

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

May 24, 2020



ASCENSION

SUNDAY

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"A New Vision in a New Normal"

According to George Barna, "Vision for ministry is a clear mental image of a preferable future imparted by God to his chosen servants and is based upon an accurate understanding of God, self, and circumstances." God uses our history and "glory days" as a spring board to launch us into the next phase of ministry. The past will not become the hero when it comes to the ministry journey of Wesley UMC. Every year we should expect God to do something new and exciting with and through our church. Therefore, we should anticipate this year even with the current challenges with extreme optimism, i.e., the belief that God is going to bless our church in a major way in spite of the Coronavirus crisis. And if we are going to be in a position to receive God's blessings, then we need "eyes" to see where God is taking us.

The gospel writers had a lot to say about the importance of vision in their stories about Jesus healing blind people. My favorite story is the healing of Blind Bartimaeus found in the gospel of Mark, chapter 10. And really his story is one of true discipleship, because authentic discipleship involves having the "vision" to continue the work of Jesus the Christ. In Mark chapter 10, there are three pictures of 'possible' discipleship. First, there is the rich young ruler in verse 17. He wants to be a disciple and follow Jesus in the way but he does not want to relinquish his riches nor his unscrupulous practices that allowed him to gain his wealth. He just couldn't envision himself doing that. As a result of 'affluenza,' he refuses to follow Jesus.

The next discipleship story is about the disciples in verse 35. James and John, the sons of Zebedee, had ambition to sit in positions of so-called power in Jesus' kingdom. However, they were blind to what true discipleship looked like under Jesus. Jesus has to remind all of his disciples that greatness would be defined by service and not by position or title. They did not have vision either. Finally, the third story is of Blind Bartimaeus in verse 46. He is the hero of the passage and the only one that makes the right request. And because he asks for "vision," he receives it and models true discipleship by following Jesus in the way.

During this shelter-in-place season, we ask God for "vision" like Bartimaeus. We want "vision" so that we may see where God is leading us. We want both individual and collective "vision" to see how our great God is going to use every member of Wesley to make and/or be the difference in at least one person's life. We want eyes to see how our church can grow in every area. We want "vision" to see how our church can thrive with children and youth. We want "vision" to see how our outreach ministry can make a greater impact in the community once this pandemic is over. We want "vision" to see how our entire membership can grow more committed to God and each other after the pandemic is over. If we can "see" it, then we can be it. The God who sees all, and goes by the name "El Roi" ("the God who sees me"), is a God who specializes in "re-vision" for his people. Have a great week!

ASCENSION SUNDAY

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 68:1-10

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. 2"

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 (5/17/20)	64 (views)
Sunday Morning Worship Call	27 (callers)
Sunday School	14 (callers)
Prayer Group	10 (callers)
A.M. Bible Study Call	20 (callers)
Monday Support Call	2 (callers)
TOTAL	137

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 68:1-10

(R) Sing God's glory above the heavens; praise God's name in all the earth.

¹ Let God arise, let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee!

² ***As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before fire,
let the wicked perish before God!***

³ But let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy!

⁴ ***Sing to God, sing praises to God's name;
lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds;
exult before the One whose name is LORD!***

(R) Sing God's glory above the heavens; praise God's name in all the earth.

⁵ In the holy habitation, God is father of orphans and protector of widows.

⁶ ***God gives the desolate a home to dwell in,
and leads out the prisoners to prosperity;
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.***

⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ ***the earth quaked, the heavens poured down water,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.***

⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad;
you restored your heritage as it languished;

¹⁰ ***your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.***

(R) Sing God's glory above the heavens; praise God's name in all the earth.

