

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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“When God Calls, Answer the Phone”

The Bible is pregnant with stories about God calling individuals to particular tasks; tasks that could not be completed if it were not for divine collaboration. For example, in the call story of Moses, Moses is a fugitive of Egyptian justice living in Midian and because he is in witness protection, his new identity is that of a shepherd. Picture Moses taking care of sheep and/or goats for 40 years after spending the previous 40 years in Pharaoh's house. Picture Moses dealing with the rigors of shepherding after spending 40 years studying mathematics, science, religion, linguistics, engineering, and Egyptian history. He seems to be out of place but according to God's plan, Moses was in the right place at the right time. In Exodus 3, Moses is then called by God via a burning bush to leave the Midianite witness protection program and assume another identity as the liberator of the Israelite people. In his “burning bush experience,” he is called to a task that is beyond his abilities and that is when God says, I will be with you. Whenever God calls people to particular tasks that seem so impossible or outrageous, the recipient of the ‘call’ must always be aware and conscious of the fact that God is with them. The recipient of the ‘call’ has to be totally convinced that the God who called them will be empowering, guiding, and helping them to complete their assignment.

I believe that Moses is not the only one that has had or will have a “burning bush” experience. I believe that God is still in the ‘calling’ business. I believe that God needs human partners to address the plethora of needs in our world. For every pathology that afflicts us, God has a human panacea. For every evil that afflicts us, God has a divine list of men, women, and children God can ‘call’ and use them as divine change agents to bring about desired and needed change. And let us not relegate God to just the sacred arena. God is omnipresent. God is active in both the sacred and secular. Just as God calls men and women to become pastors, preachers, evangelists, deacons, etc., God calls men and women to become doctors, lawyers, entrepreneurs, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, scientists, and other notable professions. God is active everywhere.

Everyone's call may not be as dramatic as Moses' call. I am not suggesting that everyone's “burning bush” is the same. But what I am suggesting is that I believe God calls each one of us to do something to make this world a better place. The church is holy ground and sacred space that facilitates an encounter with this God. The church is also here to remind persons that God is omnipresent, which means that God can call you to do something at anytime and anywhere. Listen and be attentive for God to speak to you and, like Moses, be courageous enough to say, “Here I am.”

THIRTEENTH 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

Psalm 122

see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 105

see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Series

The Songs of Ascents

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Today's Message:

"I Was Glad"

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

United Methodist
Women's

Stay-at-Home Tea

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Morning Scripture

Psalm 122 (NKJV)

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go into the house of the LORD.”

² ***Our feet have been standing
Within your gates, O Jerusalem!***

³ Jerusalem is built
As a city that is compact together,

⁴ ***Where the tribes go up,
The tribes of the LORD,
To the Testimony of Israel,
To give thanks to the name of the LORD.***

⁵ For thrones are set there for judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.

⁶ ***Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.***

⁷ Peace be within your walls,
Prosperity within your palaces.”

⁸ ***For the sake of my brethren and companions,
I will now say, “Peace be within you.”***

⁹ ***Because of the house of the LORD our God
I will seek your good.***

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (8/23/20)	93 (views)
Worship Call “	34 (callers)
Sunday School “	15 (callers)
Prayer Group	8 (callers)
Bible Study	11 (views/calls)
UMW Planning Meeting	4 (callers)
TOTAL	165

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 105

(R) They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

¹ Oh, give thanks to the LORD, call upon God's name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples!

***² Sing to the LORD, sing praises!
Tell of all God's wonderful works!***

³ Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek the LORD's presence continually!

⁵ Remember the wonderful works God has done,
the miracles and judgments God has uttered,

⁶ O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

(R) They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

⁷ The LORD is our God;
whose judgments *are* in all the earth.

***⁸ The LORD is mindful of his everlasting covenant,
of the word commanded for a thousand generations,***

⁹ *the covenant* made with Abraham,
his promise sworn to Isaac,

¹⁰ and confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel *as* an everlasting covenant, saying

¹¹ "To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance."

(R) They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

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.
- **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**.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Melinda Geddes	September 2 nd	Alexandria Finley	September 10 th
Mydia Barker	September 3 rd	Helen Tuck	September 16 th
Jayce Johnson	September 3 rd	Bradley West	September 16 th
Melania Newman	September 3 rd	Erica Clark	September 18 th
Vickie Powell-Bass	September 3 rd	Elizabeth Bailey	September 21 st
Maurice Smith	September 4 th	Betty Jenkins	September 21 st
Janice Dulaney	September 6 th	Cheri Liggins	September 23 rd
Barbara Shepherd	September 6 th	A.C. Walton	September 26 th
Julia Porter	September 8 th	Kaliyah Flakes	September 27 th
Cameron Davis		September 28 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	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	Davion McNeal
*Dorothy Williamson and Family (10)	Rebecca Merkson	Willie Moore
*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	
*Doris Thompson (19)	Mila Kuntu	
Rashaud Thompson	Ron Birton	
Mae Gilliams Fizer & Family	Aiden Combs	

SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

Oral Health

A dentist can determine many things about your overall health by conducting an oral exam. When we think of dental hygiene care, the basics come to mind: bad breath prevention, gum disease, tooth decay, and routine cleanings. However, there is much more that your mouth may reveal about what is going on in your body. A good oral examination and saliva testing can detect the following diseases and concerns:

