

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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“Got Faith?”

“What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see. God gave his approval to people in days of old because of their faith.” Hebrews 11:1-2 (NLT)

Faith in God is one of the most powerful forces in the universe. In fact, believing and trusting in God to bring forth a dream, a vision, or a goal and working doggedly towards it has always brought the believer success. The Bible is clear when it suggests in Hebrews 11:33 that overcomers, builders, visionaries, and dreamers were successful because of their faith in God. It says that people who exercised faith in God “subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, {and} turned to flight the armies of the aliens.” Simply put, people who did great things and overcame all adversity did so because of their faith in God. Faith in God is the most powerful force in the universe.

I believe that if you used this most powerful force in the universe in your own life, you would notice a dramatic difference in your life. Imagine just for a second, how your life would change overnight if you began to believe that God has your best interests at heart. Imagine how your life would change overnight if you began to believe that God can do anything but fail. He can heal your body. He can heal your marriage. He can bring you out of anything that tries to take you out. No, the process of healing and deliverance may not be easy but God can do it for you. When Jesus told his disciples that if they just had faith the size of a grain of mustard seed they would be able to move mountains and trees, which are thought to be immovable objects, he was powerfully stating figuratively that they could do anything by FAITH.

Hebrews chapter 11 is the Faith Hall of Fame and I like the way that every great work is seasoned by the phrase—By Faith. Read it when you get home today and meditate on it all week long. And soon you will be walking, running, driving, and working with that phrase running through your mind —“By Faith.” By Faith, I can pay my bills, get out of debt, save some money, lose weight, and lose the wait, love myself, love my family, love my mate and take him/her on a date. By Faith, I can help grow my church, grow in the Lord, embrace the Holy Ghost adventure God wants to take me on, help save a child's life, support businesses that support me, improve my health so I can live to be 100 years old. By Faith, I can get that car, that job, that house, that promotion, that joy, that love, that hope, that Holy Ghost power, that prayer life, that spiritual growth that has been evading me or that I have been evading all these years. Or perhaps you may say this---By Faith I will accept the call to ministry that I have been running from all these years.

Yes, Faith is one of the most powerful forces in the universe and that force is available to us right now. Embrace it today and let's write our own biblical history of what God can do with faithful people.

TWENTIETH 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 OCTOBER: "Making Disciples"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: GREEN

Scripture for the month:

"³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37-38 NIV

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture Judges 6: 1-6, 11-16 see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise Psalm 99 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Series *Views From the Valley* Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Today's Message *"Why Has All This Happened to Us?"*

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (10/11/20)	67 (views)
Worship Call "	33 (callers)
Sunday School "	15 (callers)
Prayer Group	5 (callers)
Bible Study (AM: 10 PM: 7)	17 (views/calls)
TOTAL	137

Morning Scripture

Judges 6: 1-6, 11-16 (NKJV)

¹ Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years,

² ***and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens, the caves, and the strongholds which are in the mountains.***

³ So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them.

⁴ ***Then they would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey.***

⁵ For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, coming in as numerous as locusts; both they and their camels were without number; and they would enter the land to destroy it.

⁶ ***So Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD.***

¹¹ Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites.

¹² ***And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!"***

¹³ Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites."

¹⁴ ***Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?"***

¹⁵ So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."

¹⁶ ***And the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man."***

Annual Church Conference

Reschedule Details

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

SPRC: 6:15 pm

Conference: 6:30 pm

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 99

(R) Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory over all the earth be found.

¹The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
The LORD sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

***²The LORD is great in Zion,
and is exalted over all the peoples.***

³Let them praise your great and wondrous name!
Holy is the LORD!

⁴Mighty ruler, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Extol the LORD our God.
Worship at the LORD's footstool!
Holy is the LORD!

(R) Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory over all the earth be found.

⁶Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on God's name.
They cried to the LORD, who answered them,

⁷who spoke to them in the pillar of cloud.
They kept God's testimonies, and the statutes God gave them.

