

*"The Church With The Warm Heart"*

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October is  
Breast Cancer  
Awareness  
Month





*"Every Man Shares in Evangelism, Mission, and Spiritual Life."*

# PURPOSE

*United Methodist Men shall be a creative, supportive fellowship of men who seek to know Jesus Christ, to grow spiritually and to seek daily his will.*

*[Our] primary purpose is to declare the centrality of Christ in the lives of men and in all their relationships.*

**The major concerns are:**

- To encourage knowledge of and support for the total mission of The United Methodist Church
- To engage in evangelism by sharing the fullness of the gospel in its personal and social dimensions
- To clarify and speak to the identity and roll of man in contemporary society
- To seek commitment to discipleship
- To study and become familiar with the United Methodist Church, its organization, doctrines, and beliefs
- To cooperate with all units of United Methodist Men in obtaining these objectives through district, conference, jurisdiction, and church-wide goals.

**Men seeking membership in a local United Methodist Men's Fellowship shall subscribe to the "Purpose" of United Methodist Men and to these personal objectives:**

- Engage daily in Bible study and prayer.
- Bear witness to Christ's way in daily work and in all personal contacts through words and actions.
- Engage in some definite Christian service.

*The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church*

# UNITED METHODIST MEN'S SUNDAY

## *"RACISM JEOPARDIZES AMERICA'S SOUL"*

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR OCTOBER: *"Making Disciples"*

+ = Please stand, if able

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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| + <u>CALL TO WORSHIP</u>   | "Psalm 1"                                | Ben Davis                     |
| + <u>MUSICAL SELECTION</u> |  | Derral Anderson               |
| + <u>MORNING PRAYER</u>    |  | Ben Davis                     |
| + <u>SCRIPTURES</u>        | "Romans 10:9-13"<br>"Revelation 1:12-16" | (see pg. 4)<br>Edward Hancock |

GRATIA TIBI      *"Thanks Be to Thee, O Lord, for this, thy Holy Scripture. Amen."*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME      Verner Geddes

UMM LITANY      (see pg. 5)      Ricardo Williams

TITHES & OFFERINGS      Edward Hancock

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER      Ricardo Williams

MUSICAL SELECTION      Derral Anderson

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD      **Bro. Ronald Williams**  
Author and Corporate Trainer  
Upland, CA

Sermon: *"Racism Jeopardizes America's Soul"*

+ INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP      Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

REMARKS      Verner "Skip" Geddes | Rev. Woolery

BENEDICTION      Rev. Woolery

# Morning Scriptures (NKJV)

## **Romans 10:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

<sup>10</sup> ***For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.***

<sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

<sup>12</sup> ***For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.***

<sup>13</sup> ***For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."***

## **Revelation 1:12-16**

<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

<sup>13</sup> ***and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.***

<sup>14</sup> His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

<sup>15</sup> ***His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;***

<sup>16</sup> ***He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.***

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<b>WEEKLY ATTENDANCE</b>	
Sunday School (October 18 <sup>th</sup> )	16 (callers)
Worship Service (October 18 <sup>th</sup> )	68 (viewers/callers)
Worship Call	30 (callers)
Prayer Group	7 (callers)
Bible Study (AM only)	11 (viewers/callers)
Annual Church Conference	26 (viewers/callers)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>158</b>

# Litany for Men's Day

## Centering Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, as you have inspired men from the beginning of time to live lives of faith and hope, so now, create in our men a new zeal for wisdom, repentance, passionate service, unconditional love, and Christian values. Grant that our men will be reflections of Jesus Christ, hungering for the Word and thirsting after your righteousness! In your blessed name we humbly pray. Amen.

### Litany

One: The world's human community began with one man.  
The redemption of humanity was wrought by one man.  
Today, we celebrate the contributions  
of strong, godly men to our community.

**All: We celebrate men who, with the wisdom of Solomon,  
seek God's perfect plan for their lives and the lives they influence.**

One: We appreciate men who, with the spirit of David, seek repentance,  
as men after God's own heart.

**All: We acknowledge men who, with the obedience of Abraham,  
follow God's direction, help shape the lives of their families,  
and ultimately change the world.**

One: We honor men who, like Peter,  
are fallible yet passionate about serving the Lord  
and fervently building his Kingdom.

**All: As Joseph cared for his father and brothers,  
we care for the men of our community  
by generously sharing our resources, our time,  
and our unconditional love.**

One: We pray for men who have the inner and outward strength of Samson,  
but have lost their way.

**All: We're grateful for men who, like the apostle Paul,  
teach us Christian principles and values.  
Today, we celebrate men who strive in all things to be like Jesus,  
exhibiting his character and his love.**

— reprinted from [The African American Lectionary](#) website.

