

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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“Where Is Your Treasure?”

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Luke 12:34

Greetings in the name of the LORD! Stewardship is defined as managing the affairs of God's local church by using everything God has blessed us with. It is an all-encompassing word that covers everything from your money, intellect, ingenuity, service, gifts, skill-set, and time. It stems from the belief that everything that we have comes from God. I am in bible country: “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (James 1:17 ESV). Since we believe that everything that is in our hands is a gift from God, we can benefit by embracing the spiritual discipline of stewardship. We manage what God gives us. In God's economy, we don't own what God gives us. We just manage it. It all belongs to God. How do I know? Because when we die, we leave everything behind. A rich African named Job can testify. He says, “We bring nothing at birth; we take nothing with us at death. The LORD alone gives and takes. Praise the name of the LORD!” (Job 1:21 CEV).

Speaking about stewardship is always a sensitive issue in the local church. More specifically, talking about finances among the faithful is a sensitive issue. Topics like faith, peace, love, joy, or ones that focus on Jesus performing miracles are more popular. Stories that mention how God likes to give us things and do things for us are more popular. However, don't you find it interesting how we love to hear about how God gives to us but we cringe or downright rebel when we hear messages that challenge us to reciprocate God's love? For example, we cringe when we hear messages that encourage us to give God the best of our time, talent, and treasure. We are taught by the scriptures that Jesus had a lot to say about the dangers of the gods we make (money and materialism) crowding out the God who made us. If you believe in 'imago dei', that you were created in God's image, then you should be a giving person because God is giving. You are a reflection of God's image. Therefore, to give is to be like God.

Bible readers realize that 16 out of the 38 parables Jesus taught dealt with money and possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of ten verses (288 in all) deal directly with the subject of money. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions. Therefore, Jesus has an interest in where our treasure is for wherever our treasure is, there will our hearts be also. I challenge us to treasure this local church and to put our hearts (mind, and soul, too) into this local church. Why? So it can become a vibrant and vocal reminder that God is at work within us and within this community. Never worship the gifts over the Giver of all gifts, who is God. I treasure God. And I know you do too. Therefore, let us repent of making gods out of gifts instead of keeping the Gift-giver first in our lives. Have a great week.

SIXTH 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 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 66:8-15

see video, or page 5

Offering

Scripture

Psalm 121

see video, or page 4

Sermon

"You Don't Have to Face It By Yourself, Pt. 1"

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Benediction

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

**66th Church Anniversary
Pledge Drive**



Morning Scripture

Psalm 121 (NKJV)

¹ I will lift up my eyes to the hills—
from whence comes my help?

² ***My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.***

³ He will not allow your foot to be moved;
He who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ ***Behold, He who keeps Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.***

⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
The LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶ ***The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.***

⁷ The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
He shall preserve your soul.

⁸ ***The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in
From this time forth, and even forevermore.***

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (5/10/20)	81 (views)
Sunday Morning Worship Call	27 (callers)
Sunday School	15 (callers)
Prayer Group	12 (callers)
Bible Study Calls (AM=16 PM=7)	23 (callers)
Monday Support Call	2 (callers)
TOTAL	160

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 66:8-15

(R) O people, be glad and sing for joy! Declare God's glory in every land!

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of God's praise be heard,

⁹ who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.

***¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.***

¹¹ You brought us into the net;
you laid affliction on our loins;

***¹² you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us forth to a spacious place.***

(R) O people, be glad and sing for joy! Declare God's glory in every land!

¹³ I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay you my vows,

¹⁴ that which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

***¹⁵ I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.***

(R) O people, be glad and sing for joy! Declare God's glory in every land!

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Church Council Meeting** (via **ZOOM** video/conference call) **11 am, Saturday, May 23rd**.
- **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 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. Call in info: **1-425-436-6348**; code **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**.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jessie Gilmore	May 1 st	Zoe Green	May 16 th
Debbie Clark	May 2 nd	Cameron Woolery	May 16 th
Lem Newell	May 3 rd	Courtney Key	May 18 th
Yvonne Wormsby	May 4 th	Dawn Funches-Fox	May 21 st
Trinity Jones	May 6 th	Huron Wilson	May 23 rd
Jessie Stokes	May 7 th	Bonnie Ross	May 24 th
Thaddeus Cecil	May 8 th	Kelson Gainey	May 25 th
Kyna Stinson	May 9 th	Edward Hancock	May 27 th
Liana Geddes	May 10 th	Ben Davis	May 29 th
Doris Echols	May 15 th	Bessie Moore	May 29 th
Doris Anderson	May 16 th	Stephanie Jackson-Williams	May 30 th
	Lawrence Moore	May 31 st	

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)
*Fred Williams (20)	*Lucious Smith (12)

<u>GENERAL</u>	
*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
*Betty Jenkins and Family (5)	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



U.S. FOOD & DRUG
ADMINISTRATION

Food Safe Meal Prep

March 2018



Following these tips when cooking and chilling leftovers can help prevent foodborne illness

DO



DON'T

Rinse whole fruits and vegetables under running water and dry with a clean cloth, paper towel, or salad spinner

Use soap or detergent on foods

DO



DON'T

Wash utensils that have touched uncooked meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, or flour before using them with any food that will be eaten raw

Allow raw meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, or flour to touch any food that will be eaten raw

DO



DON'T

Clean cooking surfaces and utensils with hot, soapy water after every use

Reuse plates or cutting boards that have touched uncooked meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, or flour unless you wash them first with hot, soapy water

DO



DON'T

Cook meat, poultry, and seafood to a safe minimum internal temperature

Serve cooked meat, poultry, or seafood without checking the temperature with a food thermometer



Beef, pork, veal, & lamb
(chops, roasts, steaks):
145 °F
with a 3-minute rest time



Poultry:
165 °F



Ground meats:
160 °F



Fish & seafood:
145 °F

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
NEW! 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	27 Support Call 6 pm ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	28	29 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 495 087 043#	30 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	1	2
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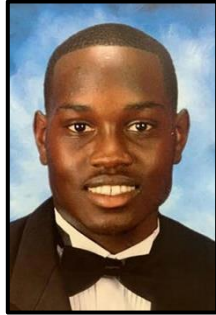
Church Council Meeting (via ZOOM video/conference call)
11 am, Saturday, May 23, 2020: All ministry leaders please plan to attend this call.

