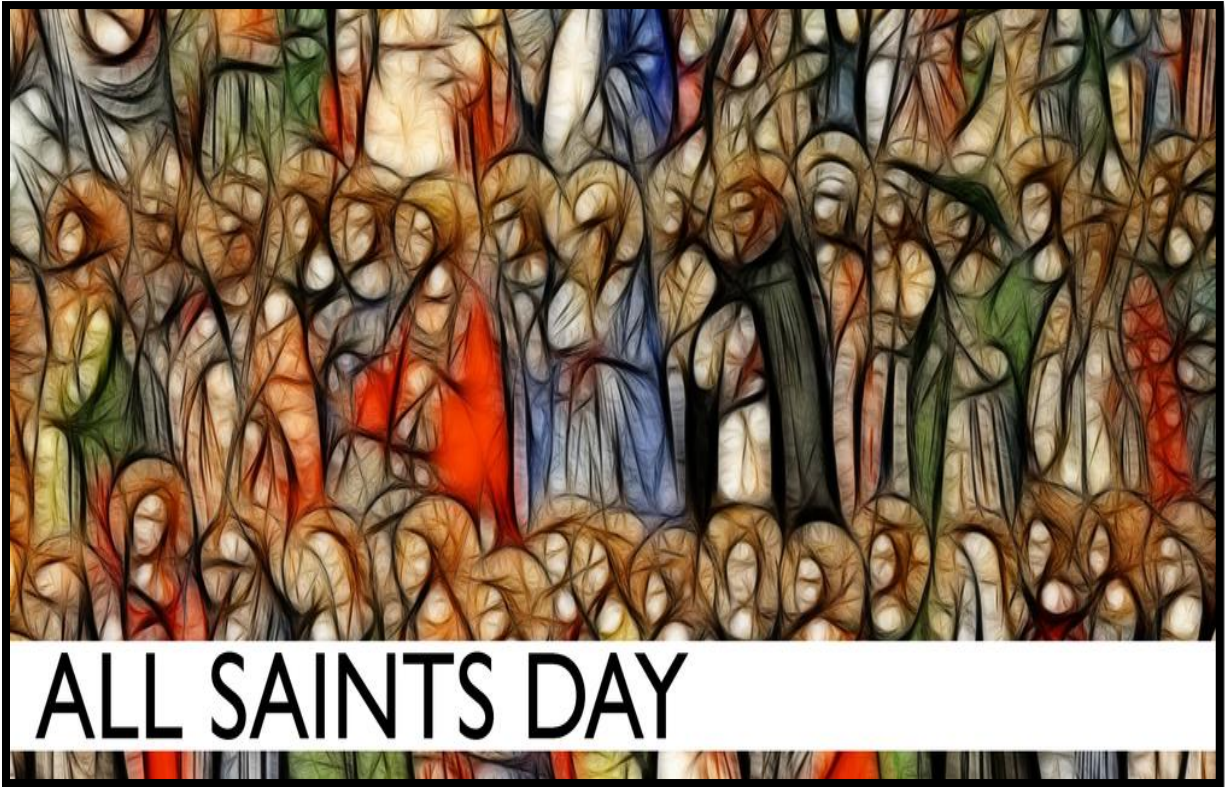


"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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“We Have Work to Do!”

“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” James 2:26

Greetings, family, in the name of our risen Lord! We are privileged to be in the house of the Lord on the Lord's Day. The purpose of being in the Lord's house is to be equipped for ministry. We gather every week to be inspired, motivated, and challenged to identify and then use our spiritual gifts to edify, or build up, the body of Christ called church. We are to be engaged in ministry when we are outside the physical church building. Sunday morning is the time when we gather together to listen to the voice of God in order to figure out where God may be leading us in the new week. I challenge everyone to be challenged and then changed by the Word of God when it comes to doing the work of ministry. In Ephesians 4:11-12, Paul writes, “The gifts He (Jesus) gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” This should provide us ammunition to come up with a new paradigm for clergy-laity relationships. The description for any church leader is that of a “gift”. Pastors are gifts to the congregation. Church leaders are gifts to the congregation. The purpose of church leadership is to equip the saints, i.e., the rest of the church folk, for the work of ministry so that the church might be built up. Church leaders, pastors and parishioners, are gifted so that they might lift it, i.e., the church!

