

*"The Church With The Warm Heart"*

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May 10, 2020



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## ***"The Significance of Service: It Does the Body Good"***

First, Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and mother-figures. This is the day we honor you for your service to families, churches, and communities. Mother's Day is the day that all mothers are honored for their dedicated service.

One of the ways church members experience spiritual growth is through service. Some authors argue that true spiritual growth occurs exponentially through involvement in serving others. Rev. Kirbyjohn Caldwell, pastor of 20,000 member Windsor Village UMC, said, "God has created a new movement of churches that equip people, according to their calling and gifts, to be salt and light in their churches, communities, family, workplace, media, and government—in the whole of society." Churches that have maximum impact in their communities are ones that serve their communities through a variety of service projects. Participating in worship on Sunday and a bible study during the week is not enough to facilitate spiritual growth.

Just as the body needs proper nutrition and exercise to remain healthy so does the body of Christ. Our nutrition is the Word of God. The scripture is clear when it says "Man (or woman) shall not live by bread alone but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God." That is indeed nutrition. But where is the exercise? How do we exercise our spiritual and faith muscles to make sure we are fit, lean, and cut-up? Our exercise is our service in the community. Service is the key to our spiritual health. Service in Jesus' name forces us to utilize our faith in ways we normally wouldn't. Studies have shown that getting people involved in service and facilitating spiritual growth through service is more successful than getting them involved in a spiritual growth exercise such as bible study or small groups. In serving, people have all kinds of opportunities to have their faith stretched.

At Wesley UMC, we want to be passionate about spiritual growth and service to our community. Service provides four crucial benefits to the body of Christ:

1. Service gets small groups out of their comfort zones.
2. Service causes groups to bond together in tighter relationships.
3. Service is a vehicle for evangelistic opportunities.
4. Service provides goodwill in the community.

We hope that you will thrive on the opportunity to give back to others. We hope that you will feel good about using your life to make a difference, positively influencing the world around you, and playing a role to enhance our community. Our mission is to not only to make disciples but also to make a difference. Have a great week!

# FIFTH 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

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### 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 31:1-8

see video, or page 5

### Offering

### Scripture

Genesis 21:14-21

see video, or page 4

### Sermon

*"There's a Well in Your Wilderness"*

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

### 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

## Genesis 21:14-21 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and <sup>[a]</sup>a skin of water; and putting it on her shoulder, he gave it and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba.

<sup>15</sup> ***And the water in the skin was used up, and she placed the boy under one of the shrubs.***

<sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down across from him at a distance of about a bowshot; for she said to herself, "Let me not see the death of the boy." So she sat opposite him, and lifted her voice and wept.

<sup>17</sup> ***And God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, "What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is.***

<sup>18</sup> Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation."

<sup>19</sup> ***Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink.***

<sup>20</sup> So God was with the lad; and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

<sup>21</sup> ***He dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran; and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.***

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (5/3/20)	88 (views)
Sunday Morning Worship Call	39 (callers)
Sunday School	11 (callers)
Prayer Group	12 (callers)
Bible Study Calls (AM=19   PM=6)	25 (callers)
Monday Support Call	2 (callers)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>177</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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## 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's Returned!** 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)	Leslie Carey Kirk
*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)	Milton Kellum
*The Plaxico Family (17)	Rosie Howard
*Denise Richardson (20)	Natesha Smith
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	James Sanders
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	Joanna Lennhardt
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Martha Muhs
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Muriel Bolden
*The Hudson/Bradshaw Families (7 1 12)	Gregory Simms
*The Moss Family (13)	Norbert Sanders
*Rhonda Smith-Leach (4)	Brittany Porter
*Lorraine Forbes and Family (3)	Rhonda Monique Miller
*B.J. Curtis and Family (3)	Ashley Parks
Joseph McDonnell	Kathy Jenkins
Mila Kuntu	Rebecca Merkson
Katherine Thompson	John Anderson
Katherine Evans	Jerry Simmons
Vinelle Myrie	Rochelle Johnson
Alexandria Ward	The Robinson Family
Davion McNeal	The Ford Family
Rashaud Thompson	Ron Birton
Mae Gilliams Fizer and Family	Aiden Combs
Robert A. Watkins	Michael Miller
Aaron Thomas, Jr.	Angel Acosta
James Taylor	Anna Young
Carl Frazier	Dorothy Williams
The Baker Family	Lois Tucker
Belinda Starks	David Williams
The Denman Family	Owen McPherson
Larry Clark and Family	James Williams

# Sunday Morning

## *Health Corner With Dr. Soo*

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**10 Ways to Celebrate Mother's Day  
During the Coronavirus  
(and you can't get together)**



During this Coronavirus pandemic we have to rethink of ways to celebrate Mother's Day this year. Below are a few examples:

- 1) Make a homemade gift
- 2) Make your own birthday card
- 3) Send a self care basket
- 4) Cook for your mom or set up a virtual dinner date
- 5) Make a video, music playlist or an art piece
- 6) Decorate your mom's front door or porch
- 7) Offer garden or yard services
- 8) Have a virtual family talent show
- 9) Take a walk down memory lane
- 10) Watch a movie together




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
 <p>9 am <b>Sunday School Call</b> 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# <b>Remote Worship &amp; 10:30 am Call</b> Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Support Call 6 pm ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 495 087 043#</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
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<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9 am <b>Sunday School Call</b> 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# <b>Remote Worship &amp; 10:30 am Call</b> Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Support Call 6 pm ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 495 087 043#</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>
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# Social Commentary

