

# *"The Church With The Warm Heart"*

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September 20, 2020



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## “Where Is Your Treasure?”

*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

Greetings in the name of the LORD! The remainder of the Month of September we will focus on the spiritual discipline of stewardship. Stewardship is defined as managing the affairs of God's local church by using everything God has blessed us with. It is an all-encompassing word that covers everything from your money, intellect, ingenuity, service, gifts, skill-set, and your time. It stems from the belief that everything that we have comes from God. I am in bible country: “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (James 1:17 ESV). Since we believe that everything that is in our hands is a gift from God, we can benefit by embracing the spiritual discipline of stewardship. We manage what God gives us. In God's economy, we don't own what God gives us we just manage it. It all belongs to God. How do I know? Because when we die, we leave everything behind. A rich African named Job can testify. He says, “We bring nothing at birth; we take nothing with us at death. The LORD alone gives and takes. Praise the name of the LORD!” (Job 1:21 CEV).

Speaking about stewardship is always a sensitive issue in the local church. More specifically, talking about finances among the faithful is a sensitive issue. Topics like faith, peace, love, joy, or ones that focus on Jesus performing miracles are more popular. Stories that mention how God likes to give us things and do things for us are more popular. However, don't you find it interesting how we love to hear how God gives to us but we cringe or downright rebel when we hear messages that challenge us to reciprocate God's love, i.e., to give God the best of our time, talent, and treasure. We are taught by the scriptures that Jesus had a lot to say about the dangers of the gods we make (money and materialism) crowding out the God who made us. If you believe in 'imago dei', that we are created in God's image, therefore if God is a giving God then we should be giving people. We are a reflection of God's image. To give is to be like God.

Bible readers realize that 16 out of the 38 parables Jesus taught dealt with money and possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of ten verses (288 in all) deal directly with the subject of money. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions (Source: Christianity Today; Jesus' teaching on money). Therefore, Jesus has an interest in where are treasure is for wherever our treasure is, there will our heart be also. I challenge us to treasure this local church and to put our heart (mind, and soul, too) into this local church so it can be a vibrant and vocal reminder that God is at work within us and this community. Never worship the gifts over the Giver of all gifts, who is God. I treasure God. And I know you do too. Therefore, let us repent of storing up treasure on earth, or making gods out of gifts instead of keeping the Gift-giver first in our lives. Have a great week.

# SIXTEENTH 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 SEPTEMBER: "Keep the Faith"**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: GREEN

### 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 128

see video, or page 4

### Psalm of Praise

Psalm 78:1-4, 9-16

see video, or page 5

### Announcements

### Offering

### Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon Series

*The Songs of Ascents*

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

### Today's Message:

*"How to Invest in God's Blessing Business"*

### Invitation to Christian Discipleship

### Affirmation of Faith

### Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (9/13/20)	84 (views)
Worship Call "	32 (callers)
Sunday School "	16 (callers)
Prayer Group	9 (callers)
Bible Study (AM: 11   PM: 6)	17 (views/calls)
UMW Meeting	10 (viewer/callers)
UMW Day Filming Days 8   11	19 (total)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>187</b>

# Morning Scripture

## *Psalm 128 (NKJV)*

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is every one who fears the LORD,  
who walks in His ways.

<sup>2</sup> ***When you eat the labor of your hands,  
you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.***

<sup>3</sup> Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the very heart of your house,  
your children like olive plants  
all around your table.

<sup>4</sup> ***Behold, thus shall the man be blessed  
who fears the LORD.***

<sup>5</sup> The LORD bless you out of Zion,  
and may you see the good of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.

<sup>6</sup> ***Yes, may you see your children's children.***

***Peace be upon Israel!***

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During uncertain times, we  
must remember to

***Open the Door  
to  
Faith***

***"For we walk by faith, not by sight."  
2 Corinthians 5:7***

Image by Megan Myrie


**Wesley United  
Methodist Church  
Women's Day  
Service**

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**  
(virtual service will become available to view)

featuring Special Guest Speaker  
**Rev. Dr. Tracy  
Smith Malone**

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# Psalm of Praise

## *Psalm 78:1-4, 9-16*

***(R) We shall listen, Lord, to your teaching, and heed the words of your mouth.***

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O my people, to my teaching:  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

***<sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,***

<sup>3</sup> things that we have heard and known,  
that our forebears have told us.

***<sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their children,  
but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord,  
the might, and wonders God has wrought.***

***(R) We shall listen, Lord, to your teaching, and heed the words of your mouth.***

<sup>9</sup> The Ephraimites, armed with the bow,  
turned back on the day of battle.