***⁸O LORD, our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.***

⁹Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain.
Surely the LORD our God is holy!

(R) Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory over all the earth be found.

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.
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- **Annual Church Conference has been rescheduled for this Tuesday, October 20, 2020.** The SPRC will meet at 6:15; the conference begins at 6:30 pm. If you have outstanding documents or have any questions, please contact Vickie Powell-Bass.
- **The United Methodist Men's Day Service will be Sunday, October 25, 2020.** The guest speaker of the day will be Ronald Williams. The theme of the day and sermon title will be: **"Racism Jeopardizes America's Soul."** The service will be made available online and via our church app.

United Methodist Men Sunday
October 25, 2020
Featuring Guest Speaker
Ronald Williams
 Author, Corporate Trainer

Theme/Sermon Title:
Racism Jeopardizes
America's Soul

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Alita Williams	October 6 th	Shani Smith Walton	October 23 rd
Quinton Moss	October 7 th	Calvin Fox	October 24 th
Mark Garrett	October 8 th	Paulette Myrie-Hodge	October 24 th
Albert Porter	October 10 th	Christopher Davis	October 25 th
Norma Long	October 16 th	Wilena Campbell-Watkins	October 26 th
Ronald Williams	October 16 th	Cayden Woolery	October 27 th
	Sierranise Brunt	October 28 th	

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 Gerald (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	Justin York
*Ena Davis (1)	Rochelle Johnson	Russell York
*Gwendolyn Watkins (7)	The Ford & Robinson Families	Percy & Essie Hayes
*Doris Thompson (19)	Mila Kuntu	Mildred Forest
*Helen York and Family (5)	Ron Birton	Takia Yearby
*Dawn Funches-Fox and Family (10)	Aiden Combs	The Anderson Family
Rashaud Thompson	Mae Gilliams Fizer & Family	The Marshall Family


SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

Breast Cancer Awareness Month


October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer will affect 1 in 8 women throughout their lifetime. African American women are more likely to develop more aggressive forms of breast cancer. Breast cancer death rates are also 40% higher among African American women than Caucasian Americans. Breast cancer symptoms vary widely from lumps to swelling to skin changes, and some breast cancers have no symptoms at all.

Take Action

 **Know the Facts.** Learn statistics and the key symptoms of breast cancer in both men and women.

 **Yearly Screenings.** The best way to be aware of any unfamiliar changes to your body is to visit your local doctor and partake in a mammogram screening.

 **Donate to Research Initiatives.** Research is a critical need for figuring out new ways to handle and stop the spread of breast cancer.

 **Donate Clothes to Chemo Centers.** Donations of blankets, hats, and scarves are always accepted by community oncologists and can make a huge difference to patients.



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

OCTOBER 2020

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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# UMW Women's Day Service & 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
4 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#	5	6	7 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	8 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	9	10 World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women 10 am (via Zoom)
11 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#	12	13	14 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	15 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	16	17
18 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#	19	20 Annual Church Conference (rescheduled) 6:30 pm	21 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	22 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	23	24 Board of Trustees Mtg 9 am (via Zoom)
25 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# UMM Day Service & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	26	27	28 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	29 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	30	31 UMW Meeting via Zoom Conference 10 am -----

Social Commentary

Donald Trump was Complicit in the Plot to Kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

by Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.



Political rhetoric can incite. Incendiary posturing can trigger those who carry matches. We've now seen this play out dramatically in Michigan. Last week, six men, members of a right-wing militia group calling themselves the Wolverine Watchmen, were arrested and charged with plotting to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan before the November elections. Seven others were charged under Michigan's anti-terrorism law for allegedly seeking to recruit an army of 200 to storm the Michigan Capitol and ignite a "civil war." The plot went far beyond the Facebook bluster. The defendants, according to the complaint, held "field training exercises," purchased a taser for use in the kidnapping, tested an explosive device, possessed and trained with firearms, and conducted surveillance of Whitmer's vacation home, and of a bridge that might be blown up to impede police response.

