

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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"The Significance of Service: It Does the Body Good"

First, Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and mother-figures. This is the day we honor you for your service to families, churches, and communities. Mother's Day is the day that all mothers are honored for their dedicated service.

One of the ways church members experience spiritual growth is through service. Some authors argue that true spiritual growth occurs exponentially through involvement in serving others. Kirbyjohn Caldwell, former pastor of 20,000 member Windsor Village UMC, said, "God has created a new movement of churches that equip people, according to their calling and gifts, to be salt and light in their churches, communities, family, workplace, media, and government—in the whole of society." Churches that have maximum impact in their communities are ones that serve their communities through a variety of service projects. Participating in worship on Sunday and a bible study during the week is not enough to facilitate spiritual growth.

Just as the body needs proper nutrition and exercise to remain healthy so does the body of Christ. Our nutrition is the Word of God. The scripture is clear when it says "Man (or woman) shall not live by bread alone but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God." That is indeed nutrition. But where is the exercise? How do we exercise our spiritual and faith muscles to make sure we are fit, lean, and cut-up? Our exercise is our service in the community. Service is the key to our spiritual health. Service in Jesus' name forces us to utilize our faith in ways we normally wouldn't. Studies have shown that getting people involved in service and facilitating spiritual growth through service is more successful than getting them involved in a spiritual growth exercise such as bible study or small groups. In serving, people have all kinds of opportunities to have their faith stretched.

At Wesley UMC, we want to be passionate about spiritual growth and service to our community. Service provides four crucial benefits to the body of Christ:

1. Service gets small groups out of their comfort zones.
2. Service causes groups to bond together in tighter relationships.
3. Service is a vehicle for evangelistic opportunities.
4. Service provides goodwill in the community.

We hope that you will thrive on the opportunity to give back to others. We hope that you will feel good about using your life to make a difference, positively influencing the world around you, and playing a role to enhance our community. Our mission is to not only to make disciples but also to make a difference. Have a great week!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR May: "Live by Faith"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: WHITE or GOLD

Scripture for the month: *"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."* (Hebrews 11:6)

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture

Matthew 20:20-28

see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 98

see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Today's Message

"A Mother on a Mission"

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Worship Video (05/02/21)	56 (views)
Worship Conference Call "	27 (callers)
Sunday School "	12 (callers)
Prayer Group	7 (callers)
Bible Study (AM: 14 PM: 9)	23 (viewers/callers)
United Methodist Men	9 (viewers/callers)
TOTAL	134

Morning Scripture

Matthew 20:20-28 (NKJV)

²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.

²¹ ***And He said to her, "What do you wish?"***

She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."

²² But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

They said to Him, "We are able."

²³ ***So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father."***

²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers.

²⁵ ***But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them."***

²⁶ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

²⁷ ***And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—***

²⁸ ***just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."***



Are you ready to RETURN to CHURCH?

We're getting excited as we work to plan a fantastic return! Look for information on new protocols that are being followed whenever entering the church. A registration process will be required to ensure we remain in compliance with any attendance limits that might be in place when we return **July 18th**!

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 98

(R) Sing a new song to the Lord, who restores the ends of the earth.

¹ Oh, sing to the LORD a new song,
for the LORD has done marvelous things!
God's right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.

² ***The LORD has declared victory,
and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.***

³ The LORD has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

(R) Sing a new song to the Lord, who restores the ends of the earth.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

⁶ ***With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the Ruler, the LORD!***

(R) Sing a new song to the Lord, who restores the ends of the earth.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell in it!

⁸ ***Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD,***

⁹ ***who comes to judge the earth.***
***The LORD will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.***

(R) Sing a new song to the Lord, who restores the ends of the earth.

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.
- **COVID-19 Vaccination Access** Vaccination access has opened up and registration for appointments is now available to all persons 16* and over. **Walk-in appointments** are now available at **all mass vaccinations sites** in the Chicago area! Note: Not all facilities distributing vaccinations are 'mass vaccination' sites and appointments, while not required, are still recommended. If in question, check your local information or check your emails for our updates. (*Only the Pfizer vaccine has approval for use with 16 and 17 year olds.)
- **COVID-19 Vaccination Information** Wesley UMC has registered as part of the **Protect Chicago Plus** team, focusing 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 regarding other events, we will share it.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jessie Gilmore	May 1 st	Liana Geddes	May 10 th	Huron Wilson	May 23 rd
Lem Newell	May 3 rd	Doris Echols	May 15 th	Kelson Gainey	May 25 th
Yvonne Wormsby	May 4 th	Doris Anderson	May 16 th	Edward Hancock	May 27 th
Trinity Jones	May 6 th	Zoe Green	May 16 th	Ben Davis	May 29 th
Jessie Stokes	May 7 th	Cameron Woolery	May 16 th	Bessie Moore	May 29 th
Thaddeus Cecil	May 8 th	Courtney Key	May 18 th	Stephanie Jackson-Williams	May 30 th
Kyna Stinson	May 9 th	Dawn Funches-Fox	May 21 st	Lawrence Moore	May 31 th