***<sup>10</sup> They did not keep God's covenant,  
but refused to walk according to God's law.***

<sup>11</sup> They forgot the deeds of the Lord,  
the miracles that God had shown them.

***<sup>12</sup> The Lord wrought marvels in the sight of their forebears  
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan,***

<sup>13</sup> the Lord divided the sea and let them pass through it,  
and made the waters stand like a heap,

***<sup>14</sup> led them with a cloud in the daytime,  
and all the night with a fiery light,***

<sup>15</sup> cleft rocks in the wilderness,  
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep,

***<sup>16</sup> made streams come out of the rock,  
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.***

***(R) We shall listen, Lord, to your teaching, and heed the words of your mouth.***

## 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.
- The **Wesley United Methodist Women** are celebrating **Women's Day** by leading a virtual Worship Service **next Sunday, September 27, 2020**. Our theme is **Open the Door to Faith** and the speaker is our previous District Superintendent, **Rev. Dr. Tracy S. Malone**. She is now Resident Bishop of the East 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 27<sup>th</sup>! 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 or to register for the event, go to [www.nicummm.org](http://www.nicummm.org).

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Melinda Geddes	September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alexandria Finley	September 10 <sup>th</sup>
Mydia Barker	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Helen Tuck	September 16 <sup>th</sup>
Jayne Johnson	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bradley West	September 16 <sup>th</sup>
Melania Newman	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Erica Clark	September 18 <sup>th</sup>
Vickie Powell-Bass	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elizabeth Bailey	September 21 <sup>st</sup>
Maurice Smith	September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Jenkins	September 21 <sup>st</sup>
Janice Dulaney	September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cherie Liggins	September 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Barbara Shepherd	September 6 <sup>th</sup>	A.C. Walton	September 26 <sup>th</sup>
Julia Porter	September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Kaliyah Flakes	September 27 <sup>th</sup>
	Cameron Davis	September 28 <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)

<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 Geraldts (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)
*Fred Williams (20)	*Lucious Smith (12)

<b>GENERAL</b>		
*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	Justin York
*Ena Davis (1)	Rochelle Johnson	Russell York
*Gwendolyn Watkins (7)	The Ford & Robinson Families	
*Doris Thompson (19)	Mila Kuntu	
*Helen York and Family (5)	Ron Birton	
*Dawn Funches-Fox and Family (10)	Aiden Combs	
Rashaud Thompson	Mae Gilliams Fizer & Family	



# SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

## September is Alopecia Awareness Month

Alopecia is an autoimmune disease that causes patches of hair to fall out. Alopecia affects 2% of the general population, with over 6.8 million people diagnosed with the condition in the United States. Alopecia is the number one hair loss problem in African American women.

### Causes and Symptoms

- When you have Alopecia Areata, your immune system mistakenly attacks one's hair follicles, causing one's hair to fall out.
- Alopecia Areata usually occurs in those with a family history of autoimmune diseases such as Type 1 diabetes or rheumatoid arthritis.
- Symptoms of Alopecia Areata include a loss of hair on the scalp or entire body, circular or patchy bald spots, and the sudden loosening of hair;

### Natural Treatment

Unfortunately, there is no cure for alopecia areata. However, these natural remedies can help treat the condition.

- Acupuncture
- Probiotics
- Aromatherapy
- Vitamins, such as zinc and biotin
- Aloe vera drinks
- Scalp Massages
- Essential oil treatments such as tea tree, rosemary, and lavender



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# 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
<b>30</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>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	<b>3</b> Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am
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<b>13</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>14</b> LifeLine Screening 8:30 am – 4:30 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	<b>17</b> Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> NIC-UMM Spiritual Congress (via Zoom) 9 am
<b>20</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>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	<b>24</b> Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Trustee Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am ----- CSD-UMW Annual Celebration & Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am
<b>27</b> 9 am <b>Sunday School Call</b> 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- <b>UMW Women's Day Service &amp; 10:30 am Call</b> Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	<b>1</b> Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am

# Social Commentary

## Take It From Mama: Vote Smart and Vote Early

by Laura Washington



The voting experience in 2020 will be like none other in American history. Last week, North Carolina became the first state in the nation to launch its vote-by-mail effort this year, reportedly mailing out 600,000 absentee ballots. When we are not shuddering over the never-ending COVID-19 invasion, we are agonizing over the safety of the Nov. 3 election. I have never seen such intense interest — and fear — about an election in my decades of reporting on politics. This will be a record year for early voting and vote-by-mail. But how we worry:

Fears about in-person voting in a pandemic. Angst that election authorities will be overwhelmed. Trepidation that the U.S. Postal Service might not deliver. And there's always Donald Trump's constant baseless claims of election fraud, which have put even lifelong voters on edge. Not to worry. Mama is on the case. That's my Mama, a one-woman, get-out-the-vote whirlwind.

