

*"The Church With The Warm Heart"*

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June 28, 2020



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## ***"The Mission of the Church is to Make Disciples"***

*"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip (John 1:46).*

It was Dietrich Bonhoeffer who said that "salvation is free but discipleship is costly." Mr. Bonhoeffer was intrigued by what he called the "cost of discipleship". In fact, he was so intrigued by it that he penned a book with the same title. In the book, he argues that modern-day Christians prefer a sanitized version of Christianity that allows them to do anything they want without being asked to submit or sacrifice for the sake of the gospel. He argues that modern-day Christians want 'cheap grace.' To him, cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, and grace without Jesus the Christ." To follow Jesus is a costly endeavor. And I don't mean cost as in money. I mean "costly" as in it will cost you something like your time and talents, your energy and focus. Jesus gave His life to give birth to the church. The least we could do is to continue His work of building it up.

Since we are disciples of Jesus and therefore followers of Jesus it behooves us to truly follow Him. Bible readers recognize that Jesus had a mission to save those who He considered 'lost' because their connection to God had been severed. In Luke chapter 15 we see His theology of the lost unfold. When He is criticized for sharing table fellowship with known sinners such as tax collectors and people who could or did not adhere to the Mosaic Law, he tells three parables in chapter 15. And all of the parables have the same message: Heaven rejoices and has a party when one sinner reconnects with God. Evangelism is a rewarding yet costly endeavor. One we must engage in if we are going to be a church that makes disciples out of unbelievers and unchurched people.

According to Sam Chan, author of *Evangelism in a Skeptical World*, *"the essence of evangelism is the message that Jesus Christ is Lord. Evangelism is our human effort of proclaiming this message—which necessarily involves using our human communication, language, idioms, metaphors, stories, experiences, personality, emotions, context, culture, locatedness—and trusting and praying that God, in His sovereign will, will supernaturally use our human and natural means to effect his divine purposes."*

Evangelism is a rewarding yet costly endeavor. It will inconvenience you. It will move you out of your comfort zone. It will cause you to do things you never thought you would do. It will cause you to express your faith. It will cause you to share your story of how God saved you. It will cause you to be transparent in order to share your testimony with coworkers, friends, and family. It will cause you to face rejection by those who don't have time to hear what you have to say. Nonetheless, it is what we are called to do. Have a great week.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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 JUNE: *"Rebuilding the Community"*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**Scripture for the month:**

*"<sup>17</sup> 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."<sup>18</sup> 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**

Isaiah 40:28-31

see video, or page 4

**Psalm of Praise**

Psalm 13

see video, or page 5

**Announcements**

**Offering**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

*"Revolutionary Patience"*

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Benediction**

*66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary  
Pledge Drive*



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

# Morning Scripture

## Isaiah 40:28-31 (NKJV)

<sup>28</sup> Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

<sup>29</sup> ***He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.***

<sup>30</sup> Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

<sup>31</sup> ***But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.***

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (6/21/20)	87 (views)
Sunday Morning Worship Call	29 (callers)
Sunday School	17 (callers)
Prayer Group	7 (callers)
Bible Study Calls (AM=16   PM=7)	23 (callers)
CSD-UMM Meeting (in parking lot)	8 (attendees)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>171</b>

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### ***Happy Birthday, John Wesley***

(Born: June 28, 1703, Epworth, UK - Died: March 2, 1791, London, UK)

**John Wesley** was an English cleric, theologian and evangelist who was a leader of a revival movement within the Church of England known as Methodism. The societies he founded became the dominant form of the independent **Methodist** movement that continues to this day.

### **Famous Quotes**

*“Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.”*

*“Catch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come for miles to watch you burn.”*

# Psalm of Praise

## *Psalm 13*

***(R) Be still, my soul: the LORD is on my side.***

<sup>1</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for ever?

