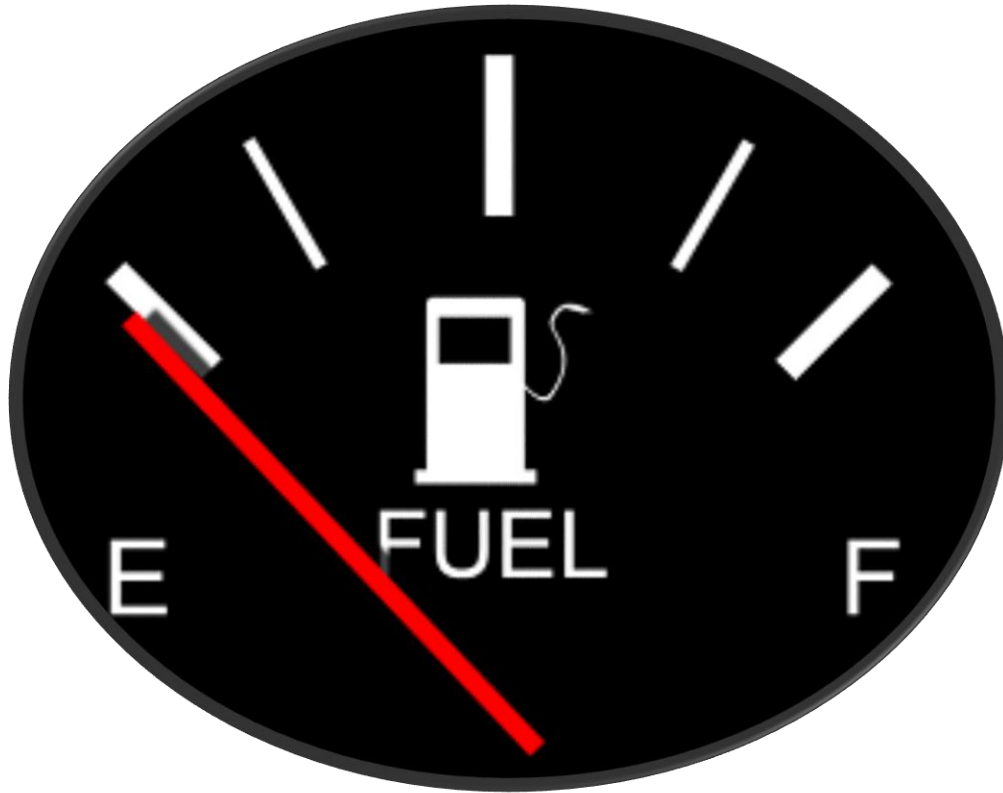


*"The Church With The Warm Heart"*

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May 3, 2020



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## ***"If You Have the Faith, God Has the Power!"***

*"What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see. God gave his approval to people in days of old because of their faith." Hebrews 11:1-2 (NLT)*

Faith in God is one of the most powerful forces in the universe. In fact, believing and trusting in God to bring forth a dream, a vision, or a goal and working doggedly towards it has always brought the believer success. The Bible is clear when it suggests in Hebrews 11:33 that overcomers, builders, visionaries, and dreamers were successful because of their faith in God. It says that people who exercised faith in God "subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, {and} turned to flight the armies of the aliens." Simply put, people who did great things and overcame all adversity did so because of their faith in God. Faith in God is the most powerful force in the universe.

I believe that if you used this most powerful force in the universe in your own life, you would notice a dramatic difference in your life. Imagine just for a second, how your life would change overnight if you began to believe that God has your best interests at heart. Imagine how your life would change overnight if you began to believe that God can do anything but fail. He can heal your body. He can heal your marriage. He can bring you out of anything that tries to take you out. No, the process of healing and deliverance may not be easy but God can do it for you. When Jesus told his disciples that if they just had faith the size of a grain of mustard seed they would be able to move mountains and trees, which are thought to be immovable objects, he was powerfully stating figuratively that they could do anything by FAITH.

Hebrews chapter 11 is the Faith Hall of Fame and I like the way that every great work is seasoned by the phrase—By Faith. Read it when you get home today and meditate on it all week long. And soon you will be walking, running, driving, and working with that phrase running through your mind—"By Faith." By Faith, I can pay my bills, get out of debt, save some money, lose weight, and lose the wait, love myself, love my family, love my mate and take him/her on a date. By Faith, I can help grow my church, grow in the Lord, embrace the Holy Ghost adventure God wants to take me on, help save a child's life, support businesses that support me, improve my health so I can live to be 100 years old. By Faith, I can get that car, that job, that house, that promotion, that joy, that love, that hope, that Holy Ghost power, that prayer life, that spiritual growth that has been evading me or that I have been evading all these years. Or perhaps you may say this---By Faith I will accept the call to ministry that I have been running from all these years.

