

*"The Church With The Warm Heart"*

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## ***“Recharge Your Battery”***

Greetings, family, in the name of our Powerful God! In Isaiah 6:8 it says, “Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, “Here am I, send me!” We, the church, are always on the lookout for new “Isaiahs” who are willing to step-up, step-out, and step-in to some great ministry opportunity. We are always on the lookout for people to make that great transition from the pew to involvement in ministry. We are always on the lookout for a believer to use his or her gift to lift the church a little higher towards its goal of excellence. I encourage any “Isaiah” to rise up and answer the call to ministry because we need you like never before. However, I want to remind you of the dualism of summer. Summer is a period of activity but also a period for recharging yourself after a year of working hard. Take this time to enjoy what you have already achieved in your life this year. Take some time off, go on vacation, find time to relax and rejuvenate yourself. The ministry is not going anywhere and many opportunities will still be here when you come back off your vacation.

“Recharging your battery” is a euphemism for resting, recovering, getting your enthusiasm back, and regaining your excitement again for what the Lord is doing in your life and the collective life of the church. One of the powerful ways of “recharging your battery” is finding your own “mountain” to pray on. In chapter 14 of Matthew, Jesus had to find a mountain to pray on. After expending so much energy in ministry, he had to get recharged. So after dismissing the crowd and putting his disciples into a boat, he went up a mountain to pray. By the time he came down from the mountain, he was able to walk through a storm and on water (see Matt. 14:25). Your “mountain” could be your bedroom, bathroom, porch, living room, the lakefront, a walk path, the church, or any other quiet place. Never underestimate the power of prayer in your daily walk with God. Prayer can make the difference between success and failure in any venture. Never underestimate the power of prayer in the life of the congregation. If you want your church to be the best, then pray for it and then put flesh on your prayers. Become the living, breathing prayer for your church. Work to make sure your prayer becomes a reality for the church.

Let’s take this period of great, hot weather to reclaim our zest and zeal for the Lord’s work and by the fall, we will be ready to tackle the never-ending challenges of ministry in our fair city. Yes, Isaiahs, come forth and infect the entire congregation with your willingness to be sent out for ministry. But, remember, ministry is a marathon and not a sprint. Enjoy the summer, find a “mountain” to pray on, and then together let’s walk on water! Have a great week!

# NINTH 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 AUGUST: "Passionate Worship"**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: WHITE

Scripture for the month:

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Psalm 100:1-3

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

**Scripture**

Acts 16:20-28

see video, or page 4

**Psalm of Praise**

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

see video, or page 5

**Announcements**

**Offering**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

*"Transforming Midnights into Highlights"* Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Holy Communion**

A Service of Word and Table II see video, or hymnal (page 12)

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Benediction**

Stay curled up and cozy at home while helping your community, by supporting...

*United Methodist Women's*

# Stay-at-Home Tea

A FUNDRAISER



Ladies,

Look for your invitation in the mail soon!

United Methodist Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020

**Place:** Your house!

**Cost:** Your gracious donation

**Benefit:** Knowing you've helped others in need



# Morning Scripture

## Acts 16:20-28 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city;

<sup>21</sup> ***and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe.***"

<sup>22</sup> Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded *them* to be beaten with rods.

<sup>23</sup> ***And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely.***

<sup>24</sup> Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> ***But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.***

<sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

<sup>27</sup> ***And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.***

<sup>28</sup> ***But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."***

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (7/26/20)	73 (views)
Worship Call            "	28 (callers)
Sunday School           "	15 (callers)
Prayer Group	14 (callers)
Bible Study	5 (views/calls)
UMW Project Meeting	12 (callers)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>147</b>

# Psalm of Praise

*Psalm 17:1-7, 15*

***(R) Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.***

<sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O LORD, attend to my cry!  
***Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!***

<sup>2</sup> From you let my vindication come!  
***Let your eyes see the right!***

<sup>3</sup> If you try my heart, if you visit *me* by night,  
***if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;  
my mouth does not transgress.***

<sup>4</sup> Concerning what others do:  
I have avoided the ways of the violent  
by following your word.

<sup>5</sup> ***My steps have held fast to your paths,  
my feet have not slipped.***

***(R) Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.***

<sup>6</sup> I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
***incline your ear to me, hear my words.***

<sup>7</sup> Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.