Since God has appointed church leaders to equip the saints for the work of ministry, guess who is supposed to do the work of ministry? You are! The burden of ministry does not rest solely on the strong but narrow shoulders of the pastor. No, the burden of ministry rests with the saints. If you are a child of God, then you are a saint. The text says that the responsibility of ministry rests on the collective shoulders of parishioners. Now, it is the responsibility of the pastor and church leadership to equip the saints for the awesome task of ministry. Well, how are the saints to be equipped? Saints have to be present for every “equipping” opportunity, like worship, Sunday school, bible study, prayer meeting, revivals, and district and local church training events. These events are designed to provide the saints with the necessary tools needed to make disciples of Jesus the Christ.

God has given the church an enormous responsibility---to make disciples. This involves preaching, teaching, healing, nurturing, giving, administering, building, and many other tasks. We couldn't do all these if we had to do them as individuals but God calls us to do these things as His collective agents of transformation. Together we can accomplish all these things. That is why we need EVERYONE to get involved in the “ministry work” of the congregation. That is why we emphasize making disciples because the responsibility of the church is so great, we need as many people as possible to help us do what we are called to do. Teamwork makes the dream work. Anything worth having is worth working for. We cannot accomplish anything without the power of WORK. I think we should want all of Chicagoland to know that Wesley United Methodist Church is a great church because the people have a mind to work! Have a productive week.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Please check the church website, now our 'virtual church,' and your email regularly for ongoing updates.
www.wesleyumcchicago.org

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR NOVEMBER: "Give Thanks in Everything"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: WHITE

Scripture for the month:

"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NLT

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture

Psalm 23: 1-3

see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 107:1-9

see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Series

Views From the Valley

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Today's Message:

"Provision in the Valley"

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Holy Communion

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

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (10/25/20)	101 (views)
Worship Call "	30 (callers)
Sunday School "	15 (callers)
Prayer Group	5 (callers)
Bible Study (AM: 10 PM: 7)	17 (views/calls)
TOTAL	168

Morning Scripture

Psalm 23:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ The LORD *is* my shepherd;
I shall not want.

² ***He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.***

³ He restores my soul;
*He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.*

⁴ ***Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.***

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.

⁶ ***Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD
Forever.***

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 107:1-9

(R) Give thanks to the LORD for steadfast love, for all God's wonderful works.

¹ O, give thanks to the LORD, who is good,
whose steadfast love endures for ever!

² ***Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom the LORD has redeemed from trouble,***

³ ***and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.***

⁴ Some wandered in the desert wastes,
finding no way to a city in which to dwell;

⁵ ***hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.***

⁶ Then, in their trouble, they cried to the LORD,
who delivered them from their distress.

⁷ ***and led them by a straight way,
till they reached a city in which to dwell.***

⁸ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

⁹ ***For the LORD satisfies those who are thirsty,
and fills the hungry with good things.***

(R) Give thanks to the LORD for steadfast love, for all God's wonderful works.

