

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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“What’s In Your Will?”

While working out at the gym, one day I noticed a picture on the wall, no doubt from the Successories Company, which had a definition of Perseverance. In the picture was a photo of a man running up the stairs in a stadium. He had a lot of stairs to run but the caption underneath him read, “Winning is not based upon skill, talent, or knowledge, but on who has the will to get the job done.” I like that. That lets us know that whatever we want out of our purpose-driven lives, we must possess the will to go after it no matter what it takes. Nothing is ever handed to anyone. Whatever one wants, one must go after it with dogged determination and a can-do attitude. If your need is a job, you need a strong will to look for one even if you constantly face rejection letter after rejection letter. You must walk by faith and not by sight believing that you can endure all things through Christ who strengthens you. *What’s in your will?* If your need is a healthier marriage, you need a strong will to seek God’s will for your marriage, Christian marriage counseling, and the desire to do whatever it takes to make the marriage vibrant again. *What’s in your will?* If your need is to lose weight and get healthier, do you have the will to join a health club, work out at least 3 times a week, and change your dietary habits? To get healthy it takes a lot of will-power. *What’s in your will?* The “will” is defined as “the mental faculty by which one deliberately chooses or decides upon a course of action.” Simply put, the “will” is one’s deliberate desire to get something done no matter what it takes.

In the Luke 14:25-35 pericope, Jesus painfully reminds the large crowd that is following him about the cost of being his disciple. There were three things the people were required to do in order to be his disciples. First, they were to love Jesus and his cause more than family and life itself. Second, they were required to follow Jesus even if it meant facing their own cross, which was a metaphor for death. Third, they were to learn the art of detachment from materialism by giving away all of their possessions. These were hard sayings to digest for them and even for us today. But Jesus wanted to test their will power. Jesus wanted to see if they were willing to give up some things in order to go up in other things. I must tell you that the Christian lifestyle is not just about giving up stuff but there are rewards as well. Those who persevere in discipleship by bearing their cross will wear a crown one day but there are earthly rewards as well. If we work like hell to implement the Kingdom of God in our midst, the reward is that we will create a heavenly community in the here and now. If we work hard with dogged determination to erase and/or lessen racism, gun violence, drug dependency, poverty, a debt-mindset, all forms of violence, biblical illiteracy, spiritual impotence, backwards-thinking, and many other vices, we can birth a new community into existence. We can at least start with our own community of faith and then branch out. *What’s in your will?*

To grow as disciples, we must possess a powerful collective will to “act out” what God’s Word “puts out”. It is not about who we are or what we know or what skills we have, but it is more about this question, “Do we have the strong desire to take ourselves and the church higher and farther than ever imagined?” *What’s in our Will?*

ASCENSION SUNDAY

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

Acts 3:1-10

see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 1

see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Today's Message

"As Long As I Have Jesus"

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Worship Video (05/09/21)	47 (views)
Worship Conference Call "	21 (callers)
Sunday School "	15 (callers)
Prayer Group	6 (callers)
Bible Study (AM only: 10)	10 (viewers/callers)
United Methodist Women	13 (viewers/callers)
TOTAL	112

Morning Scripture

Acts 3:1-10 (NKJV)

¹ Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*.

² *And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ^[a]ask alms from those who entered the temple;*

³ who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.

⁴ *And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."*

⁵ So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

⁶ *Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."*

⁷ And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

⁸ *So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.*

⁹ And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

¹⁰ *Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.*



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 1

(R) Walk in the light of God's counsel; delight in the law of the Lord.

¹ Blessed are those
who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;
***or stand in the way of sinners,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;***

² but their delight *is* in the law of the LORD,
and on God's law they meditate day and night.

³ They are like trees
planted by streams of water
that yield their fruit in season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

(R) Walk in the light of God's counsel; delight in the law of the Lord.

⁴ The wicked *are* not so,
but *are* like chaff which the wind drives away.

⁵ ***Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment;
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;***

⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

(R) Walk in the light of God's counsel; delight in the law of the Lord.

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
*Donna Lomax and Family (13)	Robert Leach	Juanita Weatherspoon
*Lillye Hart and Family (3)	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

Oral Health

A dentist can determine many things about your overall health by conducting an oral exam. When we think of dental hygiene care, the basics come to mind: bad breath prevention, gum disease, tooth decay, and routine cleanings. However, there is much more that your mouth may reveal about what is going on in your body. A good oral examination and saliva testing can detect the following diseases and concerns:

