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# Wesley United Methodist Church

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#### "We Have to Sow to Grow"

*"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." 2 Corinthians 9:6* 

It is through giving of ourselves as God has given to us that we help the body of Christ thrive. Offering our material resources to God is a FUN-damental activity that is so critical to Wesley's mission that failure to perform it in an exemplary way leads to decline. This means that generosity is the "engine" that drives the "giving train". What coal is to a locomotive, that is what generosity is to the giver. It is impossible to give without some spirit of generosity. Those who give more money to the church, you could say, have more of a generous spirit. I understand there are some major factors that prevent many from being extravagantly generous to the LORD. One major factor is debt. The average American carries \$10,000 worth of credit card debt. Then there are student loans, car loans, mortgages, clothes, restaurant costs, cable, phone, and food bills. We are hounded by the bill-gods.

Nonetheless, as believers in God....and I am assuming that the readers of this Pastor's page believe in God...we believe that God has and will provide our every need. We believe that God will not send us to the poor house if we give the tithe to the Lord's house. We believe that whatever amount we sow, that is the same amount we will reap. We believe that God is a creator, sustainer, Good Shepherd, Father, Keeper, and ultimate Provider therefore what we give to His church (Wesley) will not negatively affect our standard of living. In fact, it will enhance it. Why? Because God's word, if we believe it, says if you tithe: "I will open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing you won't have room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10b).

When you think about the stewardship history of Wesley, you have to understand that every sanctuary built in which we have worshiped (212 and 201), every church piano and organ that has lifted our spirits, every non-padded and padded pew we have sat, every altar rail where we have knelt, every hymnal from which we have sung, every praise team and choir that has lifted our spirits, every church event, every Jazz Luncheon, every vacation bible school, every preacher that has graced the pulpit, every church sponsored meal that you ate, every church van ride you have taken---are all the fruit of someone's extravagant generosity. Those who have gone on before us sowed into this ministry and now we are benefitting from those who have sowed. They engaged in sowing 'so that' (one of my old sermons) we could still be growing in 2021.

We are the heirs, the beneficiaries of those who came before us who were touched by the generosity of Christ enough to give graciously. Their giving in the past has enabled us to experience the truth of Christ for ourselves in the present. We owe the same to generations to come. Have a great week.

### PALM SUNDAY

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 or RED

**Scripture for the month:** <sup>4</sup> Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. <sup>5</sup> 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	Matthew 21:8-17	see video, or page 4
Psalm of Praise	Psalm 118:14-29	see video, or page 5
Announcements		
Offering		
Pastoral Prayer		
Today's Message	"A Preacher with a Chip on His Should	
		Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

#### Invitation to Christian Discipleship

#### Affirmation of Faith

#### Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE			
Worship Video (03/14/21)	67 (views)		
Sunday School "	19 (callers)		
Prayer Group	9 (callers)		
Bible Study (AM only: 10)	10 (views/calls)		
TOTAL	105		

### Morning Scripture Matthew 21:8-17 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road.

<sup>9</sup> Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

<sup>10</sup> And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?"

<sup>11</sup> So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

### <sup>13</sup> And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "

<sup>14</sup> Then *the* blind and *the* lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

## <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant

<sup>16</sup> and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?"

And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read,

'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"

<sup>17</sup> Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and He lodged there.

### Psalm of Praise Psalm 118:14-29

# (R) Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my power; the LORD has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous; "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the LORD is exalted,

#### the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

#### <sup>18</sup> The LORD has chastened me sorely, but has not given me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

# (R) Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

#### <sup>22</sup> The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

# (R) Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD! *We bless you from the house of the LORD.* 

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, who has given us light. Lead the festal procession with branches up to the horns of the altar!

> <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup> Oh, give thanks to the LORD, who is good; for God's steadfast love endures for ever!

(R) Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

#### 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.
- The Lenten season is coming to an end. Though we can't be together for worship during this special holy season, 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. We didn't distribute gleaners this year but we hope you will still remember to give a *special blessing* this Easter Sunday.

Easter gleaners: \$15+ donation

#### Easter Lilies: \$20+ donation

• **COVID-19 Vaccination Information** Wesley UMC is registering as part of the **Protect Chicago Plus** team, focused on getting the word out about vaccine events in the area. Be sure to watch your email for updates on vaccination events in and around the areas closest to the church. Of course, should we receive verified information of other events elsewhere, we will share it.