One argued that they should put the governor on trial for treason. Another allegedly urged: "Snatch and grab man. Grab the f**** governor. Just grab the b****. Because at that point ... it's over." Another suggested, "Have one person go to her house. Knock on the door and when she answers it just cap her." This right-wing domestic terrorism doesn't fester in a vacuum. Faced with the pandemic, Gov. Whitmer acted to protect the citizens of her state, closing down private facilities, requiring the wearing of masks and social distancing. She pushed publicly for needed protective equipment in the face of the federal government's disarray.

The festering anger broke out in a stunning demonstration in April when a large rally, featuring Trump posters, swastikas, Confederate flags, Hawaiian shirts (symbol of the anti-government "boogaloo" movement) surrounded the capitol. Men in fatigues carrying assault rifles filled the galleries of the Capitol yelling threats at the legislators below. According to police, NRA-promoted "open carry" laws left them powerless to stop them. The Republican speaker of the House said, "There's nothing more American than people coming together to ensure their voices are being heard." Trump responded not by criticizing the demonstrators, but by tweeting "LIBERATE MICHIGAN." His incendiary words incite.

American politics is often bare-fisted. In the heat of a campaign, rhetoric can get overheated. When the country is as polarized as this one, the rhetoric can go over the top. But responsible leaders seek to bring us together, not drive us apart; they appeal to the better angels of our character, not our worst fears or prejudices. They try to find ways to reach out to those who are alienated or fearful. What a leader cannot do is fan their hatred or appear to give them permission for violence.

Little Known Black History Fact

Ella Baker

By D. L. Chandler



Ella Baker worked for over five decades as a civil rights activist and organizer, emerging as one of the most important female figures of the Civil Rights Movement. Baker was born on December 12, 1903 in Norfolk, Va., but was raised in Littleton, N.C. She attended Shaw University, graduating as its valedictorian in 1927 before moving to New York. While at Shaw, Baker challenged school policies which served as a precursor for the rest of her life and career.

While in New York, Baker briefly worked as an educator before marrying her high school sweetheart and joining the NAACP, working her way into directorship positions before stepping down in 1946. According to accounts, Baker felt hamstrung by some of the NAACP's bureaucracy, challenging her more grassroots approach to activism. In 1955, Baker began the In Friendship organization which combated some of the racist Jim Crow policies across the Deep South and raised money for the Montgomery Bus Boycotts.

This put her in alignment with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1957, aiding the leader with his new organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. However, Baker's time with the SCLC was also marred by what she felt was King's dominance as an orator but allegedly did not see him as an effective activist. In the late 60's and onto the seventies, Baker kept a low profile but remained active behind the scenes as was her preference. Notoriously private, few knew about her life outside of work.

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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:

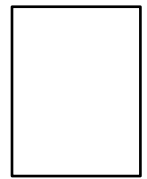
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Wesley's 66th Church Anniversary!

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 October 18th – October 24th

October 18

Jeremiah 31:27-32:44

1 Timothy 3:1-16

Psalms 88:1-18

Proverbs 25:20-22

October 19

Jeremiah 33:1-34:22

1 Timothy 4:1-16

Psalms 89:1-13

Proverbs 25:23-24

October 20

Jeremiah 35:1-36:32

1 Timothy 5:1-25

Psalms 89:14-37

Proverbs 25:25-27

2020 Vision:

"The Year of the Child"

(Matthew 19:14)

October 24

Jeremiah 44:24-47:7

2 Timothy 2:22-3:17

Psalms 94:1-23

Proverbs 26:6-8

October 21

Jeremiah 37:1-38:28

1 Timothy 6:1-21

Psalms 89:38-52

Proverbs 25:28

October 22

Jeremiah 39:1-41:18

2 Timothy 1:1-18

Psalms 90:1-91:16

Proverbs 26:1-2

October 23

Jeremiah 42:1-44:23

2 Timothy 2:1-21

Psalms 92:1-93:5

Proverbs 26:3-5