

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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“Being Faithful and Fruitful in 2021”

“Ye shall know them by their fruits.” Matthew 7:16

Happy New Year, saints! God has called us to be both faithful and fruitful in order to be an impactful church. To be faithful means to be dedicated and devoted to our commitment to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our world. To be faithful means that we offer God lip and life service as we build this church to His glory. To be faithful means that our convictions guide our conduct and our beliefs guide our behavior as we minister to the “least of these” within our community.

I think we are a faithful congregation. Are there some steps we could take to go farther in our faith-walk? Of course, as with any faith community. However, the committed core of Wesley members have displayed great faith over the years. If they hadn't, we would not be able to reflect on the great history of the church starting with its humble beginnings across the street to its now current location. If they hadn't been faithful, we would not be here right now sitting in a newly renovated church. Yes, over the years, Wesley has been both faithful and fruitful.

For 2021, God has said that we need to kick our “fruitfulness” into high gear. As I mentioned in the sermon last week, our emphasis must shift from just having worship services to also providing life-changing ministry to our neighborhood. The LORD has challenged us to become a stakeholder in our community more than we have ever been. Last week, we received two “thank you” cards from neighbors who received our pandemic care bags. Those two persons who responded to our outreach ministry activity validated that we can make a difference in our community. Those two persons who said, “thank you,” confirmed for us that we do not have to be a megachurch to make a difference in people's lives. Every church has agency. Every church, no matter the size, has the capacity to unite and do something to make life better for the community for which it has been called to serve. Wesley is at 201 E. 95th Street for a reason. The founders of our local church received their marching orders and handled their spiritual business plan and Wesley Methodist Church was born. In 2021, we stand on their shoulders to improve our witness in this community. We stand on their shoulders to let our light shine in the darkness of this global pandemic. We stand on their shoulders to make our lives count for something. Jesus gave His life for the church and therefore the church should live its best life for Jesus. We can only live our best life by doing the works of Jesus. Providing “Word” and “Sacrament” is good but we have much more to do.

Churches that will thrive in a post-Covid-19 world are churches that are intentional in impacting their communities year round. It is my dream that Wesley UMC becomes one of those churches. Have a great week and please remember to check the church website for up-to-date information. Shalom.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

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

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR JANUARY: "A New You for the New Year"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: WHITE or GOLD

Scripture for the month: "For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland." Isaiah 43:19 (New Living Translation)

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture

Philippians 3:7-16

see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 29

see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Today's Message

"Press On"

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (01/03/21)	78 (views)
Worship Call "	42 (callers)
Sunday School "	15 (callers)
Prayer Group	6 (callers)
Bible Study (AM only)	9 (views/calls)
UMM Monthly Meeting	12 (views/calls)
TOTAL	162

Morning Scripture

Philippians 3:7-16 (NKJV)

⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

⁸ ***Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ***

⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

¹⁰ ***that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,***

¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² ***Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.***

¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

¹⁴ ***I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.***

¹⁵ Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

¹⁶ ***Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.***



Black History Month

Book Discussion

Join us at **11 am, February 20th** for a Black History Month book discussion reviewing the new Isabel Wilkerson book,

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents

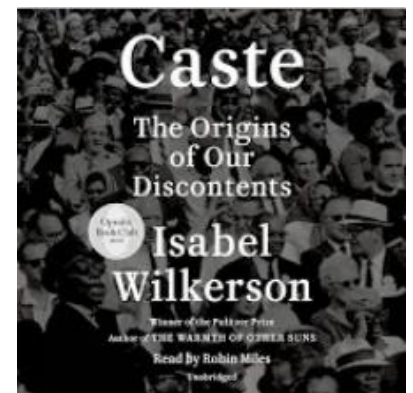
Purchase the book now and be ready to join the discussion!

[Click here to purchase \(Amazon.com\).](#)

Facilitator: Stephanie Jackson-Williams

A **limited supply of books** will be available to those who wish to participate but are unable to purchase. Please contact Stephanie for details.

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Click image above for NY Times book review.

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 29

(R) With joy the Lord of Hosts proclaim; extol the great almighty name.

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² ***Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.***

³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, upon many waters.

⁴ ***The voice of the LORD is powerful,
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.***

(R) With joy the Lord of Hosts proclaim; extol the great almighty name.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ The LORD makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ ***The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.***

⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness,
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forests bare;
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as Ruler for ever.

¹¹ ***May the LORD will give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!***

(R) With joy the Lord of Hosts proclaim; extol the great almighty name.