<sup>15</sup> ***As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;  
when I awake I shall be satisfied with beholding your presence.***

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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.
- **UMW Stay-at-Home Tea Fundraiser** What a challenging summer! Never more than for the children and youth displaced from valuable summer camps and other support programs. **Saturday, August 29, 2020** Wesley's UMW unit invites you to curl up in your favorite chair and relax with a soothing cup of tea! We will be sending invitations to tea with a complementary tea bag and a return envelope for a donation. Your gift will help the UMW continue on-going support of programs such as *Kids Above All* (previously known as *ChildServ*) and other programs serving women, children and youth that struggle to maintain services during the COVID crisis.
- **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**.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Kaylin Horvath	August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Eboni Hudson-Layne	August 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Charles Woolery, Sr.	August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Clarence Sanders	August 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Johnee Hooks	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Leslie Stokes	August 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Rodney Westerfield	August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Theresa Bradshaw	August 25 <sup>th</sup>
Lucille Sanders	August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy Hart	August 26 <sup>th</sup>
April Crockett	August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Hubbard	August 26 <sup>th</sup>
Mildred Echols	August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Odis Franklin	August 29 <sup>th</sup>
Chris Wormsby	August 16 <sup>th</sup>	B.J. Curtis	August 29 <sup>th</sup>
Monee Spearmon	August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Faye Smith	August 30 <sup>th</sup>
Richard Kokuma	August 21 <sup>st</sup>	James Moss	August 31 <sup>st</sup>

## PRAYER LIST

**Below is this week's prayer list. Please keep these persons in your prayers!**

(\* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

<b>SHUT-IN</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 Gerald (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)
*Fred Williams (20)	*Lucious Smith (12)

<b>GENERAL</b>		
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	Leslie Carey Kirk	Belinda Starks
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	Byron Agnew, Jr.	Katherine Thompson
*Y. Shorter-Darden & Family (4)	Sam Agnew	Shatarah Ridley
*Gloria Banks (20)	Nannie Agnew	David Williams
*Doris Echols (16)	Juanita Weatherspoon	Owen McPherson
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Annie Lois Robinson	James Williams
*Diamond Jones (12)	Jessica Smith Crenshaw	James Taylor
*Trinity Jones (12)	Joyce Chisem-Davis	James Curtis
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Carolyn Ransom	The Baker Family
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Sylvia Nichols	Anna Young
*Mark Garrett (5)	Milton Kellum	Dorothy Williams
*The Plaxico Family (17)	Rosie Howard	Lois Tucker
*Denise Richardson (20)	Natesha Smith	Katherine Evans
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	James Sanders	Carl Frazier
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	Joanna Lennhardt	Robert A. Watkins
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Martha Muhs	Aaron Thomas, Jr.
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Muriel Bolden	Michael Miller
*The Hudson/Bradshaw Families (7   1   12)	Gregory Simms	Angel Acosta
*The Moss Family (13)	Norbert Sanders	Tiffany Pompeo
*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	
*Odis & Lucinda Franklin Family (20)	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	

# Social Commentary

## Until Black Lives Matter, Let Us Pray

by John Fountain



Until Black lives matter, let us pray. Pray that this city will regain its lost soul. Pray that Black and brown neighborhoods will be made whole. Pray, O Chicago, that we will cease to be so cold-blooded. A bloodstained world-class city now flooded with steel rain. With mothers' pain. With rivers of murder and endless names, lives and souls claimed. Have we no shame? Pray that streets from Englewood to K-Town, from Austin and back down to Roseland will once again ring with children's laughter, with little boys playing baseball. Resound with the slap of jump ropes against the sidewalk and summer banter more than gunshots.

*Pop-pop-pop... Take cover. Another Black body drops. When will the killing stop?*

Pray. For divine intervention amid impotent good intentions by the powers that be. Amid the church's laxity. Amid the abandonment of morality by too many in our community. Pray against the disintegration of family. Against the infestation of depravity that has eaten at the fabric of this city like cancer. Pray. For vengeance, retaliation or federal troops are not the answer. Pray for the solution, for resolve, for unwavering will. Pray that peace will be still and confiscate this chaos. Pray that light will swallow up this darkness that fills the hearts and minds of too many young Black men with the insatiable lust to kill and kill again.