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 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** – Our weekly support call has ended, unfortunately. However, should anyone feel challenged during this time or feel you need assistance, help is available. Click [here](#) or call **(312) 563-0445** for assistance through NAMI.ORG.
- **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)

SHUT-IN	
*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 Gerald (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)
*Fred Williams (20)	*Lucious Smith (12)
GENERAL	
*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
*Dorothy Williamson and Family (10)	Rebecca Merkson
*Donna/Deborah Lomax and Family (13)	John Anderson
Katherine Evans	Jerry Simmons
Vinelle Myrie	Rochelle Johnson
Alexandria Ward	The Ford & Robinson Families
Davion McNeal	Mila Kuntu
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
Katherine Thompson	Owen McPherson
Larry Clark and Family	James Williams

Sunday Morning

Health Corner With Dr. Soo

Foods, herbs and spices to support your immune system

Foods that have either a good source of Vitamin A, C, E and/or Zinc (these are the highest sources in order, going from left to right) include:

Vitamin A

Lamb liver

Red chili pepper

Carrots

Beef liver

Dandelion greens

Kale

Calf liver

Chicken Liver

Sweet potatoes

Vitamin C

Acerola cherries

Red sweet peppers

Collard leaves

Broccoli

Red chili peppers

Kale leaves

Turnip greens

Brussels sprout

Guavas

Parsley

Green sweet peppers

Mustard greens

Vitamin E

Wheat germ oil

Safflower

Peanut oil

Sunflower seeds

Almonds

Corn oil

Sunflower seed oil

Sesame oil

Wheat germ

Zinc

Fresh oyster

Lamb chops

Brazil nuts

Ginger root

Pecans

Beef liver

Ground round steak

Dry split peas

Nonfat dry milk

Spices high in Zinc

Black pepper, paprika, mustard, chili powder, thyme and cinnamon

Herbs to support your immune system

Astragalus, Bayberry, Fenugreek, Hawthorn, Licorice root, Red clover, Black radish, Dandelion and Milk Thistle, Echinacea, Golden seal

Essential oils

Frankincense and oregano

As always, do your research and consult with your doctor regarding the herbs and any contraindications to medications

Resources

Clinical Nutrition: A functional approach_ 2nd edition by The Institute for Functional Medicine Prescription for nutritional healing_5th edition by Phyllis A. Balch

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

Willie Wilson Offers Free Masks — and Trouble for Lightfoot, Pritzker As He Readies Senate Run

by Mark Brown



When Willie Wilson turns up in the news, which is quite often these days, it should not be forgotten he is an announced candidate for the U.S. Senate. Wilson — whose latest gambit is to encourage the efforts of Chicago pastors who want to reopen their churches for services Sunday in defiance of Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s stay-at-home order — says he’ll run as an independent or third-party candidate against Sen. Dick Durbin in November.

“I do still plan on running,” said Wilson, adding it will be easy to gather the necessary nominating petitions now that a federal judge has reduced the number of signatures candidates need to 2,500, down from 25,000. Wilson and other statewide candidates have until July 20 to submit their petitions under a modified order issued Friday by the judge, who eased the filing requirements because of complications created by the pandemic. “I’ve been busy with all these other things going on lately,” Wilson said. “We’ll get around to it, but I do plan on it.” He certainly has been busy.

In the past week, it was inserting himself in the debate over whether churches are discriminated against by Pritzker’s executive order limiting services to no more than 10 people in attendance at a time. That put him on a collision course with Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who wants city residents to abide by the stay-at-home plan. In the weeks before that, Wilson was busy handing out millions of free face masks himself. It is one of the ironies of the pandemic crisis that it hits Wilson’s business sweet spot: Procuring medical supplies from China is a major part of how he became a millionaire.

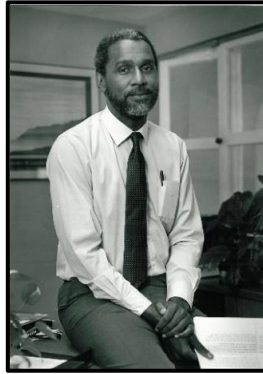
Wilson gave Chicago aldermen what he said were 1 million masks to distribute. Then, he said he was giving out 5 million more on his own, which caused a stir when Lightfoot questioned how he could safely accomplish that. Wilson said he also has gifted masks to the Cook County Jail, the CTA, firefighters and police, two hospitals and 75 nursing homes and given \$1 million to people who are unemployed and another \$1 million to churches since the start of the crisis.