## **Pandemic's Lesson For African Americans: We Must Take Control of Our Health**

by Laura Washington



The truth is out. Black people are dying from COVID-19 and its underlying causes at the highest rates. In Chicago, 56 percent of those who have perished at the hands of the virus are African American. Since African Americans were dragged to this country in chains and shackles, we have been crushed under the sledgehammer of slavery's legacy — hatred, racism, discrimination and segregation. That legacy helped put us squarely at the bottom of far too many negative health outcomes. COVID-19 is only the latest. That truth has renewed and amplified age-old calls for more federal and local funding for health care and research. We are demanding our fair share — and more — in federal, local and private dollars to support economic development and social services. We are rallying for special initiatives, task forces and “national conversations” to conquer the pernicious health divide.

Here is another, even more crucial truth black folks must know: No one is going to take care of us other than *us*. Every one of us has a responsibility to take control of our health. My alter ego, The Fat Nag, comes to you once again. She does not come to deny that black folks have suffered greatly at the hand of cultural and institutionalized racism. She knows we live in food deserts. Our communities suffer from disparities in health care, jobs, economic development, educational opportunities, affordable housing and myriad other maladies. We must do more than demand, march and beg for light and life. After eons of pleading, we are dying from a novel new disease we never saw coming. We can no longer afford to be victims. The coronavirus pandemic is a wake-up call to find ways to change our behaviors and take control. For generations, African Americans have lived with and died from the “co-morbidities” that feed COVID-19. Diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, obesity run rampant in our midst. We can permit neither the hateful critics nor well-meaning advocates to “tsk, tsk, tsk” at us, those poor, helpless, hopeless victims. That means taking a hard look at some of the things we love. Those fried, sweet and buttered things. We love them too much.

We engage in many other co-morbidities, unhealthy behaviors such as tobacco and drug use, gun violence. We do not exercise nearly enough. Obesity has become a way of life. Our choices matter. We are not the only ones making those choices. But we are in the least position to make poor ones. They are killing far more of us. We will not conquer the mountain overnight. But we can take the small steps out of the dark shadows that have been illuminated by the pandemic.

The Nag knows what you'll say. Do not blame the victim. We have suffered too much. This is not the time. There is no better time to take control.

# Little Known Black History Fact

## Rebecca Lee Crumpler

By D. L. Chandler



**Rebecca Lee Crumpler** is widely considered by historians as the first African-American woman to become a physician in the states. While the fact has been disputed, Dr. Crumpler's contributions to medicine and her will to challenge racial and sexist barriers has solidified her rightful place in history. Crumpler was born February 8, 1831 in Christiana, Del. and raised primarily in Pennsylvania where her aunt cared for the sick. She moved to Charlestown, Mass. where she attended private school and married Wyatt Lee in 1852.

Crumpler worked as a nurse during a time where adequate health care for poor African-Americans was rare. Through hard work, Crumpler was accepted into the New England Female Medical College in 1860, which was unheard of at the time. The school made several exceptions for Crumpler, despite protests from members of the staff.

Crumpler's husband passed in 1863 while she was still in school. Her studies stopped completely when the Civil War began. However, via a fund established by Ohio abolitionist Benjamin Wade, Crumpler re-entered school and completed her coursework in 1864. This made Crumpler the first African-American woman to earn a Doctor of Medicine degree and the only African-American to graduate from her medical school. That same year, she married Arthur Crumpler.

Crumpler established a practice in the Boston region, tending to poor African-American families, most especially women and children. She details much of her experiences as a physician in her 1883, *A Book of Medical Discourses*, one of the first such works by an African-American. In the book, Crumpler describes being raised by an aunt who showed her kindness and compassion as her motivation to practice medicine for communities in need. She later moved to Richmond, Va. and worked with the Freedman's Bureau before returning to her Beacon Hill home in Boston and establishing her practice for the poor there.

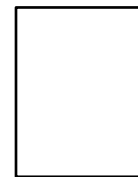
Crumpler passed on March 9, 1895. Her home is now part of the Boston Women's Heritage Trail and the Rebecca Lee Society, established by Dr. Saundra Maass-Robinson and Dr. Patricia Whitley to honor Black women physicians in 1989.

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**SAVE these Conference Call Numbers**

**Sunday 10:30 am - LIVE Service**  
**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 10<sup>th</sup> – May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**May 10**

1 Samuel 8:1-9:27  
John 6:22-42  
Psalm 106:32-48  
Proverbs 14:34-35

**May 11**

1 Samuel 10:1-11:15  
John 6:43-71  
Psalm 107:1-43  
Proverbs 15:1-3

**May 12**

1 Samuel 12:1-13:23  
John 7:1-30  
Psalm 108:1-13  
Proverbs 15:4

**2020 Vision:**

***"The Year of the Child"***

(Matthew 19:14)

**May 16**

1 Samuel 18:5-19:24  
John 8:31-59  
Psalm 112:1-10  
Proverbs 15:12-14

**May 13**

1 Samuel 14:1-52  
John 7:31-53  
Psalm 109:1-31  
Proverbs 15:5-7

**May 14**

1 Samuel 15:1-16:23  
John 8:1-20  
Psalm 110:1-7  
Proverbs 15:8-10

**May 15**

1 Samuel 17:1-18:4  
John 8:21-30  
Psalm 111:1-10  
Proverbs 15:11