Postal workers
Gas station
Employees
and other essential
workers**

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Morning Scripture

John 21:1-9, 15 (NKJV)

¹ After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself:

² ***Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together.***

³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."

They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

⁴ ***But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.***

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?"

They answered Him, "No."

⁶ ***And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.***

⁷ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

⁸ ***But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish.***

⁹ Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.

¹⁵ ***So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?"***

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 16:5-11

(R) Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ ***The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a glorious inheritance.***

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
even at night my heart instructs me.

⁸ ***I have set the LORD always before me;
the LORD is at my right hand; I shall not be moved.***

(R) Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also dwells secure.

¹⁰ ***For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your godly one see the pit.***

¹¹ You show me the path of life;
***in your presence there is fullness of joy,
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.***

(R) Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (4/12/20)	152 (views)
Sunday Morning Worship Call	35 (callers)
Prayer Group	22 (callers)
Bible Study Calls (AM=20 PM=8)	28 (callers)
TOTAL	237

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Multiple ways to worship!** Our worship services are now available online! Go to: www.wesleyumcchicago.org and click/tap **SUNDAY SERMON**. The videos are also available on other platforms, such as our church app (see SERMONS), our YouTube channel (Wesley UMC Chicago), and will be posted on our **Facebook** page each Sunday afternoon (@WesleyUMCChicago). For those who prefer a more personal experience, join the **Weekly Worship Conference Call** at 10:30 am each Sunday! Call-in info: 1-425-436-6348: code 672500#
- **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: 1-425-436-6348; 672500#
- **66th Church Anniversary Pledge Drive** Wesley has kicked off our **66th 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 th
Charles Curtis	April 13 th
Gloria Banks	April 14 th
Kaylen Lomax	April 16 th
Mary Alice Lovely	April 18 th
Dwight McCombs	April 18 th
Monique Howard	April 20 th

Skylar Wilson	April 21 st
Letha Cunningham	April 23 rd
Ebun Agbaje-Williams	April 24 th
Jasmine Kidd	April 24 th
Regina Julun	April 24 th
Frederick Woolery	April 25 th
Braila West	April 30 th

PRAYER LIST

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

(* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

<u>SHUT-IN</u>	
*Minnie Thompson (20)	*Bessie Alford-Moore (18)
*Lucille 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)

<u>GENERAL</u>	
*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	Owen McPherson

National Stress Awareness Month

HOW TO DEAL WITH STRESS AND ANXIETY

MIND



Accept that you cannot control everything.

Put your stress in perspective: Is it really as bad as you think?



Do your best.

Instead of aiming for perfection, which isn't possible, be proud of however close you get.



Maintain a positive attitude.

Make an effort to replace negative thoughts with positive ones



Learn what triggers your anxiety.

Is it work, family, school, or something else you can identify? Write in a journal when you're feeling stressed or anxious, and look for a pattern.

For mental health information and resources visit:

www.mentalhealthamerica.net



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	1 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 495 087 043#	2 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	3	4
5 <i>Remote Palm Sunday Worship Service</i> ----- (No Communion) -----	6 Support Call 6 pm ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	7	8 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 495 087 043#	9 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	10	11
12 <i>Remote Easter Worship Service</i> ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	13 Support Call 6 pm ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	14	15 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 495 087 043#	16 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	17	18
19 <i>Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call</i> Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	20 Support Call 6 pm ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	21	22 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 495 087 043#	23 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	24	25 Trustee Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am
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Two Ways to Experience

Remote Worship

1. Visit our website: www.wesleyumcchicago.org, and click **Sunday Sermon**
2. Call **1.425.436.6348/672500# @ 10:30 am** to join our **LIVE Worship Call**

Or, share in **BOTH** worship experiences!

Note: If calling in, please **join the call early**, as traffic in the call system may be heavy.

Social Commentary

For Young People of Color, The Coronavirus is a Triple Whammy Along With Poverty and Violence

by Laura Washington



For decades, people of color have lived at the tip of the sword of health disparities. Now in Chicago, residents of the city's South and West sides are catching and dying of COVID-19 at higher rates. As of last week, 72% of those who have died of COVID-19 in Chicago were black, and more than half of those who had tested positive are black. The daily stresses of surviving are elevated by COVID-19. Its emotional toll can be as dangerous as the disease. You can't save your body without a sound mind. On Thursday, young Chicagoans gathered for a virtual town hall to dissect the triple whammy of violence, poverty and morbidity that plagues their communities. It's a plague they have been living with far beyond their years. The Zoom video conference of 52 youth leaders, social workers and elected officials was hosted by Communities United and VOYCE, grass-roots organizations that focus on education and racial justice. They shared how their families have suffered from "generations" of disinvestment in health care, jobs and economic development, and safety.

"These past couple of weeks, I have been thinking a lot of my father," said D'Angelo Moore, 18. "Because I lost him in 2015 from gun violence. "Since his death I have felt a lot of self-blame, anger and pain, which led me to fight a lot in my high school," said Moore, who lives in Austin on the city's West Side. "It changed the way I started to make decisions." Two weeks ago, a friend succumbed to gun violence. "I feel like all the anger and sadness is coming back out."

