The Church With The Warm Heart

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"March Off the Map"

"A man cannot discover new oceans until he has the courage to leave the shore." – Unknown

What an arresting quote that suggests that if anything new and exciting is going to happen in your life, then you have to be willing to take a risk and try new things. Go where you haven't gone before. Do things you have never done before. Read books you have never read before. And so on....

Taking a risk to try new things is problematic I know. We are used to the familiar. Whether that familiar is healthy or toxic, we trust it and know it nonetheless, and will stay in that space no matter what.

Imagine where the universal church would be without risk-takers. I mean, imagine for a minute if the disciples would have told Jesus "no" when he said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Imagine if Moses would have looked that burning bush in the eye and said, "no." Imagine if Isaiah would have dared to see the glory of the LORD in the temple and still said "no, don't send me." Imagine if Nehemiah heard the discouraging news about Jerusalem and never gave it another thought to leave his job and go back to Jerusalem to rebuild her walls. I could go on and on mentioning biblical character after biblical character and talk about all the risks those characters took to serve and glorify God.

Their witness reminds us that you cannot serve our great God without taking risks. Their witness reminds us that serving God is not convenient. It is not safe. It is not supposed to be the familiar. It is not supposed to become something we label as routine. Serving God is an adventure which suggests that there ought to be some uncertainty, some fear, some excitement, some faith, some perseverance, and some determination all rolled up into your discipleship dossier.

Risk-taking Mission and Service is about God telling us to march off the map of our finite version of Christianity and embrace the unknown for the sake of impacting lives. On several occasions, Jesus told his disciples, "We must go to the other side" referring to crossing the Sea of Galilee. What Jesus was also saying was that his disciples must never be afraid of crossing cultural, political, spiritual, economic, or social boundaries. In other words, His disciples must and should be risk-takers. Love for God and humanity has no boundaries. This love cannot be insular, parochial, or myopic. Agape (unconditional love) reaches inward, outward and upward. What Jesus was really saying was that the earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein. As John Wesley put it: "The world is our parish." The Rev. Dr. Halford Luccock said, "Are we fishers of men or just keepers of the aquarium?" We have to figure out what mindset we have. Is it an ocean mindset or an aquarium one? Have a great week.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR MARCH: "Women in the Bible"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: PURPLE

Scripture for the month: ⁴ Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. ⁵ She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. Judges 4:4-5 (NIV)

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture Joshua 4:1-11 see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise Psalm 107: 1-9, 33-38 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering UMCOR Sunday

Pastoral Prayer

Today's Message "How Could I Ever Forget" Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE			
Worship Video (03/07/21)	77 (views)		
Worship Call "	26 (callers)		
Sunday School "	16 (callers)		
Prayer Group	8 (callers)		
Bible Study (AM: 10)	10 (views/calls)		
Umm Monthly Meeting	9 (views/calls)		
TOTAL	146		

Morning Scripture

Joshua 4:1-11 (NKJV)

- ² "Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe,
- ³ and command them, saying, 'Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood firm. You shall carry them over with you and leave them in the lodging place where you lodge tonight.' "
- ⁴ Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe;
- ⁵ and Joshua said to them: "Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel,
- ⁶ that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?'
- ⁷Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever."
- ⁸ And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the LORD had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.
- ⁹Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day.
- ¹⁰ So the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the LORD had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua; and the people hurried and crossed over.
- ¹¹ Then it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over, that the ark of the LORD and the priests crossed over in the presence of the people.

¹ And it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying:

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 107: 1-9, 33-38

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

¹O 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.

⁶Then, 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.

³³ The LORD turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground,

³⁴ a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.

³⁵ The LORD turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.

³⁶ The LORD lets the hungry dwell there, and they establish a city in which to live;

³⁷ they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and get a fruitful yield.

³⁸ They multiply greatly by the blessing of the LORD who does not let their cattle decrease.