All summer, Ms. Gwen Washington has been part of a hearty troupe of senior citizens who are lobbying for early voting at their Hyde Park apartment complex. Mama dons her gloves, mask and dogged disposition to disperse information. She and her compadres regularly camp out at her high-rise building to advise residents and passersby on how to vote. She presses vote-by-mail ballot applications into the hands of every warm body she encounters, social distancing be damned. Mama is 86. She has never missed an election. Voting to her is as sacred as her three, precious grandchildren. "It's important to vote, and vote as early as you can," she exhorts. "Get those ballots, and get them in!"

And a national CNN poll taken last month shows that 34% of registered voters would prefer to vote by mail in the presidential election, while another 22% would prefer to vote early at a polling place. Only 43 percent would prefer to vote in person on Election Day. Voters may be engaged, but they are not informed, Mama says. The tales she hears raise alarm. One woman Mama encountered had recently moved to Hyde Park from Dolton but is still registered there. She asked: Can I request a ballot in Chicago? "No," Mama said.

I have been voting in Chicago, another voter confided, but live in Joliet. Will my vote be legal? "No." I don't trust the mail, said another. Should I take my chances and vote in person on Election Day. "No." (My mother is good with that word, take it from me). There are no excuses, she declares. Find out what you need to do. I promised I would help spread the word. Check with your election authorities in your

county or town. In Chicago, the board of elections advises: “Due to COVID-19, voters are encouraged to use vote by mail or early voting before Election Day on Nov. 3, 2020.” Its web site, [www.chicagoelections.gov](http://www.chicagoelections.gov), has everything you need to know — right now. Mama knows best.

## Little Known Black History Fact

### Rev. Florence Spearing Randolph

By D. L. Chandler



The **Rev. Florence Spearing Randolph** was one of the first Black women ordained as to preach and lead an African Methodist Episcopal Zion church. Rev. Randolph used her position in the pulpit to call out racism, gender inequality, and other issues related to social reform.

Florence Spearing Randolph was born in August 1866 in Charleston, South Carolina, moving north to New Jersey to work as a dressmaker. In the late 1800's, preaching became Randolph's true calling and she sought to become ordained in the A.M.E.Z. Church. The resistance from the bishops and church leadership was strong, but she was eventually ordained as a deacon in 1901, and as a church leader in 1903, where she also gained her license to preach.

In 1925, Rev. Randolph was elected to lead Wallace Chapel A.M.E.Z. Church in Summit, New Jersey. She became known for her powerful lectures and sermons, and famously preached that white people mistreating Black people across the nation went against the very root of Christianity.

Rev. Randolph was the first Black woman to enroll in Drew University in New Jersey, and there is now an annual award named after her given to a Black female student who shows promise as a church leader and preacher.

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**Thursday 11 am - Prayer Call**

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**Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:**

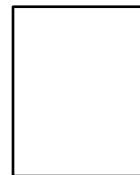
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## ***Wesley's 66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary!***

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 September 20<sup>th</sup> – September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**September 20**

Isaiah 33:10-36:22

Galatians 5:13-26

Psalm 64:1-10

Proverbs 23:23

**September 21**

Isaiah 37:1-38:22

Galatians 6:1-18

Psalm 65:1-13

Proverbs 23:24

**September 22**

Isaiah 39:1-41:16

Ephesians 1:1-23

Psalm 66:1-20

Proverbs 23:25-28

**2020 Vision:**

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

(Matthew 19:14)

**September 26**

Isaiah 48:12-50:11

Ephesians 4:17-32

Psalm 69:1-18

Proverbs 24:5-6

**September 23**

Isaiah 41:17-43:13

Ephesians 2:1-22

Psalm 67:1-7

Proverbs 23:29-35

**September 24**

Isaiah 43:14-45:10

Ephesians 3:1-21

Psalm 68:1-18

Proverbs 24:1-2

**September 25**

Isaiah 45:11-48:11

Ephesians 4:1-16

Psalm 68:19-35

Proverbs 24:3-4