

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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"The Power of the Pentecost Season"

Greetings, family, in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ! Although Pentecost Sunday is in our rearview mirror, we are still in the Pentecost season. Just as Easter is more than a day celebration but rather a season, so is Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday is a day we commemorate because it marks the birth of the Christian Church. On the day of Pentecost (A Jewish harvest festival), the Holy Spirit swept into the Upper Room where the disciples were, both male and female, and they began to praise God in other languages which amazed the crowd. It was a day when boldness replaced their fear and thousands joined the new Christian movement.

After that powerful Kairos moment, the disciples, led by Peter, began a discipleship journey that had them preaching truth to power, teaching truth to the masses, evangelizing to the lost, healing the sick, and meeting the basic needs of the poor. The Book of Acts describes the powerful "actions" of the disciples after they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of Jesus was now a part of their lives like never before. They were transformed men and women. They were different. They were ready for the adventure. They were ready for God to use them anywhere and at any time. Their holy boldness was contagious and wherever they ministered that place was never the same.

And guess what? Their powerful witness and works took place outside of the Temple and synagogue. They were so bold and confident that they ministered and preached in the marketplace. They knew the LORD was with them everywhere they went and not just in religious spaces. They were so influential and impactful that people began to say that they were turning the world upside down.

It hit me that if the Holy Spirit did that for them back in the first century, then the Holy Spirit can do that for us in the 21st century. That same Holy Spirit can give us holy boldness. That same Holy Spirit can give us fiery passion. That same Holy Spirit can give us preaching and evangelizing power. That same Holy Spirit can help us meet people's practical needs. That same Holy Spirit can help us eliminate scarcity and poverty. That same Holy Spirit can help us impact our community so that when others see Wesley United Methodist Church members they will say, "Look, they are turning the world upside down." (Or is it, right side up?) Take advantage of this Pentecost season by recognizing your God-given power to be a difference-maker. Have a great week!

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

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

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR JUNE: "Rebuilding the Community"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: WHITE

Scripture for the month:

"17 Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." 18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work. (Nehemiah 2:17-18)

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-10

see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 8

see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

"I Can't Breathe"

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Holy Communion

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction



66th Church Anniversary
Pledge Drive



Thank you, to all who have given and continue to give sacrificially, during this challenging time.

Morning Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-10 (NKJV)

¹ The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.

² ***Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry.***

³ And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

⁴ ***Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!***

⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.

⁶ ***I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD." ' ' "***

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone.

⁸ ***Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.***

⁹ Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ' ' "

¹⁰ ***So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.***

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (5/31/20)	109 (views)
Sunday Morning Worship Call	27 (callers)
Sunday School	14 (callers)
Prayer Group	10 (callers)
Bible Study Calls (AM= 13 PM=7)	20 (callers)
TOTAL	180

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 8

(R) Many and great, O God, are thy things, Maker of earth and sky.

¹O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

²Your glory is chanted above the heavens
by the mouth of babes and infants:

***you have set up a defense against your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.***

(R) Many and great, O God, are thy things, Maker of earth and sky.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you have established;

⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
and mortals that you care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,

⁷all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

(R) Many and great, O God, are thy things, Maker of earth and sky.

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**.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Lethell Magee	June 2 nd	Hildegarde Burress	June 23 rd
Barbara Sanders	June 6 th	Geraldine Griffin	June 25 th
Cheryl Cecil	June 7 th	Tondalaya Lloyd	June 25 th
Dwayne Cecil	June 8 th	Gloria Washington	June 29 th
Joshua Helm	June 10 th	Angela Curtis	June 30 th
Steve Smith	June 22 nd	Sydni-Anne Pearson	June 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)
*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
*Dorothy Williamson and Family (10)	Rebecca Merkson
*Donna/Deborah Lomax and Family (13)	John Anderson
*Darlene Clark and Family (1)	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
Katherine Evans	James Williams

Sunday Morning

Health Corner With Dr. Soo

Recipe for Immune Boosting Tea

Ingredients

Use 4 cups of water

Shred (3) 1 inch of ginger

Lemon slices or lemon juice

Orange slices (optional)

Lime slices or lime juice (optional)

2 Cinnamon sticks

Honey (optional)

Instructions

Peel and slice ginger

Add ginger, lemon, orange and lemon slices to water, along with the cinnamon sticks

Bring to a boil

Add honey to your taste

Please note: Ginger can cause stomach problems if taken in large amounts. Also not recommended for people on anticoagulants or have gallstones. Women who are pregnant should not use for long periods of times.

Resource

Prescription for nutritional healing, 5th edition by Phyllis Balch, CNC

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

JUNE 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
31 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#	1	2	3 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	4 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	5	6
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14 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#	15	16	17 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	18 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	19	20
21 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#	22	23	24 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	25 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	26	27 Trustee Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am -----
28 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#	29	30	1 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	2 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	3	4 Happy 4th of July!

Social Commentary

When This Virus Has Passed, I Will Remember Freedoms Stolen Like a Thief in the Night

by John Fountain



When this storm has finally passed, I will shake another brother's hand, slap hard fives, skin to skin, embrace like the best of friends. The way we used to. Before the arrival of coronavirus' cold winds. When this storm finally has been vanquished and it is safe to come out again, to break the barrier of personal space, to converse in intimate human circles over coffee or tea and chill, I will. And I will stroll slowly across golden sands for miles of beach. No city code to breach. I will speak to everyone I pass. Lie blissfully upon emerald blades of park grass.