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.
- **Black History Month Book Discussion** Join us on **February 20, 2021, 11 am**, for a Black History Month book discussion reviewing the new Isabel Wilkerson book, **Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents**. Pick up the book [now](#) and be ready to join the discussion! Facilitator: Stephanie Jackson-Williams. A limited supply of books will be available for those who wish to participate but are unable to purchase them. Contact Stephanie for details: skjackwill@gmail.com | 312.961.8909.
- **End-of-Year Contribution Statements** Despite the impact of the Coronavirus, the Committee on Finance is committed to delivering your contribution statements in a timely manner. Because we are still not able to gather together, your 2020 annual contribution statements will be delivered via email. Please **verify** with the church office, **by January 15, 2021**, that your correct email address is on file. For those members who do not use email or prefer to receive a paper copy, your statements will be mailed to you.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lillye Hart	January 1 st	Helen York	January 11 th	Charles Woolery, Jr.	January 20 th
Callie Dulaney	January 3 rd	Tiffany Walton	January 13 th	Khayri Moss	January 21 st
Verner Geddes	January 4 th	Minnie Grady	January 17 th	Teddy Mott	January 21 st
Clarence Jones	January 4 th	Summer Rainey	January 17 th	Darlene Clark	January 23 rd
Sydney Jackson	January 5 th	Lucinda Franklin	January 18 th	Eddie Lee Hawkins	January 24 th
Frank Readus	January 6 th	Essie Judon	January 19 th	Daphne Sam	January 24 th
Darlene Ruffin	January 6 th	Donna Lomax	January 19 th	Dylan Julun	January 29 th
Tristen Newman	January 8 th	Edith Belisle	January 20 th	Rhonda Smith-Leach	January 29 th
Lisa Jones	January 11 th	Dixie Taylor	January 20 th	Megan Myrie	January 30 th
		Henry Stephen	January 20 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)
*Lucile 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)	

GENERAL		
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	*Daphne Hicks and Family (10)	Katherine Thompson
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	*Laniya Bradley & Family (7)	Shatarah Ridley
*Y. Shorter-Darden & Family (4)	Sam Agnew	David Williams
*Gloria Banks (20)	Nannie Agnew	Owen McPherson
*Doris Echols (16)	Byron Agnew, Jr.	Gregory McPherson
*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 & Dwight Thompson & Fam. (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
*Barbara Sanders (3)	Rashaud Thompson	The Weddington Family
*The Porter Family (5)	Leslie Carey Kirk	James Williams
*The Family of Lucious Smith (12)	Douglas Hargray	Juanita Weatherspoon
*The Family of Heustis Williams (1)		
*The Family of Sandra Lewis (16)		

Continue to pray for those in the valley of bereavement: Doris Thompson lost her mother, and Laniya Bradley lost an aunt. Pray for the Thompsons, the Bradleys, and others struggling with grief this holiday season.

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

JANUARY 2021

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# ----- Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	28	29 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	30	31 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	1 Happy New Year!	2 UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am ----- Communion Element Pick-up 11 am – 1 pm (parking lot)
3 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#	4	5	6 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	7 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	8	9 UMW Meeting (via Zoom) 10 am
10 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	11	12	13 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	14 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	15	16 Tomorrow is Human Relations Sunday (Please give generously)
17 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#	18	19	20 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	21 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	22	23 Board of Trustees Mtg 9 am (via Zoom)
24 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#	25	26	27 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	28 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	29	30 Tomorrow is Youth Sunday!
31 Youth Sunday!	1	2	3	4	5	6

SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

Back to School Planning To Slow the Spread of COVID-19

Schools are an essential part of communities' infrastructure and play a critical role in supporting the whole child, not just their academic achievement.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has created a checklist to help with back to school planning for the school year 2020-2021. View our COVID-19 resource page for the comprehensive list.

Below are a few essential actions to take and points to consider.

-  Check-in with your child each morning for signs of illness. If your child has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, they should not go to school.
-  Make sure your child is up-to-date with all recommended vaccines, including for flu.
-  Review and practice proper hand washing techniques at home, especially before and after eating, sneezing, coughing, and adjusting a face cover.
-  Make hand washing fun and explain to your child why it's important.
-  Be familiar with how your school will make water available during the day. Consider packing a water bottle.
-  Reinforce the concept of physical distancing with your child.



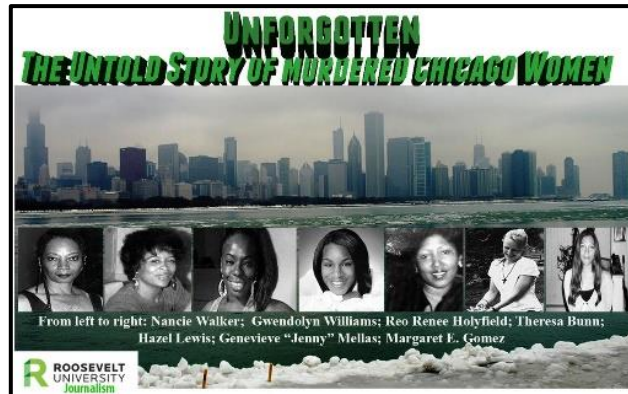
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Social Commentary

Unforgotten: The Untold Story of Murdered Chicago Women

by John Fountain



Ashes. She disappeared like ashes upon a menacing swirling wind. Her name was Nancie Carolyn Walker. It was on an unseasonably warm overcast day in January, 18 years ago, that she vanished — at least for seven weeks, until they found her. These are among the words that I and my journalism students at Roosevelt University wrote about the 51 mostly Black women murdered in Chicago over 18 years and identified by the Murder Accountability Project as having perished at the hands of at least one serial killer.