Pray. For righteousness exalts a nation, not sin. Pray that God will transform the hearts of men. However grand the plan to mend this ailing soulless city, let it begin with prayer. With the faithful fervent prayers uttered by our ancestors whose spirits still yearn for peace, freedom and the posterity of Black people. Prayers that lifted us up from chattel slavery to build grand institutions, even churches with grand steeples. Prayers that preserved us from cruel slave masters' hands. Prayers that led us as we walked through the valley of the shadow of death across America's lynching land, across the desert sands of Jim Crow's hate-filled plan. The prayers that helped Martin, Malcolm, Medgar and John Lewis stand. Pray. Like we used to — before complacency set in. Before we began to mimic the oppressor's plan. Before the glint of materialism stole our spiritual affections like a grand ploy that left us wandering across this Promised Land.

Pray that we will be bold as we confront the enemy on every side. Pray that His hand will guide. That He will grant us strength and the strategy to combat this gun violence that burns like wildfire, even as we



tire of the shooting and the body count. As killings mount. Pray that mothers will have the courage to turn in murderous sons. That young men will have the wisdom to put down their guns. Until Black lives matter. Let us pray.

## Little Known Black History Fact

### Jo Anderson

By D. L. Chandler



In modern times, despite poor record-keeping and erased histories, it has been revealed that enslaved African-Americans contributed far more than free labor to this country.

A slave, **Jo Anderson**, is largely credited as the co-inventor of the McCormick mechanical reaper, which revolutionized American farming in the 19th Century.

Jo Anderson, who was born in 1808, was owned by the family of inventor Robert McCormick. McCormick invented a horse-drawn reaper, which is an instrument that gathers and collects crops, but never refined the device. He handed over the designs to his son, Cyrus, who made significant improvements, but Anderson was right there in lockstep with the younger McCormick.

During this month in 1831, McCormick and Anderson debuted their version of the reaper with both men showing of its capabilities to speed up the harvest collection. The device was patented in 1834, and was largely seen as an updated version of earlier versions of the reaper that were invented in Scotland and other locales.

In 1931, Cyrus McCormick II, the grandson of Cyrus McCormick, wrote in his book *The Century of The Reaper* that Anderson should have been noted as a co-inventor of the device.

This family account has been supported by descendants of the McCormicks many times over. Another account that Anderson and McCormick were just a year apart in age and were more like brothers than slaves. When McCormick freed Anderson before the Civil War, Anderson couldn't live freely so he worked for farming neighbors at a rate of \$60 per month which McCormick paid until his death.

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

# AUGUST 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>2</p> <p>9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259#</p> <p>Remote Worship &amp; 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#</p>	3	4	<p>5</p> <p>Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#</p>	7	<p>1</p> <p>8</p> <p>UMW Meeting via Tele-Video Conference 10 am -----</p>
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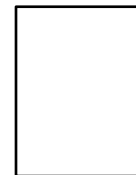
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**SAVE these Conference Call Numbers**

**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 August 2<sup>nd</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>**

#### **August 2**

2 Chronicles 32:1-33:13  
Romans 15:23-16:9  
Psalm 25:16-22  
Proverbs 20:16-18

#### **August 3**

2 Chronicles 33:14-34:33  
Romans 16:10-27  
Psalm 26:1-12  
Proverbs 20:19

#### **August 4**

2 Chronicles 35:1-36:23  
1 Corinthians 1:1-17  
Psalm 27:1-6  
Proverbs 20:20-21

#### **2020 Vision:**

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

(Matthew 19:14)

#### **August 8**

Ezra 7:1-8:20  
1 Corinthians 4:1-21  
Psalm 30:1-12  
Proverbs 20:28-30

#### **August 5**

Ezra 1:1-2:70  
1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5  
Psalm 27:7-14  
Proverbs 20:22-23

#### **August 6**

Ezra 3:1-4:23  
1 Corinthians 2:6-3:4  
Psalm 28:1-9  
Proverbs 20:24-25

#### **August 7**

Ezra 4:24-6:22  
1 Corinthians 3:5-23  
Psalm 29:1-11  
Proverbs 20:26-27