Yes, Faith is one of the most powerful forces in the universe and that force is available to us right now. Embrace it today and let's write our own biblical history of what God can do with faithful people.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please check the church website, now our 'virtual church,' and your email regularly for ongoing updates.  
[www.wesleyumcchicago.org](http://www.wesleyumcchicago.org)

**SPIRITUAL THEME FOR MAY: "Revolutionary Patience"**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: WHITE or GOLD

### Scripture for the month:

*"They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not get weary. They shall walk and not faint."* Isaiah 40:31

### Call to Worship

### Prayer

### Psalm of Praise

Psalm 23

see video, or page 5

### Offering

### Scripture

Philippians 4: 11-19

see video, or page 4

### Sermon

*"I'm Running on Empty"*

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

### Holy Communion

### Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

### Benediction



**Thank you for your continued dedication to fulfill your  
Anniversary Pledge!**

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



# Morning Scripture

## *Philippians 4:11-19 (NKJV)*

<sup>11</sup> Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:

<sup>12</sup> ***I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.***

<sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

<sup>14</sup> ***Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress.***

<sup>15</sup> Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

<sup>16</sup> ***For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.***

<sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.

<sup>18</sup> ***Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.***

<sup>19</sup> ***And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.***

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (4/19/20)	106 (views)
Sunday Morning Worship Call	40 (callers)
Sunday School	15 (callers)
Prayer Group	10 (callers)
Bible Study Calls (AM=19   PM=7)	26 (callers)
Monday Support Call	2 (callers)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>199</b>

# Psalm of Praise

## *Psalm 23*

***(R) The Good Shepherd comes that we may have life and have it abundantly.***

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> ***The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,  
leads me beside still waters,***

<sup>3</sup> restores my life,  
***leads me in right paths  
for the sake of the Lord's name.***

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
***for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.***

***(R) The Good Shepherd comes that we may have life and have it abundantly.***

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
***you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.***

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;  
***and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
as long as I live.***

***(R) The Good Shepherd comes that we may have life and have it abundantly.***

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## 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](http://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 our DEDICATED text number, 1-833-595-0705**, 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!
- **Sunday School Returns!** 9 am, Sunday mornings. Join us! Call **1-605-475-4000**; code **260259#**
- **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**; code **672500#**
- **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**.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jessie Gilmore	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Zoe Green	May 16 <sup>th</sup>
Debbie Clark	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cameron Woolery	May 16 <sup>th</sup>
Lem Newell	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Courtney Key	May 18 <sup>th</sup>
Yvonne Wormsby	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dawn Funches-Fox	May 21 <sup>st</sup>
Trinity Jones	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Huron Wilson	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Jessie Stokes	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Kelson Gaaney	May 25 <sup>th</sup>
Thaddeus Cecil	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Hancock	May 27 <sup>th</sup>
Kyna Stinson	May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Davis	May 29 <sup>th</sup>
Liana Geddes	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bessie Moore	May 29 <sup>th</sup>
Doris Echols	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Jackson-Williams	May 30 <sup>th</sup>
Doris Anderson	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Lawrence Moore	May 31 <sup>st</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)
*Lucille Sanders (16)	*Doris Anderson (1)
*Clarence Sanders (16)	*Spencer Plaxico (17)
*Barbara Shepherd (18)	*Jessie Stokes (19)
*Eric Geraldts (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)
*Fred Williams (20)	*Lucious Smith (12)

<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
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Joanna Lennhardt
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Martha Muhs
*The Hudson/Bradshaw Families (7 1 12)	Muriel Bolden
*The Moss Family (13)	Gregory Simms
*Rhonda Smith-Leach (4)	Norbert Sanders
Joseph McDonnell	Brittany Porter
Larry Clark	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

# SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

## Slow the spread of **Coronavirus** with **Cloth Face Coverings**

The CDC advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for health care workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

### How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings

Cloth face coverings should -

- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- Be secured with ties or ear loops
- Include multiple layers of fabric
- Allow for breathing without restriction
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape



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

# MAY 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
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# Social Commentary

## A Prayer From People of Faith During This Time of Crisis

by John Fountain



*“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” —Philippians 4:6*

Dear God, our Heavenly Father, we humbly come before you, seeking your divine help in this great time of need. We need to hear from you. We need a word from you. Speak to our hearts. *This is my prayer...* Even as doctors, scientists and our political leaders impart their best wisdom; even as this pestilence encroaches upon our communities, claiming lives, threatening millions; even as we are encompassed by fear and a legitimate concern over the well-being of family, friends and our fellow man, only you can settle our hearts and minds. *In-depth political coverage, sports analysis, entertainment reviews and cultural commentary.*

LORD, look upon the homeless and indigent, those families who live in cars or in tent homes, those who make their beds beneath viaducts and overpasses with no resources to “shelter in place.” LORD, we pray that the church will now arise and be the church. To be the hands and feet of Jesus, and to now remember the widow, the poor and the orphaned. Let the church resound with a message of hope and with the effectual fervent prayer for healing and deliverance — even as it mourns in repentance for its sins of greed, hypocrisy and having abandoned its first love. LORD, hear our prayer...