## 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.
- **Today is United Methodist Men's Day.** Our guest speaker today is **Ronald Williams**; author, corporate trainer and Wesley 'member.' The theme of today's service and sermon title will be: **"Racism Jeopardizes America's Soul."** The service will be available online and via our church app.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

## PRAYER LIST

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

(\* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

<b><u>SHUT-IN</u></b>	
*Minnie Thompson (20)	*Bessie Alford-Moore (18)
*Lucile Sanders (16)	*Clarence Sanders (16)
*Barbara Shepherd (18)	*Doris Anderson (1)
*Eric Gerald (3)	*Jessie Stokes (19)
*Fred Williams (18)	*Helen Tuck (7)
*Spencer Plaxico (17)	*Lucious Smith (12)

<b><u>GENERAL</u></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	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
Loretta Hawkins		



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
<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)	1 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
<b>4</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>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	<b>8</b> Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women 10 am (via Zoom)
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<b>25</b> 9 am <b>Sunday School Call</b> 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259#  <b>UMM Day Service &amp; 10:30 am Call</b> Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	<b>29</b> Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> UMW Meeting via Zoom Conference 10 am -----

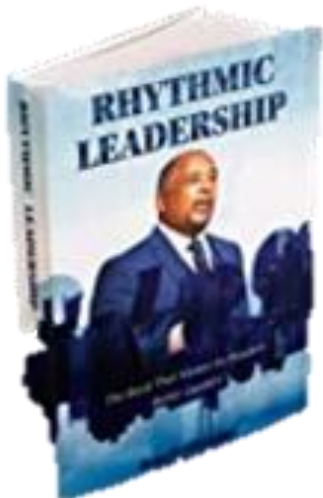


## Today's Guest Speaker



**Ron Williams** is a former corporate executive who recently retired as the Chief of Staff for the Department of Human Resources for the District of Columbia. Prior to that Ron was President of the Brand Enhancing Strategy Team, a training and development company that specialized in leadership/management development, team building, and executive coaching. Before founding B.E.S.T., Ron was the General Manager of the Western Region for Nike, Inc., where he was responsible for a \$600 million footwear and apparel business. Also, while at Nike Ron created the Corporate Diversity program where he was its first Director, as well as being the Director of Training and Development.

Ron has also held key managerial roles at Champion Products, Pelle Pelle, and Wilson Sporting Goods. Ron's insights on 21st Century Leadership and employee engagement make him one of the nation's leading resources in understanding organizational and individual success and achievement. He is also the author of two books, *The Right Man Business Plan for Women* (2015) and *Rhythmic Leadership* (2020). Ron is a native Chicagoan, graduated from Mendel Catholic High School, and attended Creighton University where he earned a B.S degree in Education. He is the son of the late Robert and Joan Williams and proud father of Renaldo, Renae and Rachel and the grandfather of QJ, Paige and Zoe. Currently Ron is an Executive Coach, trainer, and part-time golfer.



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## RHYTHMIC LEADERSHIP

by Ron Williams

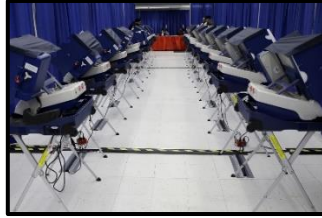
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# Social Commentary

## Denying Pre-Trial Detainees the Right to Vote Must Stop

by Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.



In this critical election, Americans are breaking all records for early voting and voting by mail. Yet, over 700,000 Americans have the right to vote but many are denied that right not only in this election, but in every election. An average of 746,000 Americans are held in local jails. Most of whom have not yet been convicted of a crime or are held only for minor offenses. Many of these voters are jailed simply because they are poor and cannot make bail. Yet in many jails, they are denied the right to vote — either because officials are confused about their eligibility, or because they have no timely access to registration and absentee ballots, or because they have no access to the voter ID information that many states now require. This form of voter suppression is a social injustice and a civic indignity. Not surprisingly, it disproportionately impacts African Americans, Latinos and the poor. It is part of what Michelle Alexander has called “the new Jim Crow,” the use of mass incarceration to strip minorities of their right to vote.

