

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

September 6, 2020

The Songs of Ascents



**I Will Trust in
the Lord.**

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“The Lay-Driven Church”

Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ! Another glorious day has been given to us and we shall rejoice and be glad in it. In the book, The Lay Driven Church: How to Empower the People in Your Church to Share the Tasks of Ministry, the author challenges misguided yet traditional thoughts about who should actually drive the ministry within a church. In a revolutionary way, Melvin J. Steinbron argues that the laity, the people of God, is to be the ‘main’ doer of ministry in a church and not the pastor. He is not saying that there is no need for a pastor, but what he is saying is that the pastor and paid staff are to empower, teach, train, and deploy the laity to engage in ministry.

Imagine for a minute what Wesley Church would look like if every baptized believer were involved in some ministry? Imagine for a minute how different our church campus and surrounding community would look if every baptized believer were involved in ministry? Our church would be abuzz with all kinds of ministry activity. Every generation's needs would be met. The children, youth, young adults, adults, baby boomers, and the seasoned saints would all have thriving ministries to join and be a part of. There would not be one unmet need within our church and community if every baptized believer were involved in ministry. God's work is so important and so large that it cannot be done by the typical 20 percent of the congregation who do 80 percent of the work. Much of God's work is left undone because there are simply not enough people willing to commit to ministry. We all have to begin to believe that every baptized believer is a minister. Once we realize that then we will be on our way to fulfilling our mission of making disciples of Jesus the Christ. You can begin by volunteering to serve during Vacation Bible School that starts tomorrow and runs through Friday. We are still in need of volunteers. It takes teamwork to make our dream work. Come here Nehemiah.

In the story of Nehemiah rebuilding Jerusalem's walls, it would not have happened without the people saying, “Let us rise up and build” and also having a “mind to work.” Come here Moses. Moses could not have become the legendary lawgiver and liberator of Israel if the people refused to participate. God's work cannot get accomplished without the full and committed participation from God's people.

Today, won't you commit to get involved in one of the ministries at Wesley? We not only need every member to be involved in ministry, but we also need every member to display awesome commitment. The Bible supports the argument that the saints are to be equipped for ministry: ¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ **(Ephesians 4:11-13)**.

It takes all of the people of God to do all of the work of God.

Have a blessed week!

FOURTEENTH 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 SEPTEMBER: *"Keep the Faith"*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: WHITE

Scripture for the month:

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not yet seen." Hebrews 11:1

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture Psalm 125 see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise Psalm 148 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Series *The Songs of Ascents* Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Today's Message: *"I Will Trust in the Lord"*

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

Morning Scripture

Psalm 125 (NKJV)

¹ Those who trust in the LORD
 Are like Mount Zion,
 Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

² ***As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
 So the LORD surrounds His people
 From this time forth and forever.***

³ For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
 On the land allotted to the righteous,
 Lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity.

⁴ ***Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
 And to those who are upright in their hearts.***

⁵ ***As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways,
 The LORD shall lead them away
 With the workers of iniquity.***

Peace be upon Israel!

| WEEKLY ATTENDANCE | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Morning Worship (8/30/20) | 77 (views) |
| Worship Call “ | 33 (callers) |
| Sunday School “ | 8 (callers) |
| Prayer Group | 7 (callers) |
| Bible Study | 10 (views/calls) |
| UMW Planning Meeting | 6 (callers) |
| TOTAL | 141 |

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 148

(R) Let all things their creator bless: Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens,
praise the LORD, in the heights!

***² Praise the LORD, all his angels,
praise the LORD, all his hosts!***

³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon,
praise the LORD, all shining stars!

***⁴ Praise the LORD, highest heavens,
and all the waters above the heavens!***

(R) Let all things their creator bless: Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded and they were created,

***⁶ who established them for ever and ever,
and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.***

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
sea monsters and all deeps,

***⁸ fire and hail, snow and smoke,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!***

(R) Let all things their creator bless: Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

***¹⁰ Beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!***

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

***¹² Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!***

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name alone is exalted,
whose glory is above earth and heaven.