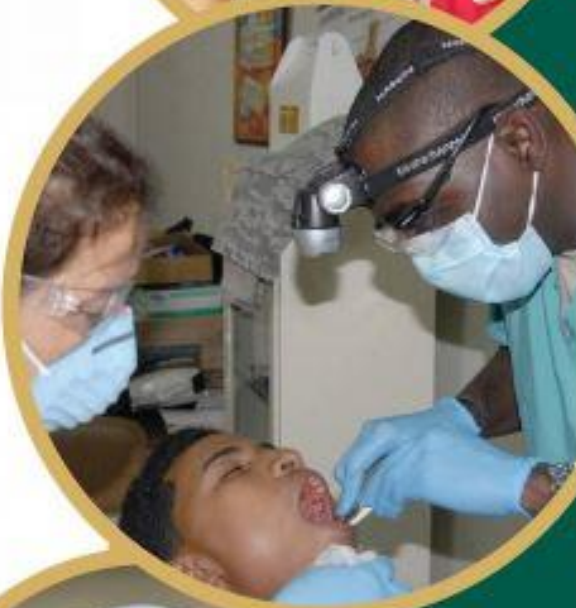
- **Diabetes**
- **Osteoporosis/Bone loss**
- **Certain Cancer Markers**
- **HIV/AIDS**
- **Environmental Toxins**
- **Illegal Drug Use**
- **Hepatitis**

Saliva not only protects against disease-causing bacteria, but is used for genetic testing and to replace blood testing for various diseases.

Regular dental visits are essential. Your mouth is a small part of the body that has an enormous impact on your overall health.

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

SEPTEMBER 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
30 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#	31	1	2 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	3 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	4	5 UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am
6 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#	7	8	9 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	10 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	11	12 UMW Meeting via Tele-Video Conference 10 am -----
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20 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#	21	22	23 LifeLine Screenings ----- Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	24 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	25	26 Trustee Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am -----
27 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#	28	29	30 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	1 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	2	3

Social Commentary

Democratic Presidential Nominee Joe Biden Gives It His Best Shot

by Mary Mitchell



You can't talk about Joe Biden without talking about divine providence because he is a man of faith. I know. In this space, we don't usually talk about faith. But at a time when babies are being shot, elderly people are dying alone and healthy people can't go to work, a little faith is what's needed. For instance, when Barack Obama picked Biden as his running mate in 2008, I was one of those who was shocked that he passed up a chance to double down on history by choosing Hillary Clinton, a consolation for her failed attempt to become the first woman president.

Biden wasn't what many of us expected. After all, Wilmington, Delaware, isn't a place a lot of working-class Black people have been, and Biden, a veteran in Washington politics, was a long way from the working-class neighborhoods that Obama needed to win over in order to make history. But Biden's life story — from the personal losses he has endured to the shortcomings he has overcome — is as compelling as any you will hear from people living on the West or South sides of Chicago.

It would have been great if America had been at the point where the party didn't have to put a white man on the ticket with Obama to bring out white voters. But we weren't there. And while Biden had been outed for insensitive racial remarks he made during the primary, saying Obama was the first "mainstream African American who is articulate and bright" running for the presidency, he was able to bring out enough white voters in battleground states to help Obama over the racial hump.

On the night when Obama won the presidency, it could have been that "great gettin' up mornin'." Biden used the moment Thursday night to thank former President Obama, calling him a great president. When Biden tapped Sen. Kamala Harris as his running mate, his life came full circle. Indeed, Harris' accusation in the primary that Biden had once helped segregationists could have been a knock-out punch. But that awkward moment for Biden turned into Harris' march into history. Harris is now in a position to run for president with some wind under her wings.

Biden has a habit of putting his foot in his mouth, and November will be here soon. I hope he doesn't get in the way. As my church sisters would say: "Look at God."

Little Known Black History Fact

Dr. Cornelius Golightly

By D. L. Chandler



The late **Dr. Cornelius Golightly** was one of the 20th Century's most prominent public intellectuals who also amassed a series of "firsts" over the course of his life. Dr. Golightly was born on May 23, 1917.

Cornelius Lacy Golightly was born in Waterford, Mississippi. He entered Alabama's Talladega College at 17 and became something of an academic superstar early on. He was one of a handful of Black students in 1938 who participated in the New Honor Society's "Intellectual Olympics" and was the object of glowing praise.

After Talladega, Golightly entered the University of Michigan to earn both his Master's and Ph. D in Philosophy and promptly went into academics, teaching at Howard University briefly before he moved on to Olivet College in Michigan. He became that school's first Black philosopher to join the faculty.

Adding to his achievements, Golightly, who became involved in civil rights, was the first Black person to win a city-wide election to the Milwaukee School Board in 1961. In 1969, he became the first Black philosophy professor at Wayne State University and in 1973, Golightly became the first Black president of the Detroit Board of Education.

It was during the height of his tenure with the Detroit board that Golightly got involved in the issues of school integration and busing, causes dear to him. However, Golightly suffered a brain hemorrhage and he died in 1976 at the age of 58.

Reportedly, the family donated his body for study to the University of Michigan.

In 1982, Detroit Public Schools opened the Golightly Career and Technical in his honor.

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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

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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 August 30th – September 5th

August 30

Job 34:1-36:33

2 Corinthians 4:1-12

Psalms 44:1-8

Proverbs 22:10-12

August 31

Job 37:1-39:30

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10

Psalms 44:9-26

Proverbs 22:13

September 1

Job 40:1-42:17

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Psalms 45:1-17

Proverbs 22:14

2020 Vision:

"The Year of the Child"

(Matthew 19:14)

September 5

Ecclesiastes 10:1-12:14

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Psalms 49:1-20

Proverbs 22:20-21

September 2

Ecclesiastes 1:1-3:22

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Psalms 46:1-11

Proverbs 22:15

September 3

Ecclesiastes 4:1-6:12

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:7

Psalms 47:1-9

Proverbs 22:16

September 4

Ecclesiastes 7:1-9:18

2 Corinthians 7:8-16

Psalms 48:1-14

Proverbs 22:17-19