Be an unbreachable fence around single mothers, the elderly and the infirm who are now cut off from family amid this pandemic. Be an impenetrable shield to medical workers and staff, researchers and first responders on the front lines. Let our leaders speak truth. Lord, tie the tongues of liars who would deceive the people. Let this time of social isolation be a time of holy consecration, family rededication and meditation. Let the spirit of community and brotherhood arise. Let us remember to love our neighbor as ourselves—to look out for one another, having been fully reminded by this current state of emergency that we are all in this together. Reminded, that you, oh LORD, are no respecter of persons.

And yet, in that moment of truth, as people of faith, we stand in captivating awe of an omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent God whose eye is on the sparrow. “And I know,” in the words of the songwriter, “He watches me.” So LORD, we thank you. Thank you, LORD, for watching over us. For deliverance. For the faith and wisdom to seek the grace and mercy of an invisible God, even as an invisible enemy encroaches. By your Spirit, we shall prevail.

We trust in you, oh LORD, in Jesus name. Amen.

# Little Known Black History Fact

## June Bacon-Bercey

By D. L. Chandler



**June Bacon-Bercey** was a pioneer in the field of meteorology, becoming the first Black woman to earn a degree in the science in the '50s. She was also an internationally recognized expert in aviation and weather, and is the first woman and African-American woman to win the American Meteorological Society's "seal of approval" honor for television weather broadcasting.

Bacon-Bercey was born on October 23, 1932, and raised in Wichita, Kan. The future weatherwoman earned her undergraduate degree in 1954 from the University of Kansas and her master's degree from UCLA. As an engineer, she worked for several organizations on the federal level including the National Weather Service and the United States Atomic Energy Commission.

Bacon-Bercey became a television broadcaster in Buffalo, N.Y., and worked in the role throughout the '70s. Her work as a broadcaster drew attention as she was one of the few Black weather broadcasters of the era. She inherited the job after her predecessor, reportedly an alcoholic disc jockey, was arrested for holding up a local bank. In 1979, she became a top official for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Among Bacon-Bercey's numerous contributions to science and society is a meteorology lab she helped establish at Jackson State University. She also created an annual scholarship via the American Geophysical Union. NASA has also recognized Bacon-Bercey as a Minority Pioneer for Achievement in Atmospheric Sciences.

A story that has followed Bacon-Bercey is how she funded the aforementioned scholarship. Bacon-Bercey was a contestant on *The \$128,000 Question*, winning the top prize. According to reports, she gifted the money because she understood the challenges facing women interested in her career path who needed financial assistance. She has been honored by Howard University for her scientific contributions and in her later years, she even became a substitute teacher in California's San Mateo County Schools system.

Bacon-Bercey died at the age of 90 on July 3, 2019 in hospice care in California.

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**SAVE these Conference Call Numbers**

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**Monday 6 pm - Support Call** | 1.425.436.6348  
**Thursday 11 am - Prayer Call** | Code: 672500#  
**Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:** 1.312.626.6799  
ID/code: 495 087 043#, #  
**Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:** 1.605.475.4000  
Code: 260259#



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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 May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**May 3**

Judges 17:1-18:31  
John 3:1-21  
Psalm 104:1-23  
Proverbs 14:20-21

**May 4**

Judges 19:1-20:48  
John 3:22-4:3  
Psalm 104:24-35  
Proverbs 14:22-24

**May 5**

Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22  
John 4:4-42  
Psalm 105:1-15  
Proverbs 14:25

**2020 Vision:**

***“The Year of the Child”***

(Matthew 19:14)

**May 9**

1 Samuel 5:1-7:17  
John 6:1-21  
Psalm 106:13-31  
Proverbs 14:32-33

**May 6**

Ruth 2:1-4:22  
John 4:43-54  
Psalm 105:16-36  
Proverbs 14:26-27

**May 7**

1 Samuel 1:1-2:21  
John 5:1-23  
Psalm 105:37-45  
Proverbs 14:28-29

**May 8**

1 Samuel 2:22-4:22  
John 5:24-47  
Psalm 106:1-12  
Proverbs 14:30-31