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.
- **Gillespie Elementary School Mentorship Program** Wesley has established a partnership with Gillespie Elementary School to mentor and tutor students. Program details are still being defined. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Woolery.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Isis Gainey	November 1 st	Heustis Williams	November 17 th
Billie Longmire	November 1 st	Donya Lomax	November 19 th
Eric Gerald	November 4 th	Daphne Hickman	November 20 th
Lucinda Kemp	November 4 th	Kimberly Plaxico	November 20 th
Gail Sampson	November 4 th	Tenola Plaxico	November 22 nd
Devion Hayes	November 5 th	Kai Gilmore	November 24 th
Demarlo Dulaney	November 6 th	Saralyn Hicks	November 24 th
Maia Stinson	November 8 th	LaTasha Finley	November 25 th
Raynard Gainey	November 10 th	Deborah Lomax	November 25 th
Mary Moss	November 12 th	Niaundra Moss	November 26 th
Clarence Rogers, III	November 13 th	Margarette Williams	November 27 th
Tempest Kidd	November 17 th	Dortha Willis	November 27 th
Marielle Ndam	November 17 th	Denise Lewis-Richardson	November 30 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 Geraldts (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)
*Fred Williams (20)	

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
*Heustis Williams (1)	Mae Gilliams Fizer & Family	The Marshall Family
*Julia Porter (5)	Rashaud Thompson	Archie Weddington
*Barbara Sanders (3)		
*The Family of Lucious Smith (12)		
*Chester Plaxico (17)		

SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER



Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

During your last physical, did you receive or request a brain health check-up? If you have concerns about your memory, are over the age of 65, or family members have noticed a change in your behavior, you should speak with your doctor about available cognitive screenings.

Brain health is not something many of us think about – but it is critical to your overall health. Take note that African-Americans and minorities are more likely to be diagnosed with Alzheimer's in the later stages of the disease, or misdiagnosed due to other illnesses. This is all the more reason to have conversations with your doctor about your cognitive health.

Learn more by visiting the National Brain Health Center for African Americans at www.brainhealthcenterforafricanamericans.org



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

NOVEMBER 2020

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

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<p>1</p> <p>9 am</p> <p>Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259#</p> <p>Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#</p> <p>All Saints Day</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>Remote Bible Study 11 am</p> <p>-----</p> <p>1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Remote Prayer Group 11 am</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9 am</p> <p>Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259#</p> <p>Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#</p>	9	10	<p>11</p> <p>Remote Bible Study 11 am</p> <p>-----</p> <p>1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Remote Prayer Group 11 am</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p>UMW Meeting via Zoom Conference 10 am</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>9 am</p> <p>Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259#</p> <p>UMM Day Service & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#</p>	30	1	<p>2</p> <p>Remote Bible Study 11 am</p> <p>-----</p> <p>1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Remote Prayer Group 11 am</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#</p>	4	<p>5</p> <p>UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am</p>

Social Commentary

Dear Blago, I Am Not Your ‘Homie’

by John Fountain



Dear Blago, I am not your “homie.” And for that matter, Dear Republican Party, Donald Trump and various Trump homies now going to and fro, seeking whom you may devour — I mean, trolling desperately for Black male votes — neither am I your Negro. I’m not Kanye. Not Ice Cube. Not 50 Cent. Not the Reverend Dr. Darrell Scott. And I’m not for sale. Not falling for the political okey-doke. Not today, not tomorrow, not ever. Not that I blame you for trying, dearest former Illinois Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich. Hell, if Trump had granted me early release from the federal slammer, he’d have my vote — and my loyalty — for life. So on the one hand, I feel ya, uh, homie. But on the other hand, I just don’t, dawg. I heard what had happened this week at Trump Tower downtown during an event dubbed as the launch of a pro-Trump nationwide tour “to promote harmony and equality,” where you reportedly declared to a group of mostly people of color who support Trump: “I’m one of your homies.” I was like, “Hell, nah. Wow... Come on, bruh.” I mean, I like you and all. But “homie?” What’s up with the Black talk? And what’s up with this apparent sudden focus on courting the Black male vote for Trump?

