

# *"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 seven weeks 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER 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 JULY: "Freedom to Flourish"**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**COLOR: GREEN**

**Scripture for the month:**

<sup>17</sup> Now, "the Lord" in this passage is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is present, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> All of us, then, reflect the glory of the Lord with uncovered faces; and that same glory, coming from the Lord, who is the Spirit, transforms us into his likeness in an ever greater degree of glory. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (GNT)

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

**Scripture**

Acts 3:1-11

see video, or page 4

**Psalm of Praise**

Psalm 139: 1-12

see video, or page 5

**Announcements**

**Offering**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

*"A Beautiful Gate and an Ugly Symbol"*

Pastor John Jackson

Trinity United Church of Christ - Gary, IN

**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

## *Acts 3:1-11 (MSG)*

<sup>1-5</sup> One day at three o'clock in the afternoon, Peter and John were on their way into the Temple for prayer meeting. At the same time there was a man crippled from birth being carried up. Every day he was set down at the Temple gate, the one named Beautiful, to beg from those going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter the Temple, he asked for a handout. Peter, with John at his side, looked him straight in the eye and said, "Look here." He looked up, expecting to get something from them.

<sup>6-8</sup> Peter said, "I don't have a nickel to my name, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" He grabbed him by the right hand and pulled him up. In an instant his feet and ankles became firm. He jumped to his feet and walked.

<sup>8-10</sup> The man went into the Temple with them, walking back and forth, dancing and praising God. Everybody there saw him walking around and praising God. They recognized him as the one who sat begging at the Temple's Gate Beautiful and rubbed their eyes, astonished, scarcely believing what they were seeing.

<sup>11</sup> The man threw his arms around Peter and John, ecstatic. All the people ran up to where they were at Solomon's Porch to see it for themselves.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (7/12/20)	83 (views)
Sunday School	16 (callers)
Prayer Group	5 (callers)
Bible Study	12
UMW Meeting	12
Church Council Meeting	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>148</b>

# Psalm of Praise

## *Psalms 139:1-12*

***(R) Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts.***

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known *me!*

<sup>2</sup> ***You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.***

<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> ***Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD,  
you know it altogether.***

<sup>5</sup> You pursue me behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> ***Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high, I cannot attain it.***

***(R) Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts.***

<sup>7</sup> Whither shall I go from your spirit?  
***Or whither shall I flee from your presence?***

<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you *are* there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you *are there!*

<sup>9</sup> ***If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,***

<sup>10</sup> ***even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.***

<sup>11</sup> If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"

<sup>12</sup> ***even the darkness is not dark to you,  
the night is bright as the day;  
for darkness is as light with you.***

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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** 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)

<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
*Darlene Clark and Family (1)	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 & 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
Shatarah Ridley	James Williams

# Social Commentary

## **Kim Foxx Wins Over Powerful Donors to Sign Her ‘Pledge to Fight for Racial Justice’**

by Laura Washington



We are the last ones to be invited into the room, and the last to be consulted. We are stereotyped, misunderstood, underestimated, and treated as second-class in a white man's world. For Black women, that experience pervades every professional arena — from corporations to the arts and entertainment to government and politics. Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx has lived it, from her rise from a troubled childhood in the Cabrini-Green housing project to becoming the first African American woman to serve as the county's top prosecutor.

Foxx has long felt “muted” by advisors and allies, she said last week. Told that she cannot wear her hair “natural.” Told not to fold her arms in photos, for fear of being perceived as an “angry Black woman.” Told she was not qualified, while white men with lighter resumes got ahead. “We don't talk about the subtle differences in how candidates of color are treated, particularly Black women, and oftentimes feeling very muted, feeling very unheard,” she said.

She recently convened meetings with her campaign staff, consultants and donors, she said in an interview, and calling on them sign on to a “Pledge to Fight for Racial Justice.” She told them, “It is no longer enough to say, ‘I supported the Black woman candidate, and that shows that I care about race equity,’ ” Foxx said. “I want you to be able to look at, you know, your relationships, who you bring to the table” in the political infrastructure.

She is working to on making her own political operation a racial equity model and asking her supporters to diversify their own staffs, operations, communications and spending, among other initiatives. The pledge is detailed on her website. The Foxx campaign contracts with nine consulting firms, according to spokesperson Alexandra P. Sims. Most employ few people of color. After meeting with Foxx, eight of them signed on to the pledge, Sims said.

Pete Giangreco is a 30-year veteran and partner with the Strategy Group and has worked on many campaigns, including Barack Obama's presidential runs. While his firm “has always tried to reach out,” Foxx helped convince him he needed to “double down,” he said. He added four women to his Chicago staff, including three women of color, and credits “Kim's call to do more and do better. Everything that happened in the world, you know, made us internally just want to be more intentional about it.

Dozens of Foxx donors have signed on, among them Bettylu Saltzman, Chuck Lewis, Illinois State Sen. Heather Steans and her husband, Leo Smith, and Michael Sacks, part owner of the Chicago Sun-Times.



“I want to see sustained attention and investment in equity in all aspects” of politics, Foxx said. Her pledge may be unprecedented in politics. It is certainly long overdue.

## Little Known Black History Fact

### **Sarah Bailey**

By D. L. Chandler



Today, the Girls Scouts organization is made up of young girls from all races learning valuable life lessons, but that wasn't always the case. The organization was desegregated via the efforts of **Sarah Randolph Bailey**, who began her mission in the mid '30's.

Bailey, born 1885 in Macon, Ga., was a longtime educator and missionary who saw the value in troubled young girls and volunteered her time to provide guidance. After working at a Macon rehabilitation and detention center for girls, Bailey had the vision to organize young women for the Young Women's Christian Association's (YWCA) Girl Reserves group.

In 1935, Bailey gathered informal groups of Black girls and started giving them the opportunity to learn life skills and lessons, much like their white counterparts in the Girl Scouts. After organizing some 15 Girl Reserve troops in Georgia, Girl Scouts, U.S.A. took notice and invited Bailey to organize the first Black Girl Scouts troop.

The group was formally introduced as official Scouts in 1948. Bailey was also named the chairwoman for the Macon Girl Scout's Central Committee and earned the Thanks badge, the Scouts' highest honor given to an adult. In 1961, a permanent campsite was named in her honor. She also worked as a district and council leader. Bailey passed in 1972.

In 1994, The Macon Girl Scouts Center was renamed the Sarah Bailey Service Center. She has also been the subject of a dedicated exhibit at Macon's Tubman Museum.

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	4 <b>Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!</b>
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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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## 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 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 July 19<sup>th</sup> – July 25<sup>th</sup>**

#### **July 19**

1 Chronicles 28:1-29:30

Romans 5:6-21

Psalms 15:1-5

Proverbs 19:18-19

#### **July 20**

2 Chronicles 1:1-3:17

Romans 6:1-23

Psalms 16:1-11

Proverbs 19:20-21

#### **July 21**

2 Chronicles 4:1-6:11

Romans 7:1-13

Psalms 17:1-15

Proverbs 19:22-23

### **2020 Vision:**

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

(Matthew 19:14)

#### **July 25**

2 Chronicles 14:1-16:14

Romans 9:1-24

Psalms 19:1-14

Proverbs 20:1

#### **July 22**

2 Chronicles 6:12-8:10

Romans 7:14-8:8

Psalms 18:1-15

Proverbs 19:24-25

#### **July 23**

2 Chronicles 8:11-10:19

Romans 8:9-25

Psalms 18:16-36

Proverbs 19:26

#### **July 24**

2 Chronicles 11:1-13:22

Romans 8:26-39

Psalms 18:37-50

Proverbs 19:27-29