A new report, entitled “Eligible but Excluded: A Guide to Removing the Barriers to Jail Voting,” has been released by Prison Policy Initiative and the Rainbow Push Coalition, which I lead. It details the eligibility of prisoners under various state laws, the obstacles they face to exercise their right to vote, and what activists, state and local officials and prison and election officials can do to rectify that right. Even now, two weeks from the election, prompt action could empower many to vote. The obstacles erected to make voting difficult in this country are particularly hard for prisoners to surmount. Activists and agencies like the Public Defender Services could run voter registration and get out of the vote operations targeted at jails. In Illinois, Gov. JB Pritzker and Lt Gov. Juliana Stratton have passed legislation that sets the standard for reform. It requires county jails and election officials to create a process that allows eligible detainees to cast a ballot. It designates Cook County Jail — one of the largest county jails in the country — as a temporary polling place so detainees can vote in person.

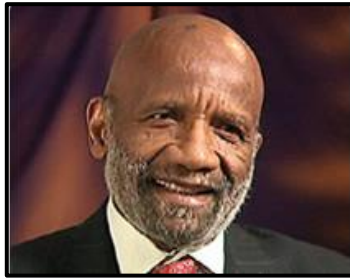
It mandates providing a voter registration application and notification of their voting rights to every eligible detainee leaving a jail. These are reforms that should spread across the country. The right to vote is the defining right of a democracy. American history has been marked by the struggle to extend that right — to those who weren’t landowners, to women, to those old enough to be drafted. The civil rights movement, led by Dr. Martin Luther King, understood that the right to vote was essential to the struggle for equal justice for all. Facilitating voting — the fundamental right in a democracy — should not be partisan. Sadly, it has become that as those fearful of the majority seek ways to suppress the vote, to undermine the election results, to sow fear and confusion. It is long past time for national reforms to

ensure the right to vote. That reform effort should include the hundreds of thousands held temporarily in jails who still have the right to vote.

## **Little Known Black History Fact**

### **Lerone Bennett, Jr.**

By D. L. Chandler



Writer and social historian **Lerone Bennett, Jr.** served as the executive editor of *Ebony* for almost forty years. His written work deftly explores the history of race relations in the United States as well as the current environment in which African Americans strive for equality. Bennett was born on October 17, 1928, in Clarksdale, Mississippi, to Lerone and Alma (Reed) Bennett. When Bennett was young, his family moved to Jackson, Mississippi, and it was here, while attending Jackson's public schools, that Bennett's interest in journalism was initiated.

Bennett attended Morehouse College, earning a B.A. in 1949. He has always considered Morehouse as the center of his academic development. After graduating, Bennett formally entered the world of journalism as a reporter for the now defunct *Atlanta Daily World*. He became the city editor for the magazine and worked there until 1953, when he began his work as an associate editor at *Jet* magazine in Chicago, Illinois. In 1954, Bennett became an associate editor at *Ebony* and he was promoted to senior editor of the magazine in 1958. Since then, his comprehensive articles have become one of the magazine's literary hallmarks.

A series of articles originally published in *Ebony* resulted in Bennett's first book, a seminal piece of work, *Before the Mayflower: A History of Black America, 1619-1962*. The book, with its comprehensive examination of the history of African Americans in the United States, gave Bennett the reputation of a first-class popular historian. In his eight subsequent books, Bennett has continued to document the historical forces shaping the Black experience in the United States. His other works include: *What Manner of Man?*, *Pioneers In Protest* and *The Shaping of Black America*.

Bennett has received numerous awards such as the Literature Award of the Academy of Arts and Letters, Book of the Year Award from Capital Press Club and the Patron Saints Award from the Society of Midland Authors. He has served as advisor and consultant to several national organizations and commissions, including the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. Bennett's articles, short stories and poems have been translated into five languages.

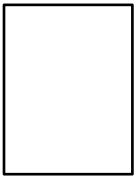
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## **Wesley’s 66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary!**

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!

### **2018 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan) Week of October 25<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>**

#### **October 25**

Jeremiah 48:1-49:22  
2 Timothy 4:1-22  
Psalm 95:1-96:13  
Proverbs 26:9-12

#### **October 26**

Jeremiah 49:23-50:46  
Titus 1:1-16  
Psalm 97:1-98:9  
Proverbs 26:13-16

#### **October 27**

Jeremiah 51:1-53  
Titus 2:1-15  
Psalm 99:1-9  
Proverbs 26:17

#### **October 31**

Lamentations 4:1-5:22  
Hebrews 2:1-18  
Psalm 103:1-22  
Proverbs 26:23

#### **October 28**

Jeremiah 51:54-52:34  
Titus 3:1-15  
Psalm 100:1-5  
Proverbs 26:18-19

#### **October 29**

Lamentations 1:1-2:22  
Philemon 1:1-25  
Psalm 101:1-8  
Proverbs 26:20

#### **October 30**

Lamentations 3:1-66  
Hebrews 1:1-14  
Psalm 102:1-28  
Proverbs 26:21-22