

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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“Excellence”

Greetings, family, in the name of the Omnipotent God who has saved us so that we might save our community from death, darkness, disappointment, despair, and dis-ease. God has placed it on my heart to encourage you to embrace EXCELLENCE as a way of life so that you may let your light shine so that people will see it and give all glory to God. Since this is Youth Sunday I especially want to stress how important it is for them to embrace “excellence” as a lifestyle if they want to fulfill their dreams.

If we are to be faithful to our God, we must be, and not try to be, a community of faith that does everything in an excellent way. If we are fighting to be EXCELLENT, then we are always contending and quarreling against self-doubt, mediocrity, laziness, indifference, apathy, and naysayers. These are the natural enemies of a church striving to be greater than it has ever been in its lifecycle. These are natural enemies of anyone attempting to go farther in life than anyone could imagine. Yes, we are in a constant fight to take the road less traveled. Yes, we are in a constant fight to go the extra mile. Yes, we are in a constant fight to spend money for the best equipment, musicians, and resources in order to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Yes, we are in a constant fight to never cut corners when it comes to God’s house and God’s worship. Yes, we are in a constant fight to never “settle” for second or third best when we know that with a little more effort and sacrifice, we can have the best and be the best. Yes, it is a fight to change an entire faith community’s mindset from being “good enough” to “being one of the best churches in Chicago metro.” It is my wish to always in both my personal and professional life to move from ‘average to amazing.’ I want our church to make this transition and I definitely want our youth to make this transition in every aspect of their lives.

By striving for EXCELLENCE, we can reach all of our goals. Excellence contains the word “excel”. When we “excel,” we exceed and surpass all expectations others have for us. When we “excel”, we surpass just average attendance. We attend every service and show up to participate and grow from our participation. When we “excel”, we surpass and go beyond tipping God but rather we tithe and then give special offerings out of the deep appreciation we have for God in providing for us. When we “excel”, we amaze ourselves and please God because we give more than what is required, we go beyond nominal Christianity (in name only), we go beyond what is expected, we go beyond what “Momma an ‘em used to do”, we go beyond what is expected of people who have full-time jobs and other collateral responsibilities, we do the job that needs to be done in spite of the hardship or sacrifice required. If EXCELLENCE is our church culture then we offer no excuses, we just execute. And if we don’t know how to do something, we are smart enough to get trained in it and then work like trojans to make things happen. Just as we learned in Vacation Bible School this week, we are building something great here. Have a great week.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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: GREEN

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 Nehemiah 2:13-20 see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise Psalm 116: 1-11 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon "Where Do We Go from Here:
Chaos or Community?" Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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

Nehemiah 2:13-20 (NKJV)

¹³ And I went out by night through the Valley Gate to the Serpent Well and the Refuse Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were burned with fire.

¹⁴ ***Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no room for the animal under me to pass.***

¹⁵ So I went up in the night by the valley, and viewed the wall; then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned.

¹⁶ ***And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I had done; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, or the others who did the work.***

¹⁷ Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lies* waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach."

¹⁸ ***And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me.***

So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to *this* good work.

¹⁹ But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of *it*, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, "What *is* this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?"

²⁰ ***So I answered them, and said to them, "The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem."***

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (6/7/20)	81 (views)
Sunday Morning Worship Call	34 (callers)
Sunday School	16 (callers)
Prayer Group	4 (callers)
Bible Study Calls (AM=16 PM=7)	23 (callers)
TOTAL	158

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 116:1-11

(R) O praise the Lord, who delivers your soul from death.

¹ I love the LORD, who has heard
my voice and my supplications,

² and has inclined his ear to me,
whenever I called.

***³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.***

(R) O praise the Lord, who delivers your soul from death.

⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I beseech you, save my life!”

⁵ Gracious *is* the LORD, and righteous;
our God *is* merciful.

***⁶ The LORD preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, the LORD saved me.***

⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;

***⁹ I walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.***

¹⁰ I kept my faith, even when I said,
“I am greatly afflicted.”

***¹¹ I said in my consternation,
“All humans are a vain hope.”***

(R) O praise the Lord, who delivers your soul from death.

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#**
- 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	Steve Smith	June 22 nd
Barbara Sanders	June 6 th	Hildegarde Burress	June 23 rd
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
Rivetta Goodrich	June 18 th	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



Food Safe Shopping & Storage

March 2018

Following these tips when buying and storing food can help prevent foodborne illness

DO



DON'T

Keep produce separate from meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs in shopping carts and bags

Choose meat, poultry, or seafood in damaged or leaking packaging

DO



DON'T

Place meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs in plastic bags at checkout

Buy eggs with cracked shells or damaged cartons

DO



DON'T

Keep produce and other ready-to-eat foods in a separate area of the refrigerator from meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs

Remove eggs from carton or keep them in the refrigerator door

DO

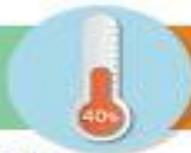


DON'T

Refrigerate food within 2 hours of grocery shopping, or 1 hour if kept in air temperatures above 90 °F

Place raw meat, poultry, or seafood on upper shelves of the refrigerator where they can drip onto other foods

DO



DON'T

Set refrigerator temperature to 40 °F or below and freezer at 0 °F or below (as indicated by an appliance thermometer)

Overfill the refrigerator or freezer

DO



DON'T

Defrost food in the refrigerator, in cold water, or in the microwave – and cook immediately

Thaw meat, poultry, or seafood on the counter

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

A Modern-Day Lynching in Minnesota

by John Fountain



“It may be true that the law cannot make a man love me, but it can stop him from lynching me, and I think that’s pretty important.” —Martin Luther King Jr.