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

#### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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

#### 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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	SHUT-IN				
*Minnie Thompson (20	*Minnie Thompson (20)		*Bessie Alford-Moore (18)		
*Lucile Sanders (16)			*Doris Anderson (1)		
*Clarence Sanders (16)	*Clarence Sanders (16)				
*Barbara Shepherd (18	)	*Spencer Plaxico (17) *Jessie Stokes (19)			
*Eric Geralds (3)		*Helen Tuck (7)			
*Fred Williams (20)					
	GENE	RAL			
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	Sam Agn	am Agnew		ne Thompson	
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	Nannie A	gnew	David Williams		
*Gloria Banks (20)	Byron Ag	new, Jr.	Owen McPherson		
*Doris Echols (16)	Annie Lo	is Robinson	Gregor	y McPherson	
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Jessica Sr	nith Crenshaw	James 7	James Taylor	
*Diamond Jones (12)	Joyce Chi	sem-Davis	James (	Curtis	
*Trinity Jones (12)	Carolyn F	Ransom	The Bal	ker Family	
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Sylvia Nic	chols	Anna Y	oung	
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Milton Ke	ellum	Doroth	Dorothy Williams	
*Mark Garrett and Family (5)	Rosie Ho	ward	Lois Tu	cker	
*The Plaxico Family (17)	Natesha	Smith	Katherine Evans		
*Denise Richardson (20)	James Sa	nders	Carl Frazier		
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	Joanna Lennhardt		Robert A. Watkins		
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	Martha Muhs		Aaron Thomas, Jr.		
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Muriel Bo	Muriel Bolden		Michael Miller	
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Gregory Simms		Angel Acosta		
*The Moss Family (13)	Norbert S	Sanders	Sharon Cruikshank		
*Charles & B.J. Curtis and Family (3)	Brittany Porter		Vinelle Myrie		
*Odis & Lucinda Franklin Family (20)	Rhonda Monique Miller		Alexandria Ward		
*Ena Davis (1)	Ashley Parks		Davion McNeal		
*Doris Thompson (19)	Kathy Jenkins		Willie Moore		
*Helen York and Family (5)	Rebecca Merkson		Peaches Clark		
*Dawn Funches-Fox and Family (10)	John Anderson		Larry Clark		
*Chester Plaxico (17)	Jerry Simmons		Justin York		
*Barbara & John Sanders (3)	Rochelle Johnson		Russell York		
*The Porter Family (5)	The Ford & Robinson Families			k Essie Hayes	
*The Family of Lucious Smith (12)	Mila Kun			d Forest	
*The Family of Heustis Williams (1)	Ron Birto		Takia Y	•	
*The Family of Sandra Lewis (16)	Aiden Combs		The Anderson Family		
*Daphne Hicks and Family (10)		Thompson		arshall Family	
*Laniya Bradley & Family (7)	Leslie Carey Kirk			eddington Family	
	-	Douglas Hargray		James Williams	
	Robert Le		Juanita Weatherspoon		
	Cheryl M		Rev. Gessel Berry, Jr.		
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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

### **APRIL 2021**

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

#### church buildings or on ZOOM.

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28 Palm Sunday	29	30	31	1	2	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#			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#	Good Friday	Holy Saturday UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am
4 EASTER Sunday 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#	5	6	7 Remote Bible Study 11 am 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	8 Remote Prayer Group 11 am Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	9	10 UMW Meeting (via Zoom) 10 am
11 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#	12	13 Church Council Mtg 7 pm (via Zoom)	14 Remote Bible Study 11 am 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	15 Remote Prayer Group 11 am Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	16	17
18 Native American Ministries Sunday 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#	19	20	21 Remote Bible Study 11 am 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	22 Remote Prayer Group 11 am Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	23	24 Board of Trustees Mtg 9 am (via Zoom)
25 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#	26	27	28 Remote Bible Study 11 am 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	29 Remote Prayer Group 11 am Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	30	1 UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am 

### SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

#### Rare Diseases in African American Communities

The National Institutes of Health Office of Rare Diseases defines a rare disease as one affecting less than 200,000 people in the United States. However, some rare conditions such as Sickle Cell Anemia, Thalassemia, Sarcoidosis, and Lupus can occur at a higher frequency in African Americans than in any other racial group. Here are some of the most common rare diseases among African Americans:



Sickle Cell Anemia is the most common red blood cell disorder in the U.S. among African Americans. This disorder occurs when there aren't enough healthy red blood cells to carry oxygen throughout the body. This disorder is often characterized by the crescent moon or sickle-shaped blood cells.



Thalassemia is an inherited blood disorder that causes your body to have less hemoglobin than normal. Thalassemia can cause anemia, especially in pregnant African American women. Fortunately, the Thalassemia trait does not generally cause health problems.



Sarcoldosis is an inflammatory disease that affects multiple organs in the body including the lungs, lymph nodes, and sometimes the eyes and skin. Tiny inflammatory cells called granulomas cause inflamed tissues within the body. African Americans are between four and 17 times more likely to develop sarcoldosis compared with Caucasians.



Lupus is an autoimmune disease that occurs when the body's immune system attacks its own tissues and organs. Inflammation caused by Lupus can affect many different body systems— including joints, skin, kidneys, blood cells, brain, heart, and lungs. Out of all Lupus diagnoses, African Americans make up 40 percent.



Hereditary ATTR (hATTR) Amytoldosis is caused by a mutation or change in the TTR gene. This gene change affects the function of a protein called transthyretin (TTR). But when there is a genetic mutation of the TTR gene, it can lead to changes that cause the TTR protein to take on an abnormal shape.