As a lukewarm, lifelong Black male Democrat, please allow me to respond in the vernacular: “My man, y’all barkin’ up the wrong tree. Y’all trippin’ — for real.” Capiisce? Now, I would be remiss to think I speak for all Black men. Clearly, I don’t. We are not monolithic. But I think I speak for many in saying: “Man, you crazy as a road lizard if you think we gon’ vote for Trump... You must be outta yo’ cotton-pickin’ mind.” For starters, Trump has yet to even publicly denounce or disavow himself from white supremacists and other hate groups. If he is not a racist, the racists think he’s racist. Enough said. Indeed, Trump has yet to acknowledge the existence of systemic racism in America, which was built on the original sin of slavery. Matter of fact, Trump has yet to come clean about his racism against the “Central Park Five,” or about his refusal, once upon a time, to rent apartments to Blacks.

Trump — who has called black women “dogs,” and Black NFL players SOB’s. Who incites violence with divisive rhetoric but proclaims himself to be, “the least racist person in the room.” Who sanctioned the snatching of brown babies at the southern border from the arms of their parents, not “coyotes” as Trump claims — more than 500 of them potentially lost to their parents forever. Then Trump had the nerve to say that he’s done more good for Blacks than any president other than Abraham Lincoln? Negro, please. And for the record, the Democrats don’t get a pass either — not for their past sins and neglect, or for taking the Black voter for granted.

But desperate times like these, amid a nation drowning in divisiveness, and a rising sea of COVID-19, and teetering on economic disaster, need leadership, character and decency. That's what I'm voting for. Leadership. Not a homie, ya dig?

Little Known Black History Fact

George Edwin Taylor

By D. L. Chandler



According to some reports, **George Edwin Taylor** was the first Black person selected by a political party to run for president.

Taylor was born in August 4, 1857 in Little, Ark. to a slave father and free mother. He eventually settled in Wisconsin, attending Wayland University in the state before moving into labor politics and working as a newspaper columnist.

Becoming a fixture of Wisconsin's still-prominent labor movement, he relocated to Iowa and involved himself in politics while also running his weekly newspaper, *The Negro Solicitor*. Taylor's prominence in political and civil rights circles became something of note when he became president of the National Colored Men's Protective Association, and aligned with the National Negro Democratic League, an organization of Black Democratic Party members.

In November 1904, Taylor was named the presidential nominee for the National Negro Liberty Party. Also known as the National Liberty Party, it was said to be the first political party created for and by Black people.

The failed bid proved that Taylor had influence among Black independents at the turn of the century. This occurred as the GOP began focusing on the North while conservative Democrats dominated political channels in the South. Taylor moved to Jacksonville, Fla., living out the rest of his days as an organizer with the local YMCA while still dabbling in newspapers and journalism.

Taylor passed in 1925 at the age of 68. [Shirley Chisholm](#) is the first Black presidential candidate for a major political party. In 1848, [Frederick Douglass](#) received a single vote as a presidential candidate for the Liberty Party but most view the gesture as symbolic more than anything.

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Sunday 10:30 am - LIVE Service

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Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:

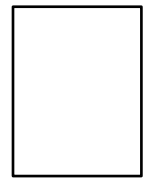
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Wesley's 66th Church Anniversary!

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 November 1st – November 7th

November 1

Ezekiel 1:1-3:15
Hebrews 3:1-19
Psalm 104:1-23
Proverbs 26:24-26

November 2

Ezekiel 3:16-6:14
Hebrews 4:1-16
Psalm 104:24-35
Proverbs 26:27

November 3

Ezekiel 7:1-9:11
Hebrews 5:1-14
Psalm 105:1-15
Proverbs 26:28

2020 Vision:

"The Year of the Child"

(Matthew 19:14)

November 7

Ezekiel 16:42-17:24
Hebrews 8:1-13
Psalm 106:13-31
Proverbs 27:7-9

November 4

Ezekiel 10:1-11:25
Hebrews 6:1-20
Psalm 105:16-36
Proverbs 27:1-2

November 5

Ezekiel 12:1-14:11
Hebrews 7:1-17
Psalm 105:37-45
Proverbs 27:3

November 6

Ezekiel 14:12-16:41
Hebrews 7:18-28
Psalm 106:1-12
Proverbs 27:4-6