(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 <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.
- **Lenten Meditations** Pastor Woolery will be preparing weekly meditations throughout the Lenten season. Be sure to check your email for these inspirational messages as we progress through this, the holiest season of the year.
- **TODAY is UMCOR Sunday.** Please give generously.
- The Lenten season has begun. Even though we can't be together for worship, we are a congregational family in spirit. During the lenten season, we usually provide coin gleaners for our members to give a special Easter donation to the church. This year we won't distribute gleaners but we hope you will still remember to give a *special blessing* this Easter Sunday.

Easter gleaners: \$15+ donation Easter Lilies: \$20+ donation

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Omar Helm	March 2 nd	Johnathan Flakes	March 9 th	Larue Grizzard	March 22 nd
Julia Kidd	March 2 nd	C. Sam Hancock	March 10 th	Jade Jenkins	March 22 nd
John Sanders	March 4 th	Domonique Mott	omonique Mott March 12 th Doris Thompson		March 26 th
Joyce Chisem-Davis	March 5 th	Pamela Pirtle	March 12 th	Anedra Moss	March 27 th
Carlton Binion II	March 6 th	Kiara Goodrich	March 14 th	Damilola Shonoiki	March 29 th
Minnie Thompson	March 7 th	Robin Woolery	March 15 th	Sheila Ann Gonzales	March 30 th
Morris Echols	March 8 th	Y. Shorter-Darden	March 16 th	Cheryle Banks	March 31 st
Khayra Moss	March 8 th			Dorothy Williamson	March 31 st

Be sure to wish our members with March birthdays 'Happy Birthday!'





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PRAYER LIST

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

(* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

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*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 Geralds (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)		
*Fred Williams (20)			

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*The Family of Sandra Lewis (16) Aide	n Combs	The Anderson Family	
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*Laniya Bradley & Family (7) Lesli	Carey Kirk	The Weddington Family	
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Please remember to update the church office with needed changes to the prayer list!

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

MARCH 2021

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

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9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259#	1	2	Remote Bible Study 11 am 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	Remote Prayer Group 11 am Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	5	UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am UMM Communion Element Pick-up 11 am – 1 pm (parking lot)
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#	8	9	Remote Bible Study 11 am 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	Remote Prayer Group 11 am Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	12	UMW Meeting (via Zoom) 10 am
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28 Palm Sunday 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259#	29	30	Remote Bible Study 11 am 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	Maundy Thursday Remote Prayer Group 11 am Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	2 Good Friday	Holy Saturday UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am

Life Line Health Screenings

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Coming Up This Month...

The Community Blood Center Blood Drive Saturday, March 20, 2021

SUNDAY MORNING

HEALTH CORNER

hATTR Amyloidosis Overview

What is hereditary ATTR (hATTR) amyloidosis?

hATTR amyloidosis is a rare, hereditary condition.

Approximately 1 in 25 African Americans have a certain gene variant, or change within a gene, that may be associated with the development of hATTR amyloidosis.

What do I need to Know?

hATTR amyloidosis is passed down through families

Although anyone can be at risk for this disease, it is more common for people of certain ethnicities, such as those of African (West African: Ghana, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone, or Afro-Caribbean), Brazilian, Irish, and Portuguese descent.

The disease may affect several parts of the body and make it difficult to walk. It can also cause digestive problems, numbness/tingling in the hands or feet, and/or heart failure. This is not a complete list of symptoms that may be experienced with hATTR amyloidosis.

The symptoms can often be similar to those of other, more common conditions, such as alcoholic neuropathy, AA amyloidosis, AL amyloidosis, carpal tunnel syndrome, diabetic neuropathy, and hypertensive heart disease. It's important to talk to your doctor if you're experiencing symptoms.

The Bridge[®] is a program designed to help raise awareness and provide education and helpful tools for patients, their families, and their caregivers.

To learn more visit www.hATTRbridge.com.

Learn more about what to look for at www.hATTRbridge.com.

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Social Commentary

Lessons from COVID-19 Will Lead to Long-Lived New Traditions in Houses of Worship

by John Fountain



While many houses of worship have resumed limited capacity, in-person worship services and other activities since the outbreak last year and state-issued restrictions on social gatherings, I suspect that some lessons from the storm called COVID-19 will lead to long-lived new traditions. I also suspect that some longstanding previously unquestioned church traditions likely will be challenged whenever things do get back to some semblance of normal amid those changes necessitated to the church's change in program due to coronavirus.