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### **Social Commentary**

#### Our Diversity Is Truly America's Strength, And the Hateful Reaction to It, America's Weakness

by Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.



Last week's murder of eight people in North Georgia, six of them Asian American women, has brought national attention to the increasing violence and hatred suffered by Asian Americans in this country, and to the continuing reality of violence against women. Hate crimes against Asian Americans were up a staggering 150% in 2020, with Asian American women twice as likely to be victimized as men. Those targeted are of all ages and all different Asian nationalities. The violent attacks are often simply random, as when Xiao Zhen Xie, a 76-year-old grandmother in San Francisco, was punched in the face by a stranger. Children have been bullied and insulted. Asian-owned businesses have been vandalized; homes smeared with hateful graffiti.

The recent outbreak of race crimes directed at Asian Americans is the most recent chapter of a long, dismal history in this country, dating back to when Chinese workers were first imported in the 1850s to do dangerous, low-wage jobs in mining and railroad construction. Employers suppressed their wages, stripped them of their rights and stomped out any effort to organize. Immediately, fears that the "Chinese were taking American jobs" spread wildly. Just as with African Americans, Asian Americans were victimized repeatedly by vigilante violence and official injustice. In 1854, the California Supreme Court in People v. Hall ruled that Asians could not testify against a white person. Hall, who had murdered a Chinese immigrant, walked away without penalty.

The pandemic and the poisonous rhetoric of Donald Trump have exposed once more the hard work that must be done to bring together an inclusive society. Our diversity is truly America's strength, and the hateful reaction to it America's weakness. The rising violence against Asian Americans, the Black Lives Matter marches against police brutality, the tragic epidemic of deaths of despair plaguing displaced working people, the increasing anger at immigrants require all of us to come together, across lines of race and religion and region, to protect one another and to unite in the call for equal justice. Together we can make a more perfect union.

### Little Known Black History Fact

#### **Cardiss Collins**

by D.L. Chandler



The late **Cardiss Collins** did not choose a life in politics, but tragedy thrust her into the role in the early '70's. As a result, Collins became the first Black woman to represent the Midwest in the U.S. Congress. Collins was born on September 24, 1931 in St. Louis, Mo. Her family relocated to Detroit when she turned 10. Collins then attended Northwestern University in Illinois, and worked for the city of Chicago as a revenue auditor for the Illinois State Department of Revenue.

Collins' husband, U.S. Congressman George Collins, was appointed to office after the sudden death of Congressman Daniel Ronan in 1970. He served until his untimely death in December 1972 when a plane Congressman Collins was riding on crashed near Midway Airport in Chicago.

The Democratic Party swiftly sought out Mrs. Collins to fill the vacant seat. Initially, she was reluctant. The couple had a 13-year-old son at the time and, in her own words, she was also shy and didn't seek the spotlight. But after running a brief campaign, she won both the Democratic Party primary and the general election handily. Her first few years in Congress were rocky but she blossomed in the role, championing women's health and welfare issues. She ultimately became chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

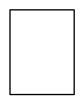
Collins also made history by becoming the first Black person and the first woman to become Whip-At-Large for the Democratic Party. She served the people of Illinois for 25 years in the seat until stepping down in 1997. For many years, Collins was the only Black woman serving in Congress. Collins died in Alexandria, Virginia in 2013 at the age of 81.

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SAVE these Conference Sunday 10:30 am - LIVE Service Thursday 11 am - Prayer Call	1.425.436.6348 Code: 672500#
Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:	1.312.626.6799 ID/code: 295 101 7709#
Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:	Passcode: 461427# 1.605.475.4000 Code: 260259#

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### Homebound Seniors and People with Disabilities

Chicago Dept. of Public Health is starting a program for <u>in-home vaccination of</u> <u>seniors and people with disabilities</u> <u>who are homebound</u>. This service is being provided by uniformed Chicago Fire Department community paramedics who can produce identification.

Call: 312-746-4835

2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan) Week of March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### <u>March 28</u>

Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22 Luke 8:4-21 Psalm 69:19-36 Proverbs 12:2-3

#### <u>March 29</u>

Deuteronomy 11:1-12:32 Luke 8:22-39 Psalm 70:1-5 Proverbs 12:4

#### March 30

Deuteronomy 13:1-15:23 Luke 8:40-9:6 Psalm 71:1-24 Proverbs 12:5-7 2021: "The Year of Restoration" (1 Peter 5:10)

<u>April 3</u> Deuteronomy 23:1-25:19 Luke 10:13-37 Psalm 75:1-10 Proverbs 12:12-14

#### <u>March 31</u>

Deuteronomy 16:1-17:20 Luke 9:7-27 Psalm 72:1-20 Proverbs 12:8-9

#### <u>April 1</u>

Deuteronomy 18:1-20:20 Luke 9:28-50 Psalm 73:1-28 Proverbs 12:10

#### <u>April 2</u>

Deuteronomy 21:1-22:30 Luke 9:51-10:12 Psalm 74:1-23 Proverbs 12:11