***¹⁴ God has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful ones,
for the children of Israel who are near their God.
Praise the LORD!***

(R) Let all things their creator bless: Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.
- The **Wesley United Methodist Women** are celebrating **Women's Day** by leading a virtual Worship Service on Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 10:30 am. Our theme is **Open the Door to Faith** and the speaker is our recently past District Superintendent, **Rev. Dr. Tracy S. Malone**. She is now Bishop of the Eastern Ohio Conference. As we worship at home, we can focus on her strong empowering message of opening the door to Faith that will give us spiritual support for our coming days. Please join us on September 27th! Peace be with you. Wesley United Methodist Women
- **Get Your Sandals Dusty! The 2020 UMM Annual Spiritual Congress** will be online this year, **Saturday, September 19, 2020, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm**. Guest speakers will include **Bishop Sally Dyck, Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Congressman Danny K. Davis, Father Michael Pflieger** and more. For additional details and to register for the event, go to www.nicum.org.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 |

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| Cameron Davis | September 28 th |
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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 | Katherine Thompson |
| *LaRue Grizzard (4) | Byron Agnew, Jr. | Shatarah Ridley |
| *Y. Shorter-Darden & Family (4) | Sam Agnew | David Williams |
| *Gloria Banks (20) | Nannie Agnew | Owen McPherson |
| *Doris Echols (16) | Juanita Weatherspoon | James Williams |
| *Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19) | Annie Lois Robinson | James Taylor |
| *Diamond Jones (12) | Jessica Smith Crenshaw | James Curtis |
| *Trinity Jones (12) | Joyce Chisem-Davis | The Baker Family |
| *Lawrence Moore (13) | Carolyn Ransom | Anna Young |
| *Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5) | Sylvia Nichols | Dorothy Williams |
| *Mark Garrett (5) | Milton Kellum | Lois Tucker |
| *The Plaxico Family (17) | Rosie Howard | Katherine Evans |
| *Denise Richardson (20) | Natesha Smith | Carl Frazier |
| *Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4) | James Sanders | Robert A. Watkins |
| *Jessie Gilmore (16) | Joanna Lennhardt | Aaron Thomas, Jr. |
| *Maurice & Faye Smith (17) | Martha Muhs | Michael Miller |
| *Theresa Bradshaw (12) | Muriel Bolden | Angel Acosta |
| *The Hudson/Bradshaw Families (7 1 12) | Gregory Simms | Tammy Pompeo |
| *The Moss Family (13) | Norbert Sanders | Sharon Cruikshank |
| *Darlene Clark and Family (1) | Brittany Porter | Vinelle Myrie |
| *Lorraine Forbes and Family (3) | Rhonda Monique Miller | Alexandria Ward |
| *Charles & B.J. Curtis and Family (3) | Ashley Parks | Davion McNeal |
| *Betty Jenkins and Family (5) | Kathy Jenkins | Willie Moore |
| *Dorothy Williamson and Family (10) | Rebecca Merkson | Peaches Clark |
| *Donna/Deborah Lomax and Family (13) | John Anderson | Larry Clark |
| *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 | |
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SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

Raising Heart Health Awareness

Did you know that 25% of deaths in the US are caused by heart disease? This translates to a person dying from a heart-related condition every 40 seconds.

About 80 percent of cardiovascular diseases may be preventable at any age with simple education and action. Poor diet, lack of exercise, and other unhealthy habits can hurt your heart over time. All age groups can benefit from adapting to a healthy diet and regular physical activity.

Here are a few steps that you can follow to the reduce your risk of heart disease:

Good Nutrition. Reduce and limit intake of sodium, sugar-sweetened beverages, processed meats, and saturated fats. Instead, opt for whole fruits and vegetables, fish, fiber-rich whole grains, nuts, legumes and seeds. Make a habit of educating yourself on and checking food labels regularly.