Traditions, like, er um, all that hugging and greeting with a kiss. How about "turn to your neighbor and say...?" Will there still be the laying on of hands during prayer? And what about the belief that "salvation" is irrevocably tied to loyal church attendance? Especially in light of thousands upon thousands of Christians not going to church or attending only sparsely over the last year.

A believer that the biblical call of "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" is not a command to go to church but a command to be the church. A believer that, as Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Some of my evangelically minded brothers and sisters have chided me over the years for my absence from the pews on Sundays, where they surmise every good Christian must be found. Except since the pandemic, many across American Christendom have found themselves as members of Zoom Temple or Morning Glory Facebook Live.

I gotta admit, I attend. And I dig it. Amen. Indeed many church leaders have turned to the internet as a vehicle of transmitting sermons, worship service and also connecting the body of believers. From where I sit, that's a good thing. In fact, the widespread use of the internet by churches big and small appears to be ushering in a new dispensation of technologically-based church worship and fellowship. The good news? Some of my pastoral friends report a spike in "Sunday service attendance" with hundreds or thousands additionally electronically tuning in. The Lord works in mysterious ways... Hallelujah!

Little Known Black History Fact

Fannie Jackson Coppin

by D.L. Chandler



The namesake of Baltimore, Maryland's Coppin State University, **Fanny Jackson Coppin**, was a woman of exceptional fortitude and ambition. Born into slavery, Coppin was the first Black woman to become a school principal and was driven by a need to spread education to newly freed slaves.

Fanny Marion Jackson was born in October 1837 in Washington, D.C. into slavery. An aunt purchased her freedom when she was a girl, and she worked as a domestic servant while going to school. Coppin's interest in learning was apparent early on, and an opportunity for higher education occurred when she attended Oberlin College.

As the first college to admit women and Black students, Oberlin was a godsend for Coppin and there, she became its first pupil-teacher. Coppin opened an evening school for freedmen to continue educating her people. She traveled to Philadelphia and taught at the Philadelphia Institute For Colored Youth, which is now Cheyney University. In 1869, she was promoted to her history-making role as principal of the school.

Coppin married A.M.E. Minister Rev. Levi J. Coppin in 1881. After retiring in 1902, Coppin joined her husband as a missionary in Cape Town, South Africa. She returned to Philadelphia in 1907 and completed a book, *Reminiscences of School Life*, and *Hints on Teaching*, that was published in 1913, the same year that she passed.

In 1926, a teacher training school was named the Fanny Jackson Coppin Normal School in her memory, which is now Coppin State.

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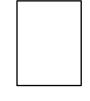
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Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call: 1.605.475.4000

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March Health Events



Advanced Registration Required Wednesday, March 17, 2021

8:30 am – 4:30 pm Register *HERE* Click <u>HERE</u> to find Information on the COVID-19 vaccine in Cook County (IL).



Advanced Registration Required Saturday, March 20, 2021

11 am – 2:30 pm Register *HERE*

2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan) Week of March 14th – March 20th

March 14

Numbers 21:1-22:20 Luke 1:26-56 Psalm 57:1-11 Proverbs 11:9-11

March 15

Numbers 22:21-23:30 Luke 1:57-80 Psalm 58:1-11 Proverbs 11:12-13

March 16

Numbers 24:1-25:18 Luke 2:1-35 Psalm 59:1-17 Proverbs 11:14

2021:

"The Year of Restoration"
(1 Peter 5:10)

March 20

Numbers 30:1-31:54 Luke 4:1-30 Psalm 63:1-11 Proverbs 11:20-21

March 17

Numbers 26:1-51 Luke 2:36-52 Psalm 60:1-12 Proverbs 11:15

March 18

Numbers 26:52-28:15 Luke 3:1-22 Psalm 61:1-8 Proverbs 11:16-17

March 19

Numbers 28:16-29:40 Luke 3:23-38 Psalm 62:1-12 Proverbs 11:18-19