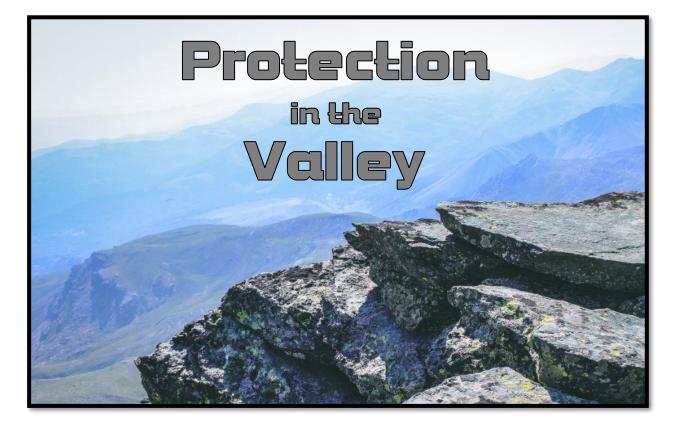


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"You Have Been Called"

The Bible is pregnant with stories about God calling individuals to particular tasks; tasks that could not be completed if it were not for divine collaboration. For example, in the call story of Moses, Moses is a fugitive of Egyptian justice living in Midian and because he is in witness protection, his new identity is that of a shepherd. Picture Moses taking care of sheep and/or goats for 40 years after spending the previous 40 years in Pharaoh's house. Picture Moses dealing with the rigors of shepherding after spending 40 years studying mathematics, science, religion, linguistics, engineering, and Egyptian history. He seems to be out of place but according to God's plan, Moses was in the right place at the right time. In Exodus 3, Moses is then called by God via a burning bush to leave the Midianite witness protection program and assume another identity as the liberator of the Israelite people. In his "burning bush experience," he is called to a task that is beyond his abilities and that is when God says, I will be with you. Whenever God calls people to particular tasks that seem so impossible or outrageous, the recipient of the 'call' must always be aware and conscious of the fact that God is with them. The recipient of the 'call' has to be totally convinced that the God who called them will be empowering, guiding, and helping them to complete their assignment.

I believe that Moses is not the only one that has had or will have a "burning bush" experience. I believe that God is still in the 'calling' business. I believe that God needs human partners to address the plethora of needs in our world. For every pathology that afflicts us, God has a human panacea. For every evil that afflicts us, God has a divine list of men, women, and children God can 'call' and use them as divine change agents to bring about desired and needed change. And let us not relegate God to just the sacred arena. God is omnipresent. God is active in both the sacred and secular. Just as God calls men and women to become pastors, preachers, evangelists, deacons, etc., God calls men and women to become doctors, lawyers, entrepreneurs, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, scientists, and other notable professions. God is active everywhere.

Everyone's call may not be as dramatic as Moses' call. I am not suggesting that everyone's "burning bush" is the same. But what I am suggesting is that I believe God calls each one of us to do something to make this world a better place. The church is holy ground and sacred space that facilitates an encounter with this God. The church is also here to remind persons that God is omnipresent, which means that God can call you to do something at anytime and anywhere. Listen and be attentive for God to speak to you and, like Moses, be courageous enough to say, "Here I am."

TWENTY THIRD 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 NOVEMBER: "Give Thanks in Everything"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: GREEN

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: 4-6	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	Views From the Valley	Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.
Today's Message	"Protection in the Valley"	

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE				
Morning Worship (11/1/20)	79 (views)			
Worship Call "	33 (callers)			
Sunday School "	14 (callers)			
Prayer Group	4 (callers)			
Bible Study (AM: 11 PM: 6)	17 (views/calls)			
Election Day*	143			
Lucious H. Smith Services	25			
TOTAL	315			

* = approximate # of attendees

Morning Scripture Psalm 23:4-6 (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 78:1-4, 9-16

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

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

² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

³ things that we have heard and known, that our forebears have told us.

⁴ 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.

⁹ The Ephraimites, armed with the bow, turned back on the day of battle.

¹⁰ They did not keep God's covenant, but refused to walk according to God's law.

¹¹They forgot the deeds of the LORD, the miracles that God had shown them.