Exercise. Getting active has endless benefits. Studies have shown that for every hour of walking, life expectancy may increase by two hours.

Monitor Cholesterol. Eating a hearty-healthy diet and maintaining a healthy weight can aid in healthy cholesterol levels.

Sleep. Amount and quality of sleep has a big impact on your mood, eating habits, internal organs and ore. Establish a good sleep cycle to ensure you are getting enough rest.

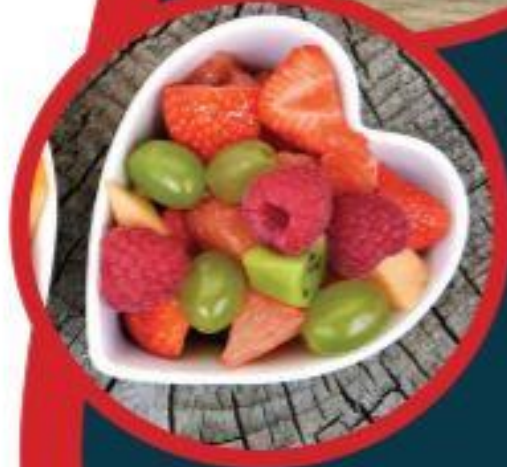
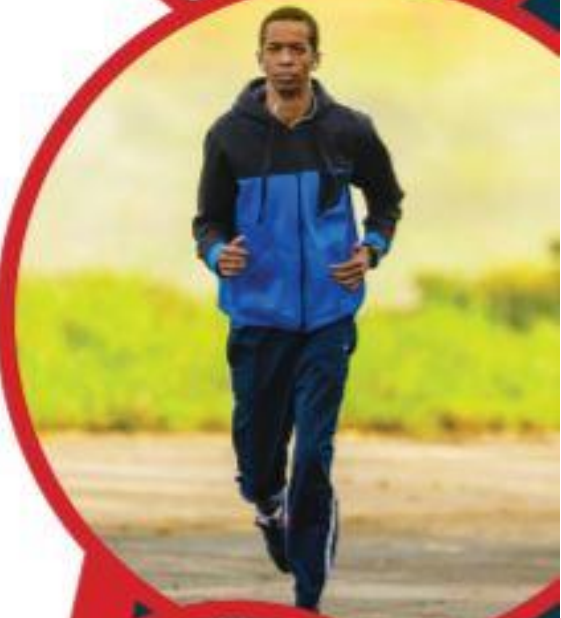
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Please **NOTIFY** the church office of ALL meetings or events scheduled in the church buildings.

SEPTEMBER 2020

+ Event occurs after worship service

* Event occurs at alternate site

Please check bulletin and emails **regularly** for schedule changes.

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| 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 |
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| 27 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- UMW Women's Day 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 UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am |

Social Commentary

Don't Make 17 Year-old Kenosha Shooter a Hero

by Mary Mitchell



How does a teenage vigilante get to be the hero? A white police officer in Kenosha, Wisconsin, shot Jacob Blake Jr., a Black man, in the back, for reasons that are still unclear; a Black man whose three young children were sitting in the back seat of his SUV; a Black man who is now paralyzed from the waist down and might never walk again; and that Black man initially was chained to a hospital bed to fight for his life.

But a white teenager, Kyle Rittenhouse, could walk down a public street in that same city during a chaotic protest — in violation of a curfew — with a military style semi-automatic long gun strapped over his shoulder, and police officers didn't stop him. Instead, they tossed him a bottle of water and thanked him for his help. If you haven't been able to see the injustice that has moved thousands of people across the nation to march in support of the Black Lives Matter movement, then this stark contrast of how two human beings of different races are treated by police should wake you up.