Be sure to wish our members with May 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)

<u>SHUT-IN</u>		
*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 Geraldts (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)	
*Fred Williams (20)		

<u>GENERAL</u>		
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	Nannie Agnew	Katherine Thompson
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	Byron Agnew, Jr.	David Williams
*Gloria Banks (20)	Annie Lois Robinson	Owen McPherson
*Doris Echols (16)	Jessica Smith Crenshaw	Gregory McPherson
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Joyce Chisem-Davis	James Taylor
*Diamond Jones (12)	Carolyn Ransom	James Curtis
*Trinity Jones (12)	Sylvia Nichols	The Baker Family
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Milton Kellum	Anna Young
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Rosie Howard	Dorothy Williams
*Mark Garrett and Family (5)	Natesha Smith	Lois Tucker
*The Plaxico Family (17)	James Sanders	Katherine Evans
*Denise Richardson (20)	Joanna Lennhardt	Carl Frazier
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	Martha Muhs	Robert A. Watkins
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	Muriel Bolden	Aaron Thomas, Jr.
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Gregory Simms	Michael Miller
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Norbert Sanders	Angel Acosta
*The Moss Family (13)	Brittany Porter	Vinelle Myrie
*Charles & B.J. Curtis and Family (3)	Rhonda Monique Miller	Alexandria Ward
*Odis & Lucinda Franklin Family (20)	Ashley Parks	Davion McNeal
*Ena Davis (1)	Kathy Jenkins	Willie Moore
*Doris Thompson (19)	Rebecca Merkson	Peaches Clark
*Helen York and Family (5)	John Anderson	Larry Clark
*Dawn Funches-Fox and Family (10)	Jerry Simmons	Justin York
*Chester Plaxico (17)	Rochelle Johnson	Russell York
*Barbara and John Sanders & Family (3)	The Ford & Robinson Families	Percy & Essie Hayes
*The Porter Family (5)	Mila Kuntu	Mildred Forest
*The Family of Lucious Smith (12)	Ron Birton	Takia Yearby
*The Family of Heustis Williams (1)	Aiden Combs	The Anderson Family
*The Family of Sandra Lewis (16)	Rashaud Thompson	The Marshall Family
*Daphne Hicks and Family (10)	Leslie Carey Kirk	The Weddington Family
*Laniya Bradley & Family (7)	Douglas Hargray	James Williams
	Robert Leach	Juanita Weatherspoon
	Cheryl Mitchell	Rev. Gessel Berry, Jr.
	Mwata Bowden	Robert Leach
	Brenda Lewis	Lenora Omar

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**.

MAY 2021

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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
2 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#	3	4	5 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	6 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	7	8 UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am -----
9 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#	10	11	12 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	13 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	14	15 UMW Meeting (via Zoom) 10 am -----
16 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#	17	18 -----	19 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	20 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	21	22
23 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#	24	25	26 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	27 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	28	29 Board of Trustees Mtg 9 am (via Zoom) -----
30 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#	31 Memorial Day	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 -----

SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

Respiratory Healthcare

Respiratory healthcare is a discipline that specializes in the promotion of respiratory function, health, and wellness. African Americans suffer from many major respiratory illnesses such as lung cancer, asthma, sleep apnea, and pneumonia. Health disparities such as pollution, lack of healthcare access, and low socioeconomic status all play a role that creates an atmosphere in which African Americans are more susceptible to respiratory illnesses.

African American Respiratory Statistics

- African Americans are 3x more likely to die from asthma than other racial groups.
- Black men are 50% more likely to suffer from lung cancer.
- African Americans are also ½ as likely to receive a flu or pneumonia vaccination.
- African American children are 3x as likely to suffer from sleep apnea.

Be Proactive

- Avoid indoor and outdoor air pollution.
- Avoid exposure to people who have the flu or other viral infections.
- Exercise regularly.
- Eat a healthy, balanced diet.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- See your doctor for an annual physical.