¹² The LORD wrought marvels in the sight of their forebears in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan,

¹³ the LORD divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap,

¹⁴ led them with a cloud in the daytime, and all the night with a fiery light,

¹⁵ cleft rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep,

¹⁶ 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 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 <u>DEDICATED</u> 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.

Isis Gainey	November 1 st	Heustis Williams	November 17 th
Billie Longmire	November 1 st	Donya Lomax	November 19 th
Eric Geralds	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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

PRAYER LIST

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

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*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 Geralds (3)		*Helen Tuck (7)		
*Fred Williams (20)				
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*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	Leslie Carey Kirk		Katherine Thompson	
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	Byron Agnew, Jr.		Shatarah Ridley	
*Y. Shorter-Darden & Family (4)	Sam Agn	ew	David Williams	
*Gloria Banks (20)	Nannie A		Owen McPherson	
*Doris Echols (16)	Juanita V	Veatherspoon	James Williams	
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Annie Lo	is Robinson	James Taylor	
*Diamond Jones (12)	Jessica Sr	mith Crenshaw	James Curtis	
*Trinity Jones (12)	Joyce Ch	isem-Davis	The Baker Family	
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Carolyn F	Ransom	Anna Young	
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Sylvia Nic	chols	Dorothy Williams	
*Mark Garrett (5)	Milton Ke	ellum	Lois Tucker	
*The Plaxico Family (17)	Rosie Ho	ward	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	
*Chester Plaxico (17)	Mae Gilliams Fizer & Family		The Marshall Family	
*Julia Porter (5)	Rashaud Thompson		Archie Weddington	
*Barbara Sanders (3)				
*The Family of Lucious Smith (12)				
*The Family of Heustis Williams (1)				
*The Family of Sandra Lewis (16)				

SUNDAY MORNING

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Talking About Serious Mental Health Conditions in the African American Community

A mental health condition refers to a wide range of disorders or illnesses that can affect mood, behavior, feeling, or thinking. Serious mental health conditions are a smaller and more severe subset and can have a substantial impact on 1 or more major life activities. There are many different types of serious mental health conditions, including depression, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia.

How common are serious mental health conditions?



It is estimated that 1 in 25 adults in the United States experience serious mental illness.²

What do I do if I believe that I or my loved one has a serious mental health condition?



Recognize and acknowledge that individuals diagnosed with these diseases can live full, rewarding lives, especially if they seek and follow treatment as needed.



Research using reputable sources to identify the symptoms of mental health conditions and find support and care services.



Reach out to family members, friends, advocacy organizations, or your healthcare professional (HCP) to help build your support network.

Regroup with your HCP to find the right treatment plan and learn about available resources. Talk about your concerns, feelings, and ways to improve your mental health.

Remember, mental health conditions are nothing to be ashamed of. They are medical conditions, like heart disease or diabetes. It's important to speak up, speak out, and actively communicate with an HCP. Finding the right treatment plan can make a difference for you or a loved one living with a mental health condition.

If you or a loved one is in crisis, call 911 as soon as possible. If you or a loved one needs someone to talk to, there is confidential support available 24/7 for everyone in the United States by calling 1-800-273-8255 for the National Suicide Prevention Hotline.

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

NOVEMBER 2020

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

church buildings.

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

Social Commentary

Even If We Ignore Trump's Poor Personal Character, He Has Been an Awful President

by Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.



Tuesday is Election Day — though most of the votes have already been cast — and voters are facing one big question: Has Donald Trump earned re-election? Much of the commentary and many of the stump speeches focus on Trump personally — his character, his corruption, his lies, his ugly rhetoric. More telling is what Trump has done — or not done — as president. Here the failures are many, serious and utterly disqualifying. Trump's campaign poster says, "Keep America Great Again," as if he had succeeded in his first term to make it great. That assumption is reflected in his promise for his second term: more of the same.