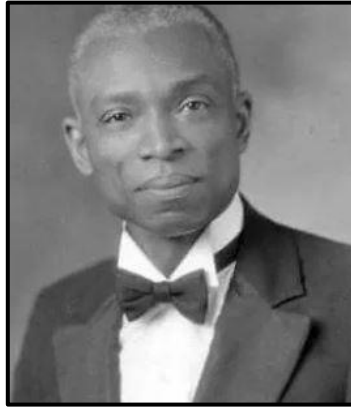
It's all having "a major impact on my mental health," Moore said. Last Tuesday alone, seven people were killed and 14 wounded in gun violence. Chicago suffers the twin pandemics of a novel coronavirus and endemic violence. The young voices talked of their own underlying condition — the mental and emotional stress of being poor in Chicago. The young African American father-to-be, whose wife has been laid off from her restaurant job. Their baby is due "in 30 days."

If they have coronavirus symptoms, they can't call their primary care doctor. They don't have one. Undocumented immigrants fear deportation. They don't qualify for federal support under the coronavirus stimulus legislation, the CARES Act. "We have so many people telling us what we need, and no one is asking," said Meyiya Coleman of North Lawndale. "There's generations of trauma that are still happening." They need — and are demanding — that the governor and mayor create a "support system" from teachers, social workers and counselors. Rent relief. Access to safer, affordable housing. Food safety. Help for homeless youth. An emergency mental health hotline to help lift them out of the novel coronavirus fog. And understand that when this crisis passes, the generations of trauma will remain.

Little Known Black History Fact

John Morton-Finney

By D. L. Chandler



John Morton-Finney was a true Renaissance man, earning an impressive 11 degrees during his lifetime. The former Buffalo Soldier Army man and educator is also considered by some historians the longest-serving lawyer of all time. Morton-Finney was born to a former slave father and a free mother in Kentucky. The parents taught their seven children the value of education which served the young man well early on. He joined the U.S. Army and became a member of the 24th Infantry Regiment, better known as the Buffalo Soldiers. Morton-Finney fought twice, first in the Philippines and once more in World War I.

Honorably discharged after his first tour, Morton-Finney earned the first of his degrees from Lincoln College in Missouri. When the Great War began, he donned the uniform once more and fought for the American Expeditionary Force in France. Morton-Finney was teaching at a one-room schoolhouse at that time, and he returned to the States and earned several degrees in Math, French, and History. Morton-Finney met and fell in love with Lincoln College teacher Pauline Ray after taking her class. The pair wed in 1922 and relocated to Indianapolis, where Morton-Finney taught at the all-black Crispus Attucks High School. Morton-Finney was head of the school's foreign language departments and was responsible for encouraging several children to pursue higher education.

While teaching at Crispus Attucks in 1935, Morton-Finney earned the first of four law degrees. He was also a voracious reader, often reading three or four titles at a time, according to accounts. In an interview on his 100th birthday, he said that he believed that there was no end to learning. At 75, Morton-Finney earned the last of his several degrees from Butler University. He practiced law until he was 107 years old, besting **Rush Limbaugh Sr.**, the Missouri attorney and father of the conservative pundit of the same name.

Morton-Finney passed in 1998. In 2000, the Indianapolis Public Schools Board honored Morton-Finney's 47 years as a teacher by renaming the Center for Educational Services to the Dr. John Morton-Finney Center for Educational Services. Other honors include a residential house named for him on Indiana University's Purdue campus in 2014.

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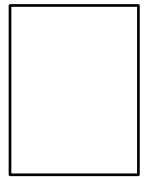
SAVE these Conference Call Numbers

10:30 am **Sunday Service and** | 1.425.436.6348

11 am Thursday **Prayer Call** | Code: 672500#

11 am Wednesday **Bible Study:** 1.312.626.6799

ID/code: 495 087 043#, #



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Wesley's 66th Church Anniversary!

This year we will celebrate **Wesley's 66th 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 **66th 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 19th – April 25th

April 19

Joshua 19:1-20:9

Luke 19:28-48

Psalm 88:1-18

Proverbs 13:12-14

April 20

Joshua 21:1-22:20

Luke 20:1-26

Psalm 89:1-13

Proverbs 13:15-16

April 21

Joshua 22:21-23:16

Luke 20:27-47

Psalm 89:14-37

Proverbs 13:17-19

2020 Vision:

"The Year of the Child"

(Matthew 19:14)

April 25

Judges 4:1-5:31

Luke 22:35-53

Psalm 94:1-23

Proverbs 14:3-4

April 22

Joshua 24:1-33

Luke 21:1-28

Psalm 89:38-52

Proverbs 13:20-23

April 23

Judges 1:1-2:9

Luke 21:29-22:13

Psalm 90:1-91:16

Proverbs 13:24-25

April 24

Judges 2:10-3:31

Luke 22:14-34

Psalm 92:1-93:5

Proverbs 14:1-2