Terrorism. American terrorism. That’s what it was. Straight, no chaser: A lynching. That white cop stared unflinchingly right into the camera with his knee pressed hard on that black man’s neck with the ease of a hand in his pocket. And he dug in. For 8 minutes and 46 seconds, he held his death lock. He knelt — evil incarnate — unfazed by any witnesses, or even George Floyd’s own plea for mercy and his soul-wrenching cry to his dead mama.

His lynch mob, dressed in police blues, either knelt atop the victim or stood idly in complicity. And that handcuffed black man’s lifeless body lay essentially in the town square— by technology — for millions to see: George Floyd, lynched at 46 for the sin of being born black in the USA. It is the latest episode of American lynching indelibly singed into the consciousness of black folk.

Lynching American style. Long before car bombs and mass school shootings, long before the hijacking of planes, before mail bombs or even the flying of commercial jets into towers to strike fear in the heart of a people with this unlawful use of violence and intimidation, lynching was the terrorism meant to subjugate black folks. “Historians broadly agree that lynchings were a method of social and racial control meant to terrorize black Americans into submission, and into an inferior racial caste position,” Jamiles Lartey and Sam Morris write in “The Guardian” in an April 2018 story titled, “How white Americans used lynchings to terrorize and control black people.” In fact, the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama recorded 3,446 lynchings of blacks from 1882 to 1968, although the numbers are believed by some historians to have been dramatically higher.

For African Americans, these are nothing short of modern-day lynchings with intended wider social reverberations to “stay in your place.” And every “I can’t breathe”; every unarmed black person shot, brutalized or choked to death; every racial injustice inflicted is a warning of what could happen to you, to your sons or daughters — no matter who you think you are, regardless of status, fortune or fame. That was the message inherent in the steely glare of Derek Chauvin, the former cop now charged with murder in Floyd’s death along with three other ex-officers. Indeed, the lynching of George Floyd will forever be seared into our consciousness as African Americans. Quite frankly, I’m tired of crying. The

question is: What are we as Americans going to do about it? American terrorism or equal American justice?

Little Known Black History Fact

Bessie Coleman

By D. L. Chandler



The first licensed African American Female pilot was named Bessie Coleman.

Born in Atlanta, Texas in 1892, Bessie Coleman grew up in a world of harsh poverty, discrimination and segregation. She moved to Chicago at 23 to seek her fortune, but found little opportunity there as well. Wild tales of flying exploits from returning WWI soldiers first inspired her to explore aviation, but she faced a double stigma in that dream being both African American and a woman.

She set her sights on France in order to reach her dreams and began studying French. In 1920, Coleman crossed the ocean with all of her savings and the financial support of Robert Abbott, one of the first African American millionaires. Over the next seven months, she learned to fly and in June of 1921, the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale awarded her an international pilot's license. Wildly celebrated upon her return to the United States, reporters turned out in droves to greet her.

Coleman performed at numerous airshows over the next five years, performing heart thrilling stunts, encouraging other African Americans to pursue flying, and refusing to perform where Blacks were not admitted. When she tragically died in a plane accident in 1926, famous writer and equal rights advocate Ida B. Wells presided over her funeral. An editorial in the "Dallas Express" stated, "There is reason to believe that the general public did not completely sense the size of her contribution to the achievements of the race as such."

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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:

1.312.626.6799

ID/code: 295 101 7709#

Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:

1.605.475.4000

Code: 260259#



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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 14th – June 20th

June 14

1 Kings 12:20-13:34

Acts 9:26-43

Psalm 132:1-18

Proverbs 17:6

June 15

1 Kings 14:1-15:24

Acts 10:1-23

Psalm 133:1-3

Proverbs 17:7-8

June 16

1 Kings 15:25-17:24

Acts 10:24-48

Psalm 134:1-3

Proverbs 17:9-11

2020 Vision:

"The Year of the Child"

(Matthew 19:14)

June 20

1 Kings 22:1-53

Acts 13:16-41

Psalm 138:1-8

Proverbs 17:17-18

June 17

1 Kings 18:1-46

Acts 11:1-30

Psalm 135:1-21

Proverbs 17:12-13

June 18

1 Kings 19:1-21

Acts 12:1-23

Psalm 136:1-26

Proverbs 17:14-15

June 19

1 Kings 20:1-21:29

Acts 12:24-13:15

Psalm 137:1-9

Proverbs 17:16