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Social Commentary

It's Past Time to Rename Lake Shore Drive in honor of DuSable, Chicago's Black Founder by Laura Washington



No more excuses. Jean Baptiste Point DuSable, a Black man, was the first permanent, non-indigenous settler of the land that would become the great metropolis of Chicago. On Thursday, the Chicago City Council Transportation Committee voted to rename Outer Lake Shore Drive, a 17-mile stretch from Hollywood Avenue to 67th Street, in honor of DuSable. The aldermanic push to re-christen the Drive comes over the objections of Mayor Lori Lightfoot. She is pitching an alternative. She promises \$25 million to complete DuSable Park, rename the city's Riverwalk and create an exhibit there in DuSable's honor. That's not nearly enough.

Born in Haiti of African descent, DuSable migrated to New Orleans and traveled up the Mississippi River. "Sometime after 1770, DuSable moved to the region known as Eschecagou — which visitors mispronounced as 'Chicago,' " the Evolving Man Project reported in a recent tribute to DuSable. (The Evolving Man Project is a website produced by Lornett Vestal, a Chicago-born activist who is working to promote social change.)

DuSable built a prosperous trading post at the mouth of the Chicago River, near where Tribune Tower now stands. The site was later incorporated as the City of Chicago. "Point du Sable's successful role in developing the Chicago River settlement was little recognized until the mid-20th century," says Wikipedia. In the 21st century, the trail of excuses is longer than DuSable's journey to the mouth of the Chicago River. I first heard of DuSable from Harold Washington, Chicago's first Black mayor. He reveled in the joy of leading a city founded by a Black man. In 1987, Washington dedicated a plot of land near Navy Pier as DuSable Park. It has never been completed.

In 1993, then-aldermen Toni Preckwinkle (4th) and Madeline Haithcock (2nd) upped the ante, pushing an effort to rename Lake Shore Drive for DuSable. But "then-Mayor Richard M. Daley put the kibosh on the idea," Chicago Sun-Times reporter Fran Spielman writes. "Eight years later, then-Ald. Ed Smith (28th) proposed a different DuSable honor — naming City Hall after him — only to meet the same fate." The current proposal will soon go before the full City Council. Co-sponsor David Moore says he has the votes to pass it.

Jean Baptiste Point DuSable founded this great American city. Without DuSable, there would be no Chicago. People of color—first Native Americans, then DuSable, discovered and owned that land—long before their white oppressors took it away. That's reason enough to give a great Black man our greatest honor.

Little Known Black History Fact

Fiftieth Anniversary of Black Student Take-Over at Northwestern University



The year of 1968 was replete with sweeping change as it related to the fight for civil and equal rights for Black people. Fifty years ago today, Black students at Northwestern University in Illinois took over the institution's financial aid building which forced the school to yield to their demands for equality.

On April 22, 1968, two student organizations, For Members Only, and the Afro-American Student Union, gathered to list out a series of demands to school administrators not limited to open housing, denouncing discrimination against Black students, and the creation of a Black student union. Those demands went unheard and on May 3, 1968, the FMO and AASU gathered in the bursar's office of Northwestern University and took it over for 38 hours.

At the end of the take-over, students were able to convince school administrators to supply easier financial aid standards, open housing in Evanston where the main campus is situated, and to help increase Black student enrollment. The Black Student Union Center, today known as "The Black House," was also put into place as a result of the takeover.

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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

ID/code: 295 101 7709#

Passcode: 461427#

Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:

1.605.475.4000

Code: 260259#



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2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

Week of May 9th – May 15th

May 9

1 Samuel 5:1-7:17

John 6:1-21

Psalms 106:13-31

Proverbs 14:32-33

May 10

1 Samuel 8:1-9:27

John 6:22-42

Psalms 106:32-48

Proverbs 14:34-35

May 11

1 Samuel 10:1-11:15

John 6:43-71

Psalms 107:1-43

Proverbs 15:1-3

2021

“The Year of Restoration”

(1 Peter 5:10)

May 15

1 Samuel 17:1-18:4

John 8:21-30

Psalms 111:1-10

Proverbs 15:11

May 12

1 Samuel 12:1-13:23

John 7:1-30

Psalms 108:1-13

Proverbs 15:4

May 13

1 Samuel 14:1-52

John 7:31-53

Psalms 109:1-31

Proverbs 15:5-7

May 14

1 Samuel 15:1-16:23

John 8:1-20

Psalms 110:1-7

Proverbs 15:8-10