Am I saying everything Wilson is doing is because he’s a candidate for the Senate? Durbin is a huge favorite in this increasingly Democratic state, especially in a presidential election year in which President Donald Trump is expected to fare poorly here. Still, these are strange times, with plenty of unforeseeable curves in the road between now and Election Day. Wilson received 59,072 votes for mayor in 2019 and was the top voter-getter in numerous African Americans wards. That was in a field that included Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle, so it’s not unreasonable to think he might do even better against Durbin.

Little Known Black History Fact

Rudy Lombard

By D. L. Chandler



The late **Rudy Lombard** and his contributions to the Civil Rights Movement are little known, but that's exactly how the activist and leader wanted it. The New Orleans native made history with a series of sit-ins in New Orleans, immortalizing himself and other activists with their bold actions against racism. Lombard was born in Algiers, La. in 1939. He grew up witnessing widespread discrimination against Blacks, prompting him to become an activist. As a student at Xavier University, Lombard led a 1960 sit-in at the McCrory's Five & Dime store in protest of its Jim Crow laws.

Joining Lombard in his protests were what would become known as the "CORE Four" – Lanny Goldfinch, a white man, Cecil Carter, Jr. and Oretha Castle, both of whom were Black. At the time, Lombard was the National Vice President of the Congress of Racial Equality and also the senior class president at his college. The case made its way to the Supreme Court and after its review; it tossed out the criminal mischief arrests in 1963. At the time, New Orleans didn't have any official segregation laws in place but they were still enforced. After earning a doctorate in urban planning from Syracuse University, Lombard became a prominent businessman.

A failed mayoral bid in New Orleans took place in 1985. Lombard finished a distant fourth but called to attention the city's need to develop better public housing options for its poor citizens. Lombard was also an author, writing a 1978 book with the late Nathaniel Burton titled "Creole Feast: 15 Master Chefs of New Orleans Reveal Their Secrets."

According to published accounts, Lombard was also friends with jazz great Wynton Marsalis. His brother, 4th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Edwin Lombard, shared that the leader was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and kept the news quiet until early 2014. Lombard succumbed to the cancer on Dec. 13, 2014.

He was 75. As a CORE elected official and activist, many who were close to him have chosen to keep his legacy alive in a fashion he didn't do himself.

Although Lombard rarely acknowledged his achievements, his decisive actions helped to move the country forward.

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SAVE these Conference Call Numbers

Sunday 10:30 am - LIVE Service

1.425.436.6348

Thursday 11 am - Prayer Call

Code: 672500#

Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:

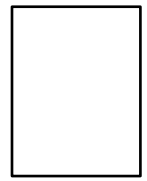
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Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:

1.605.475.4000

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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 via email. 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 24th – May 30th

May 24

2 Samuel 4:1-6:23

John 13:31-14:14

Psalms 119:17-32

Proverbs 15:31-32

May 25

2 Samuel 7:1-8:18

John 14:15-31

Psalms 119:33-48

Proverbs 15:33

May 26

2 Samuel 9:1-11:27

John 15:1-27

Psalms 119:49-64

Proverbs 16:1-3

2020 Vision:

"The Year of the Child"

(Matthew 19:14)

May 30

2 Samuel 15:23-16:23

John 18:25-19:22

Psalms 119:113-128

Proverbs 16:10-11

May 27

2 Samuel 12:1-31

John 16:1-33

Psalms 119:65-80

Proverbs 16:4-5

May 28

2 Samuel 13:1-39

John 17:1-26

Psalms 119:81-96

Proverbs 16:6-7

May 29

2 Samuel 14:1-15:22

John 18:1-24

Psalms 119:97-112

Proverbs 16:8-9