Think about that. *This* is Trump's America: the most unemployed since the Great Depression, millions on the verge of eviction or foreclosure; more than 228,000 dead due to the pandemic with the virus spiking to new heights in states across the country. The United States has the worst COVID-19 per capita death toll in the world — effects made far worse by the catastrophic failure of leadership or management by the Trump administration. One of Trump's campaign slogans is "Promises made, promises kept," but that too is a lie. He said he would "clean the swamp" in a Washington D.C. infested with private lobbies and special interests. Instead, he's presided over a predator's ball, weakening the civil service, and inviting the lobbyists to feast on a pay-to-play administration. He promised to end the endless wars — a promise I agreed with — but the wars go on despite his bluster. He promised a manufacturing revival, but America has lost jobs in this sector on his watch. He promised his tax cuts would benefit working people. But, in fact, the rich made out like bandits, and inequality — already extreme — has gotten much worse. Then he failed abjectly to get his fellow Republicans to do what is vital to sustain working families in the pandemic. His administration never put forth clear rules about health and safety on the job that would protect essential workers.

Even more ominously, Trump is acting in ways that will undermine our future. The failure of common sense about the pandemic will cost thousands more lives and impede any economic recovery. His opposition to support for states and localities that are suffering a collapse in revenue, even as the pandemic causes soaring costs, will force the layoff of workers and cutback in services that will deepen the recession. His denial of climate change and systematic rollback of environmental protections condemns the next generation to a hellish struggle against the elements. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King taught that the arc of history is long but it bends toward justice. On the economy, on health, on climate, on race, on democracy, on inequality, Donald Trump is on the wrong side of history and heading

backward. Former Vice President Joe Biden, Sen. Kamala Harris and the majority coalition that they are building are calling America forward. Trump says that he "takes no responsibility" and campaigns as if he had not been president over the past four years. On Tuesday, Americans can ensure that he isn't for the next four years.

Little Known Black History Fact

Rev. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker By D. L. Chandler



The famous photo of the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in an Alabama jail cell was made possible by his chief strategist and SCLC Executive Director, <u>the Rev. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker</u>. Rev. Walker passed this Tuesday, leaving behind a long career of civil rights organizing and activism from the streets to the pulpit.

Walker, who was born in Massachusetts, was working as a pastor in Virginia when he first involved himself in civil rights. In the late '50's, Walker organized peaceful protests of school segregation in the state. His work caught the attention of King, who appointed him as the first executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

With the high-profile position, Walker moved about activist circles and assisted King with day-to-day activities. Among his many contributions, King's famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail" letter was compiled with the help of Walker. Walker also sneaked a camera into the jail taped to his leg to snap the well-known photo.

Appointed to lead the Canaan Baptist Church in Harlem, Walker was installed by Rev. King and was the only New York pastor to have that honor. Just over a week later, Rev. King was assassinated. The fire in Walker's belly did not abate with King's untimely death, and he used the platform to rally against domestic and global injustice. His work inspired the likes of **Rev. Al Sharpton**, among others.

The family announced that Walker died in an assisted living community in Virginia, where his civil rights career began. According to reports, Rev. Walker was around 88 years of age.

Wesley United Methodist Church 201 East 95 th Street Chicago, IL 60619 Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr., Pastor	<u>SAVE these Conference</u> Sunday 10:30 am - LIVE Service Thursday 11 am - Prayer Call		
	Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:	1.312.626.6799 ID/code: 295 101 7709#	
	Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:	1.605.475.4000 Code: 260259#	Scan the QR code on the left to donate to Wesley via smartphone or other mobile device!

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 8th – November 14th

November 8

Ezekiel 18:1-19:14 Hebrews 9:1-10 Psalm 106:32-48 Proverbs 27:10

November 9

Ezekiel 20:1-49 Hebrews 9:11-28 Psalm 107:1-43 Proverbs 27:11

November 10

Ezekiel 21:1-22:31 Hebrews 10:1-17 Psalm 108:1-13 Proverbs 27:12 2020 Vision: *"The Year of the Child"* (Matthew 19:14)

November 14

Ezekiel 29:1-30:26 Hebrews 11:32-12:13 Psalm 112:1-10 Proverbs 27:17

November 11

Ezekiel 23:1-49 Hebrews 10:18-39 Psalm 109:1-31 Proverbs 27:13

November 12

Ezekiel 24:1-26:21 Hebrews 11:1-16 Psalm 110:1-7 Proverbs 27:14

November 13

Ezekiel 27:1-28:26 Hebrews 11:17-31 Psalm 111:1-10 Proverbs 27:15-16