***How long will you hide your face from me?***

<sup>2</sup> How long must I bear pain in my soul,  
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

***How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?***

***(R) Be still, my soul: the LORD is on my side.***

<sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

***lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;***

<sup>4</sup> lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him";

***lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.***

<sup>5</sup> But I trusted in your steadfast love;

***my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.***

<sup>6</sup> I will sing unto the LORD,

***for the LORD has dealt bountifully with me.***

***(R) Be still, my soul: the LORD is on my side.***

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**July 8, 2020  
8-10 am**

Small businesses are the backbone of our community and many are rebuilding. Join this virtual conference to get the essential information you need to restart your operations. Topics include: accessing loans, managing insurance claims, receiving support from agencies, navigating the city's permitting process, and much more.

To RSVP, please visit  
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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#**
- Our weekly support call has ended 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.
- **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**.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

James Gittens	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gwendolyn Watkins	July 9 <sup>th</sup>
Rinaldo McCrary	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Babatunde Agbaje-Williams	July 12 <sup>th</sup>
Brittany Plaxico	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mattie Kellum	July 17 <sup>th</sup>
Bythiah Webster	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mecca Helm	July 18 <sup>th</sup>
Shaun Williams	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Delilah Rucker	July 18 <sup>th</sup>
Shaunice Williams	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeffery Brunt	July 19 <sup>th</sup>
Diamond Jones	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dwond Donahue	July 21 <sup>st</sup>
Lorraine Forbes	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Irett KoKo Madje	July 21 <sup>st</sup>
Stephanie Miller	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Carla Davis	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Delisha Tripplett	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Samuel Graham	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Ricardo Williams	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia Greenwood	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Caleb Cecil	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Troy Hodge	July 25 <sup>th</sup>
Denise Magee	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Petty	July 29 <sup>th</sup>
	Leighton Cullars	July 30 <sup>th</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
*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

## Asthma and COVID-19

In the United States, the burden of asthma falls disproportionately on African Americans and Hispanics. People with moderate to severe asthma may be at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. COVID-19 can affect your respiratory tract (nose, throat, lungs), cause an asthma attack, and possibly lead to pneumonia and acute respiratory disease.

### Avoid your asthma triggers

Common asthma triggers are **Tobacco Smoke, Dust Mites, Cockroach Allergen, Outdoor Air Pollution, and Mold.**

As more cases of COVID-19 are discovered and our communities take action to combat the spread of disease, it is natural for some people to feel concerned or stressed. Strong emotions can trigger an asthma attack.

### Clean and disinfect things you or your family touch frequently

If possible, have someone who doesn't have asthma do the cleaning and disinfecting. When they use cleaning and disinfecting products, have them:

- Make sure that people with asthma are not in the room.
- Minimize use of disinfectants that can cause an asthma attack.
- Open windows or doors and use a fan that blows air outdoors.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces like phones, remotes, tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks daily.

### If you have symptoms

Contact your health care provider to ask about your symptoms.



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

# JULY 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
<b>28</b> 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#	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	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	<b>4</b>  <b>Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!</b>
5 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#	6	7	8 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	9 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	10	11  UMW Meeting via Tele-Video Conference 10 am ----- <b>Church Council Mtg 1 pm</b> via Zoom Tele-Video Conference
12 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#	13	14	15 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	16 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	17	18
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26 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#	27	28	29 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	30 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500# ----- <b>Wesley ZOOM Gathering</b> 7 pm	31	<b>1</b>  Trustee Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am -----

# Social Commentary

## Never Forget Our Only Sin: To Be Born in Black Skin

by John Fountain



Never forget: They flayed us. Mutilated us. Cut off our genitals. Set us ablaze. Posed for photographs brazenly, sometimes giddily, in front of burnt Black bodies then mailed them as picture postcards. Lynching was American sport. A weapon of mass subjugation. Bloodthirsty white lynch mobs terrorized Blacks, administered cruel and visceral hate with virtually no repercussions. The devil is in the details: They skinned us alive. Picked off our charred remains — fingers, toes, ears — taking them as souvenirs like pieces of bone sold, according to one account, for 10 to 25 cents.