This is the problem. And it is a problem that can't be solved by people who are blind to their racial biases. Do you really think a young African American male could walk down the middle of the street during a protest march carrying a semi-automatic weapon, and police wouldn't stop him? So why was Rittenhouse treated like a hero? Anthony Huber, 26, of Silver Lake, Wisconsin, and Joseph "Jojo" Rosenbaum, 36, of Kenosha, were killed, and Gage Grosskreutz, 26, of West Allis, Wisconsin, was wounded. According to news reports, protesters actually shouted to police officers riding in armored trucks that the 17-year-old Rittenhouse had shot someone. Yet not one officer grabbed hold of him. Not one officer used a Taser. Not one officer drew a weapon. When reporters asked Kenosha County Sheriff David Beth why Rittenhouse — who walked toward the police with his arms raised after the shootings — wasn't taken into custody right then and there, Beth said he wasn't sure but suspected the chaotic scene that included people running and screaming might have given officers "tunnel vision."

"What do you think is going to happen if you have an agitated man with a long gun walking down the streets thinking that he's some sort of peacekeeper?" Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes said at a news conference Thursday. "And that sort of behavior shouldn't be enabled either," he told the Milwaukee Journal. Marc Morial, president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League, has urged the Kenosha Police Department to take "appropriate measures," against the militia. But we cannot let the cries for justice for Blake be turned into adoration for Rittenhouse. And protest organizers can't keep letting marches erupt into mayhem because that strategy will only help keep the system just the way it

is. And police will continue to treat Black men like slaves and white men like masters. Militia groups, like the one that showed up in Kenosha, should not be allowed to operate anywhere in America. As far as I can see, there are no heroes here.

Little Known Black History Fact

Cardiss Collins

By D. L. Chandler



The late **Cardiss Collins** did not choose a life in politics, but tragedy thrust her into the role in the early '70's. As a result, Collins became the first Black woman to represent the Midwest in the U.S. Congress. Collins was born on September 24, 1931 in St. Louis, Mo. Her family relocated to Detroit when she turned 10. Collins then attended Northwestern University in Illinois, and worked for the city of Chicago as a revenue auditor for the Illinois State Department of Revenue.

Collins' husband, U.S. Congressman George Collins, was appointed to office after the sudden death of Congressman Daniel Ronan in 1970. He served until his untimely death in December 1972 when a plane Congressman Collins was riding on crashed near Midway Airport in Chicago.

The Democratic Party swiftly sought out Mrs. Collins to fill the vacant seat. Initially, she was reluctant. The couple had a 13-year-old son at the time and, in her own words, she was also shy and didn't seek the spotlight. But after running a brief campaign, she won both the Democratic Party primary and the general election handily. Her first few years in Congress were rocky but she blossomed in the role, championing women's health and welfare issues. She ultimately became chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Collins also made history by becoming the first Black person and the first woman to become Whip-At-Large for the Democratic Party. She served the people of Illinois for 25 years in the seat until stepping down in 1997. For many years, Collins was the only Black woman serving in Congress. Collins died in Alexandria, Virginia in 2013 at the age of 81.

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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:

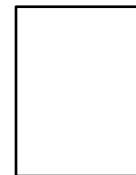
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Wesley's 66th Church Anniversary!

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 September 6th – September 12th

September 6

Song of Solomon 1:1-4:16

2 Corinthians 8:16-24

Psalm 50:1-23

Proverbs 22:22-23

September 7

Song of Solomon 5:1-8:14

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Psalm 51:1-19

Proverbs 22:24-25

September 8

Isaiah 1:1-2:22

2 Corinthians 10:1-18

Psalm 52:1-9

Proverbs 22:26-27

2020 Vision:

"The Year of the Child"

(Matthew 19:14)

September 12

Isaiah 10:1-11:16

2 Corinthians 12:11-21

Psalm 56:1-13

Proverbs 23:6-8

September 9

Isaiah 3:1-5:30

2 Corinthians 11:1-15

Psalm 53:1-6

Proverbs 22:28-29

September 10

Isaiah 6:1-7:25

2 Corinthians 11:16-33

Psalm 54:1-7

Proverbs 23:1-3

September 11

Isaiah 8:1-9:21

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Psalm 55:1-23

Proverbs 23:4-5