

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

August 16, 2020

Watch Out for the
Enemy
Called
'AVERAGE'

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“Do It With *Passion*”

Well, family, we finished up with Extravagant Generosity which is one of the five practices of fruitful congregations. We have four more to go. Our new practice that we will study for the next four weeks is Passionate Worship. Passionate worship is worship that is dynamic, vibrant, intentional, joyful, reverent, and designed to facilitate an encounter with God. Passionate worship is worship that allows the individual to experience the presence and power of God through singing, praying, giving, praising, and hearing the preached word. Worship is important to the life of the body of Christ because it connects the believer to God and to fellow believers. Through worship, we remember the mighty acts of God, and through that remembering we stay connected to our great God. Through worship, we remember the unconditional love God shows us, and through that remembering we are empowered to show that unconditional love to our neighbors. Through worship, we sing the songs of Zion, which help us to remember what God has done in the past, what he is doing in the present, and what God will do in the future. Worship is where we meet God and where God meets us. It is a time of remembering.

Passionate Worship is necessary for Wesley because it is an entry point for new members to join us. The first encounter potential members and converts have with us is through our worship service. Usually, first-time guests are curious to know how the congregation worships. They have questions they come armed with, such as, does this congregation love God? Does the congregation give expression to their love via worship? Is there energy? Is there enthusiasm? Is there joy? And...Is there passion in their worship? Do they sing like they mean it? Do they pray like it is as essential as breathing? Do they give with cheerfulness? Is the word preached with passion? These are some of the questions first-time guests come with. And believe it or not, their questions are answered by the way we worship.

We must remember what Bishop Schnase says about worship: *“God uses worship to transform lives, heal wounded souls, renew hope, shape decisions, provoke change, inspire compassion, and bind people to one another.”*

Finally, I believe passionate worship is worship that is done as if it were your last opportunity to worship God. When it is over, one should feel as if one has just worked out. That is how engaging and participatory it should be. Passionate worship is never meant to be a spectator sport. Furthermore, it is transportable. It is not just confined to the church building. Passionate worship can be offered anywhere at any time to an awesome God. The psalmist wrote: “I will bless the LORD at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth.” Have a great week.

ELEVENTH 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 AUGUST: "Passionate Worship"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: GREEN

Scripture for the month:

¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. ² Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. ³ 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 Mark 10:35-45 see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise Psalm 133 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon "Watch Out for the Enemy Called Average" Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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

Mark 10:35-45 (NKJV)

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶ ***And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"***

³⁷ They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

³⁸ ***But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"***

³⁹ They said to Him, "We are able."

So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized;

⁴⁰ ***but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared."***

⁴¹ And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

⁴² ***But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.***

⁴³ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

⁴⁴ ***And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.***

⁴⁵ ***For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."***

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 133

(R) Unite us, Lord, unite us by your everlasting love.

¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when we live together in unity!

***² It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!***

³ It is like the dew of Hermon
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
***For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life for evermore.***

(R) Unite us, Lord, unite us by your everlasting love.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (8/9/20)	73 (views)
Worship Call “	26 (callers)
Sunday School “	15 (callers)
Prayer Group	5 (callers)
Bible Study	10 (views/calls)
UMW Planning Meeting	6 (callers)
TOTAL	135

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.
- **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.
- **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**.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

PRAYER LIST

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

(* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

SHUT-IN	
*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)

GENERAL		
*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	Tammy Pompeo
*Darlene Clark and Family (1)	Brittany Porter	Sharon Cruikshank
*Lorraine Forbes and Family (3)	Rhonda Monique Miller	Vinelle Myrie
*Charles & B.J. Curtis and Family (3)	Ashley Parks	Alexandria Ward
*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	
*Ena Davis (1)	Rochelle Johnson	
*Gwendolyn Watkins (7)	The Ford & Robinson Families	
Davion McNeal	Mila Kuntu	
Rashaud Thompson	Ron Birton	
Mae Gilliams Fizer & Family	Aiden Combs	

SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

Slow the spread of Coronavirus with Cloth Face Coverings

The CDC advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for health care workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings

Cloth face coverings should -

- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- Be secured with ties or ear loops
- Include multiple layers of fabric
- Allow for breathing without restriction
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape



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Social Commentary

Chicago Needs Leaders, Not Elected Officials Looking For Scapegoats

by CST Editorial Board



Hundreds of people swooped into Chicago’s downtown area on Sunday night into Monday morning to smash in store windows and loot, seemingly out of nowhere, and the obvious question is whether this was premeditated and organized. Who first tweeted — inaccurately — that police in the Englewood neighborhood had shot an unarmed 15-year-old boy in the face? What was the tweeter’s purpose? Who first urged young people, again via social media, to jump into cars and drive downtown? What was the intent? Who brought in that U-Haul truck into which looters threw stolen goods? If there was a design behind the mayhem, let’s find out. Let’s make arrests. When a city is a tinderbox, there’s no room for people who light matches. What we can say for sure, though, is that Chicago’s official response to the looting and property destruction, as well as to two shootings and months of escalating gun violence, has been anything but organized. There has been an utter lack of teamwork, and our city is paying the price.