Good “Christian” folk, lawyers, judges, sheriffs, business owners and fellow countrymen and women, they partook of, or reveled in, the sight of a noose being pulled tightly around a Black body, watching it jerk. They lynched children, whole families, little girls, pregnant women, their bodies dangling from trees or bridges. Some smoldered into the sunrise as the scent of charred flesh drifted over the morning dew. Or a swarm of vultures was found devouring a hanging black corpse. Our only sin: To be born in black skin.

It is pure American hate in a land of so-called “freedom” and “democracy.” It was during Reconstruction that a century-long era of racial hierarchy, lynching, white supremacy, and bigotry was established — an era from which this nation has yet to recover,” the report concludes. Indeed the rate of documented racial terror lynchings during that period was nearly three times greater than the rate of killing in the decades following Reconstruction, according to the report. An earlier report in 2015 detailed more than 4,400 racial terror lynchings from 1877 to 1950, a 74-year span. “Thousands more were assaulted, raped, or injured in racial terror attacks between 1865 and 1877,” the latest report reads. Bryan Stevenson, director of the legal advocacy group based in Montgomery, Alabama, writes in the introduction that the report aims “to provide context and analysis of what happened during this tragic period of American history and to describe its implications for the issues we face today.

“We believe our nation has failed to adequately address or acknowledge our history of racial injustice and that we must commit to a new era of truth-telling followed by meaningful efforts to repair and remedy the continuing legacy of racial oppression.” The report, which documents 34 mass lynchings across the country, also concluded that thousands of additional victims that were undocumented may be forever lost to history.

But America must never be allowed to forget — lynchings recorded and those not, whether back then or today. Never forget.

# Little Known Black History Fact

## Juneteenth

By D. L. Chandler



As many around the nation and the world celebrated the 155<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Juneteenth last Friday, also known as Emancipation Day, here's what you should know about the important date in history.

Juneteenth is a celebration of June 19, 1865. On that day, slaves in Galveston, Texas, were informed by Major General Gordon Granger that slavery had ended. This occurred over two years after Abraham Lincoln outlawed slavery with the Emancipation Proclamation.

The news, which effectively ended their enslavement, ignited a slew of celebrations.

While there aren't any official Juneteenth songs, as the celebrations grew so did the adopting of so-called "Freedom Songs" or spirituals that are largely connected to the civil rights movement. Standout songs like "Lift Every Voice and Sing," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and "This Little Light of Mine" also figured prominently in Juneteenth gatherings over the decades.

The family gatherings and cookouts that mark most nationally recognized holidays are also a strong centerpiece of Juneteenth. Community centers and churches also host events where readings of the Proclamation will take place, along with historical enactments and the like.

At these same events, the Freedom Songs will also hold some prominence in reflecting on the trials of those who were liberated from slavery that day.

Today, 47 states, including the District of Columbia, officially observe Juneteenth.

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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:**

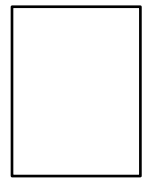
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**Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:**

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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 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 28<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### **June 28**

2 Kings 13:1-14:29

Acts 18:23-19:12

Psalm 146:1-10

Proverbs 18:2-3

#### **June 29**

2 Kings 15:1-16:20

Acts 19:13-41

Psalm 147:1-20

Proverbs 18:4-5

#### **June 30**

2 Kings 17:1-18:12

Acts 20:1-38

Psalm 148:1-14

Proverbs 18:6-7

#### **2020 Vision:**

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

(Matthew 19:14)

#### **4<sup>th</sup> of July**

2 Kings 23:31-25:30

Acts 22:17-23:10

Psalm 2:1-12

Proverbs 18:13

#### **July 1**

2 Kings 18:13-19:37

Acts 21:1-17

Psalm 149:1-9

Proverbs 18:8

#### **July 2**

2 Kings 20:1-22:2

Acts 21:18-36

Psalm 150:1-6

Proverbs 18:9-10

#### **July 3**

2 Kings 22:3-23:30

Acts 21:37-22:16

Psalm 1:1-6

Proverbs 18:11-12