Our words seek to convey some sense of the incalculable loss, yearning for justice and also the inerasable recollections held by family and other loved ones of these women, most often strangled and severed and sometimes set on fire. Then discarded in assorted trash bins, vacant lots, parks, abandoned houses or on the side of the road.

The facts don't lie. Black women are murdered at twice the rate of women of other races in the United States. Indeed, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention analysis of female homicide statistics between 2003 and 2014, Black and indigenous women were killed as a result of homicide at rates more than double women of other races.

You will also find the story of Nancie Walker — a successful South Side businesswoman who loved dancing and who danced upon the rhythms and winds of life. Until 18 years ago when after being missing for seven weeks, her dismembered body was found in trash bags on the Bishop Ford Freeway. She was 55. “I still dream about her nightly,” her sister Myrna Walker told us. “One night she reached out to touch me.”

But in reality, Nancie is no longer here. The share of her ashes each of her sisters keeps in an urn is a brutal reminder. Like the way she left this world — untimely, suddenly and violently, disappearing, like ashes upon a menacing swirling wind. To view the project, visit: www.unforgotten51.com.

Little Known Black History Fact

The Real Story Behind the “Green Book” Movie

by D.L. Chandler



The Negro Motorist Green Book, commonly known as the “Green Book”, was an annual travel guide catering to Black travelers in the 20th Century. Considering the deep racial divides caused by Jim Crow laws, the Green Book provided Black families with a resource to navigate potential dangers in America at the time.

Postman and activist **Victor Hugo Green** began compiling data in his native New York regarding establishments that were friendly to Black patrons. In 1936, the first issue was published and its popularity skyrocketed in just four years’ time. After a brief hiatus during World War II, the book returned in 1946 with Green later changing the name of the book to The Negro Motorist Green Book: An International Travel Guide.

The book was offered via a partnership with the Esso Standard Oil Company and other sponsors. The book’s tag line was “Now We Can Travel Without Embarrassment.”

The book effectively listed out homes that individuals and families could rent out, typically owned by other Black families. Hotels, salons, garages, grocery stores, and restaurants were also listed, including those owned by white people who didn’t turn away Black patrons.

As the civil rights movement began to take hold in the late ’50’s and onto the mid-60’s, the necessity of the guide began to lower naturally and it published its last issue in 1966.

Oscar winner **Mahershala Ali** starred in the “Green Book” film in the role of Jamaican classical pianist, Don Shirley, in a true story about how he and his white driver and security guard, Tony Lip, played by Viggo Mortensen, traveled across the Deep South for Shirley’s tour there.

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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:

1.312.626.6799

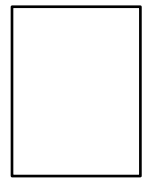
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Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:

1.605.475.4000

Code: 260259#



Scan the QR code on the left to donate to Wesley via smartphone or other mobile device!



Thank You for Contributing!

This year we celebrated **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 kicked-off our **66th Church Anniversary Pledge Drive**, *“Building for the Future,”* early in the year and our members and friends have given, not just in the first six months, as was the original plan for this pledge, but throughout the year. These donations have benefitted the church in a multitude of ways.

Wesley is blessed to have such members and supporters among our church family.

May God’s grace and blessings be yours now, and throughout the coming year!



2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

Week of January 10th – January 16th

January 10

Genesis 23:1-24:51

Matthew 8:1-17

Psalms 9:13-20

Proverbs 3:1-6

January 11

Genesis 24:52-26:16

Matthew 8:18-34

Psalms 10:1-15

Proverbs 3:7-8

January 12

Genesis 26:17-27:46

Matthew 9:1-17

Psalms 10:16-18

Proverbs 3:9-10

2021:

“The Year of Restoration”

(1 Peter 5:10)

January 16

Genesis 32:13-34:31

Matthew 11:7-30

Psalms 14:1-7

Proverbs 3:19-20

January 13

Genesis 28:1-29:35

Matthew 9:18-38

Psalms 11:1-7

Proverbs 3:11-12

January 14

Genesis 30:1-31:16

Matthew 10:1-23

Psalms 12:1-8

Proverbs 3:13-15

January 15

Genesis 31:17-32:12

Matthew 10:24-11:6

Psalms 13:1-6

Proverbs 3:16-18