Why, quite simply, did Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx hold dueling press conferences on Monday? Why did they not stand side-by-side on the same stage? The sun was barely up and storekeepers along Michigan Avenue were just beginning to sweep up the broken glass when Lightfoot held a press conference to deplore the looting, promise a tough police response — and blame Foxx. The looters on Sunday, she and Police Supt. David Brown said, were emboldened by the failure of Foxx’s prosecutors to take earlier arrests for looting seriously. Because looters arrested back in May and June were not “prosecuted to the fullest extent,” Brown said, looters today “act like there are no consequences of their behavior.”

At a separate press conference later, Foxx shot back that Lightfoot and Brown had their facts all wrong, having lumped together looters and peaceful protesters. “I understand the superintendent’s and the mayor’s frustration. I share their frustration,” Foxx said. “Looters have been charged and are awaiting trial. Peaceful protesters have not had their cases pursued.” Foxx complained about “dishonest blame games” and accused Lightfoot of seizing on an “overly simplistic answer” to a complex problem.

Chicago needs leaders, not elected officials looking for scapegoats. It’s not hard to make a case that every branch of the local criminal justice system — the police, the state’s attorney’s office, the sheriff’s office and the courts — is in part to blame for the city’s failure to curb violent crime rates and the kind of chaos we witnessed this weekend. But the underlying conditions driving Chicago’s crime and unrest, from the impact of the pandemic to long-standing problems of economic and racial injustice to a palpable distrust of the police, are not about to disappear any time soon. Chicago needs leaders who are willing to sit down together, hash out their personal and philosophical differences and do a better job of working together.

Little Known Black History Fact

Harriet Jacobs

By D. L. Chandler



Harriet Jacobs was a former slave who penned an autobiography detailing her escape from an oppressive master who made sexual advances towards her. Jacobs became a darling of the anti-slavery movement with the publication of her book, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, helping other slaves by way of her celebrity.

Jacobs was born into slavery in Edenton, N.C. in 1813. Jacobs wrote in her book that the first six years of her life, she didn't realize she was owned. After the death of her owner, she was given to a girl too young to be a master and fell under the rule of the girl's father, Dr. James Norcom, at age 12. When Jacobs turned 15, Norcom pursued her sexually though she rebuffed him at every turn.

Norcom's wife was well aware of her husband's insidious actions. He built a cottage four miles away just for Jacobs. She wanted to marry a free Black man but was refused, and instead got pregnant by an unmarried white lawyer. Jacobs thought this meant that Norcom would sell her but he was relentless in his pursuit and even took ownership of her two children. In the summer of 1835, Jacobs learned that Norcom was going to make her children work as slaves and that motivated her escape. With the help of neighbors both Black and white, she lived for a time in her grandmother's vermin-infested attic. For seven years, Jacobs was a fugitive, separated from her children.

In 1842, she finally boarded a boat and left North Carolina for Philadelphia and then took a train to New York. She was later reunited with her daughter and began working with abolitionists who were associated with Frederick Douglass' paper, *The North Star*. She eventually purchased her freedom after years as a fugitive, and was convinced by friends to write about her trials. In 1853, Jacobs began writing anonymous letters to the *New York Tribune* detailing her journey. In the letters, she broached the uncomfortable subject of sexual harassment and what mothers needed to do to protect their children from sexual predators.

In 1860, a year before the start of the Civil War, her memoir was finally published making Jacobs a global figure as the anti-slavery movement began to flourish. She used her fame and money to help other refugee slaves but the book fell into obscurity. After her death, the book was reprinted twice in 1973 and 1987, becoming an important account of what fugitive female slaves faced. By some historic accounts, Jacobs is considered the first person to create such a narrative.

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.

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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:

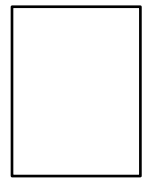
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Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:

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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 August 16th – August 22nd

August 16

Nehemiah 11:1-12:26

1 Corinthians 10:14-33

Psalm 34:11-22

Proverbs 21:14-16

August 17

Nehemiah 12:27-13:31

1 Corinthians 11:1-16

Psalm 35:1-16

Proverbs 21:17-18

August 18

Esther 1:1-3:15

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Psalm 35:17-28

Proverbs 21:19-20

2020 Vision:

"The Year of the Child"

(Matthew 19:14)

August 22

Job 4:1-7:21

1 Corinthians 14:18-40

Psalm 37:30-40

Proverbs 21:27

August 19

Esther 4:1-7:10

1 Corinthians 12:1-26

Psalm 36:1-12

Proverbs 21:21-22

August 20

Esther 8:1-10:3

1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13

Psalm 37:1-11

Proverbs 21:23-24

August 21

Job 1:1-3:26

1 Corinthians 14:1-17

Psalm 37:12-29

Proverbs 21:25-26