Watch daylight pass as the orange-red sun sinks from a purplish evening sky and children's voices blend with the crickets' song while fireflies twinkle before their widened eyes. And though I no longer have a head of hair, I just might plop down in a barber's chair. Break my vow to allow someone beside myself to trim my beard. To rub my face with lilac tonic after lining me with a straight edge from ear to ear. When this storm is over, I will remember when freedoms taken for granted were stolen like a thief in the night. And at the end of the tunnel we could see no sure sign of light.

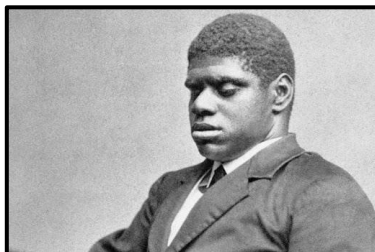
When hospitals and morgues were swollen with the sick and the dead. When the hourly news and our conversations were filled with caution and dread. Too many visions of gloved and masked humanity fill my head. Inescapable the daily count of the infected and the dead. Desolate streets and shuttered stores, people locked behind unwelcoming doors. Anxiety pours like gushing rain. Undeniable strain. Economic drain. Some of us muse that there may be lessons to gain from this storm. Perhaps joy after pain. And when this storm has finally passed, there will be no fear of pumping gas. No migraines over grocery shopping or using cash. No drive-up only restaurant orders and curbside pick-ups. No consternation over human touch.

I long for us to again be free ... I long simply to sit beneath the umbrella on the veranda of my local coffee house. Choppin' it up with the fellas, and chillin' out. Long to escape this frozen, quarantined world in which we find ourselves nowadays— reflecting on the way we once lived, loved and played. Remembering the way we were not that long ago. And longing to return, even as corona's cold winds still blow. But I can't help but wonder if we can ever return. Or is this the new normal? My heart still yearns. I miss the Saturday movie theater matinee. And by the time this storm passes, I will have missed the sights and sounds of children at play—frolicking at crystal sprinkling water fountains and swimming pools. The pound of the basketball and squeaking shoes. I miss the way we moved: Engaging as instruments in the human symphony of life. Breath-to-breath, hand-to-hand, eye-to-eye. When the storm passes, I hope we'll try.

Little Known Black History Fact

Blind Tom Wiggins

By D. L. Chandler



Thomas “Blind Tom” Wiggins was a blind piano prodigy so popular that it has been alleged that he was the highest-paid pianist of the 19th Century. Wiggins was celebrated for his ability, but his success came at the price of his dignity. Wiggins was born May 25, 1849 to slave parents, Charity and Mingo Wiggins in Harris County, Ga. The family was sold to Columbus lawyer, Gen. James Bethune. Because of Wiggins’ blindness, he didn’t work, but by age four, people noticed that Wiggins could imitate sounds and music. He then started to pick up piano notes and songs. Bethune sensed that the child was gifted and nurtured Wiggins with lessons and access to music.

By the time he was nine years old, Wiggins reportedly made as much as \$15,000 per performance, which were billed as “exhibitions.” In essence, Bethune rendered Wiggins into a slave-musician who fattened the pockets of his owners. According to accounts, Wiggins could play his own takes on classic works from Bach, Chopin, Liszt, and Mozart along with using the piano to imitate other sounds. Because of his extraordinary memory, Wiggins became a novelty act and played games with the audience by playing their original compositions note for note.

If Wiggins could hear it, he could also play it, while adding his own flair. In 1875, Bethune gifted Wiggins to his son, John, who toured with the pianist for the next eight years. The younger Bethune eventually lost his ownership of Wiggins after he abandoned his wife, Eliza, who apparently connected with the piano player. After returning to Georgia after an extensive tour with Wiggins, the couple went through a bitter divorce and legal wrangling that also involved Wiggins’ mother. In 1887, Bethune’s ex-wife won rights to the “Last American Slave” as Wiggins was called in newspapers. While it appeared to be freedom, Wiggins was once more a slave-musician. Author Jeffery Renard Allen wrote a novel based on Wiggins titled “Song of the Shank,” but uncovered a little-known side in his research. It was said that Wiggins may have been an autistic savant, but such a condition was not well known at the time. Wiggins also crafted his own music but was billed as uneducated. There have been efforts to find his original musical compositions to restore and preserve them.

Wiggins may have played a meek role to appease his owners but took back his pride in other ways. As his career waned, Wiggins refused to play back church hymns and he became increasingly defiant. His health began to fail him and he officially retired from performing in 1905. Three years later, he died to complications from a stroke. Wiggins’ mother or family never benefited from the riches Blind Tom made.

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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:

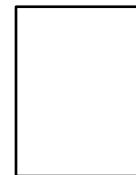
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Wesley's 66th Church Anniversary!

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 June 7th – June 13th

June 7

1 Kings 2:1-3:2

Acts 5:1-42

Psalms 125:1-5

Proverbs 16:25

June 10

1 Kings 7:1-51

Acts 7:30-50

Psalms 128:1-6

Proverbs 16:31-33

June 8

1 Kings 3:3-4:34

Acts 6:1-15

Psalms 126:1-6

Proverbs 16:26-27

**2020 Vision:
"The Year of the
Child"**

(Matthew 19:14)

June 11

1 Kings 8:1-66

Acts 7:51-8:13

Psalms 129:1-8

Proverbs 17:1

June 9

1 Kings 5:1-6:38

Acts 7:1-29

Psalms 127:1-5

Proverbs 16:28-30

June 13

1 Kings 11:1-12:19

Acts 9:1-25

Psalms 131:1-3

Proverbs 17:4-5

June 12

1 Kings 9:1-10:29

Acts 8:14-40

Psalms 130:1-8

Proverbs 17:2-3