1-312-626-6799 | Meeting ID: 810 6894 9116# (password and link for video will be emailed to CC members)

Social Commentary

The Murder of Ahmaud Arbery — and Our Continuing Terror

by Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.



Today there is a national outcry about the murder of Ahmaud Arbery. The public condemnation has forced a belated response. Those accused of his murder finally have been arrested. His murder has become a global embarrassment for whites. For blacks, however, it is another humiliation, a continuing terror. It is the normal silence, however, that condemns thousands of African Americans to unjust deaths and millions to shattered lives. When the camera turns away, the savage injustice that embarrasses us becomes simply business as usual. The horror of Ahmaud Arbery's murder is now well known. The 25-year-old black man went for a jog down the middle of the street in the middle of the day on Feb. 23. Two white men decided he was suspicious, hunted him down and shot him point blank in the middle of the street at 1 p.m.

Local law enforcement had video evidence of the crime. Yet no arrest was made until 74 days later, two months and two weeks after the murder. Local authorities chose not to act. Two U.S. senators said nothing. The white church — that had blessed slavery, segregation, apartheid in South Africa — was silent. Why did the arrests finally take place? Because an intrepid reporter from the New York Times investigated the story and made it public; the murder video was leaked to the public on the 72nd day after Ahmaud's murder. As the public outrage grew, the arrests were made. Never forget, as one commentator noted, they did not make the arrests because THEY saw the incriminating video. They made the arrests because WE saw the video. Embarrassed, faced with an aroused community and an international scandal, they finally acted.

So it goes. African Americans suffer in silence the savage injuries of institutionalized racism. We live in northern ghettos — driven there in the early part of the last century by terrorism — most strikingly the Ku Klux Klan and their signature lynchings. The Equal Justice Initiative reports there were 4,084 lynchings of blacks in the South from 1877 to 1950. The Klan, embraced by and often made up of the white gentry of the South, often gathered at their churches to organize the public lynchings.

They terrorized blacks to end the fusion multiracial coalitions that grew up in the Reconstruction, and to take back control of their states. The lynchings and violence were greeted with silence, if not approval. White authorities, white churches, white society turned their heads, if they weren't applauding in approval. It isn't enough to express dismay when the newspapers highlight the horrors. We need leaders and citizens of conscience who will act and not rest until justice is done.

Little Known Black History Fact

Robert N. C. Nix, Jr.

By D. L. Chandler



The late **Robert N.C. Nix, Jr.** was destined for his path early on as his father was Pennsylvania's first Black member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Nix became the first chief justice of a state's highest court in 1994, which also made him the first Black statewide official for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania as well.

Robert Nelson Cornelius Nix Jr. was born July 13, 1928 in Philadelphia, graduating from Villanova University as its valedictorian in 1950. Nix then entered the University of Pennsylvania where he earned his law juris doctor degree. Before entering the workforce, Nix served a short while in the U.S. Army en route to becoming Deputy Attorney General. He eventually became a partner in his father's law firm and a notable advocate for civil rights.

Nix's rise to become Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court was not without its controversies. He was accused of being on his father's payroll as a congressional assistant in the '60's while running for election as a common pleas judge in Philadelphia and working in private practice.

In 1981, Nix engaged in a public feud with fellow Justice Rolf Larsen after Larsen allegedly called him a racial slur. Their differences continued into the '90's after Larsen himself was accused of misconduct that led to his impeachment in another matter, only to accuse Nix of engaging in the same improper contact with a trial judge. In 1996, Nix returned to private life, acknowledging the troubles with Larsen were "regrettable."

Nix passed at the age of 75 in 2003, survived by his wife Renate Becker-Bryant and three sons.

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SAVE these Conference Call Numbers

Sunday 10:30 am - LIVE Service

Monday 6 pm - Support Call

Thursday 11 am - Prayer Call

Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:

Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:

1.425.436.6348

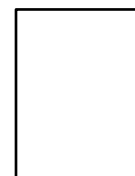
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Wesley's 66th Church Anniversary!

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 May 17th – May 23rd

May 17

1 Samuel 20:1-21:15

John 9:1-41

Psalms 113:1-114:8

Proverbs 15:15-17

May 18

1 Samuel 22:1-23:29

John 10:1-21

Psalms 115:1-18

Proverbs 15:18-19

May 19

1 Samuel 24:1-25:44

John 10:22-42

Psalms 116:1-19

Proverbs 15:20-21

2020 Vision:

"The Year of the Child"

(Matthew 19:14)

May 23

2 Samuel 2:12-3:39

John 13:1-30

Psalms 119:1-16

Proverbs 15:29-30

May 20

1 Samuel 26:1-28:25

John 11:1-54

Psalms 117:1-2

Proverbs 15:22-23

May 21

1 Samuel 29:1-31:13

John 11:55-12:19

Psalms 118:1-18

Proverbs 15:24-26

May 22

2 Samuel 1:1-2:11

John 12:20-50

Psalms 118:19-29

Proverbs 15:27-28