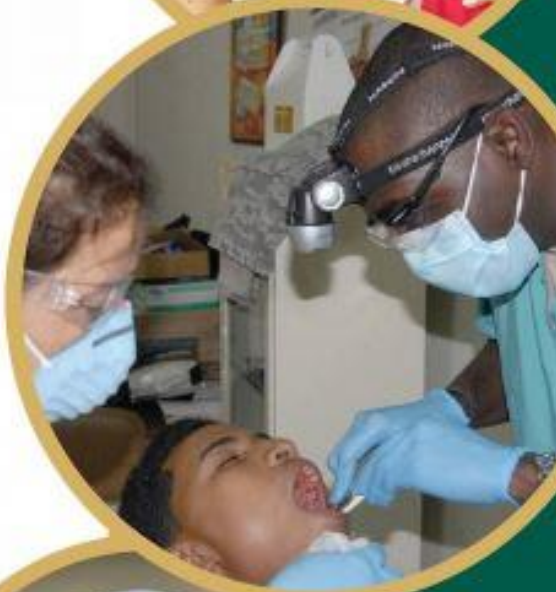
- **Diabetes**
- **Osteoporosis/Bone loss**
- **Certain Cancer Markers**
- **HIV/AIDS**
- **Environmental Toxins**
- **Illegal Drug Use**
- **Hepatitis**

Saliva not only protects against disease-causing bacteria, but is used for genetic testing and to replace blood testing for various diseases.

Regular dental visits are essential. Your mouth is a small part of the body that has an enormous impact on your overall health.

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Social Commentary

Leave Politics Out of International Race to Vaccinate the World Against COVID-19

by Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.



India is now ground zero for COVID-19. On Saturday, it suffered a record of more than 335,000 new infections and more than 4,000 deaths in one day. Hospitals are running out of oxygen and beds. Morgues and crematoria are overwhelmed. In total, a staggering 22.6 million people in India have been infected, with 246,116 deaths. With 1.3 billion people, India is the second most populous country in the world.

Last week, the Biden administration finally challenged the U.S. drug industry, announcing that the White House would support an international waiver of intellectual property protections on COVID-19 vaccines during the pandemic. This is a long overdue measure, but if the industry continues to resist, the negotiations are likely to take months that the world can ill afford. Though the companies benefited greatly from government subsidies and guaranteed purchases — and have seen their profits and stocks soar — they have a large stake in controlling production to ensure continued profits over time. The Biden administration decision — if aggressively enforced — will put public health over private profit. The pandemic is truly a global threat that requires a global mobilization.

At the national level, global cooperation has been slow to develop. Instead, the surge to supply countries in need is propelled less from a unified global effort and more from a competitive national “vaccine diplomacy,” with India, China, Russia and now the U.S. vying to win hearts and minds through vaccine supplies.

Fighting the pandemic isn’t just the responsibility of governments. This is a global, human tragedy. The pandemic spreads through the air, so no people are safe unless all are safe. We need increased global efforts to get the vaccine into rural areas and into the poorest ghettos and barrios of the poorest nations.

Joe Biden announced that he would rely on science for advice, but we can’t rely on science or on government alone. Popular mobilization is essential. If we are to address common global threats such as contagions or climate change or nuclear war, we must develop a global perspective. Now it becomes ever more apparent that, as Dr. Martin Luther King taught long ago, “all life is interrelated. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality; tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. ... As long as diseases are rampant ... no man can be totally healthy, even if

he just got a clean bill of health from the finest clinic in America.” In the global struggle to meet the threat of Covid-19, this basic truth is more important than ever.

Little Known Black History Fact

Bishop Leontine Kelly



Leontine Turpeau Current Kelly was a bishop of the United Methodist Church, making history on this day in 1984. She became the first African-American woman, and just the second woman overall, to be ordained by a major Christian denomination.

Leontine Turpeau was born on March 5, 1920 in Washington, D.C. Her father, David Turpeau Sr., was a prominent Methodist minister and Ohio congressman for many years. Ms. Turpeau completed her undergraduate studies at Virginia Union 1960 and studied at various institutions before earning her master of divinity degree from the Union Theological Seminary in 1976.

Kelly's first marriage was to the late Gloster Current, a minister and former deputy executive director of the NAACP. The pair had three children together. In 1956, she married Rev. David Kelly. Kelly was a Certified Lay Speaker in the church in the late '60's and was later ordained a deacon and elder. Kelly's first calling was the classroom and her call to the ministry came after the death of her second husband.

According to reports, the school district wanted Kelly to enter the ministry in her late husband's stead, but she initially resisted as she didn't get the call from God to do so. In her words, God eventually did call her to ministry where she rose to become one of the more visible members of her denomination, becoming an icon for international women's rights and job equity for all. Kelly was later inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

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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 16th – May 22nd

May 16

1 Samuel 18:5-19:24

John 8:31-59

Psalms 112:1-10

Proverbs 15:12-14

May 17

1 Samuel 20:1-21:15

John 9:1-41

Psalms 113:1-114:8

Proverbs 15:15-17

May 18

1 Samuel 22:1-23:29

John 10:1-21

Psalms 115:1-18

Proverbs 15:18-19

2021

“The Year of Restoration”

(1 Peter 5:10)

May 22

2 Samuel 1:1-2:11

John 12:20-50

Psalms 118:19-29

Proverbs 15:27-28

May 19

1 Samuel 24:1-25:44

John 10:22-42

Psalms 116:1-19

Proverbs 15:20-21

May 20

1 Samuel 26:1-28:25

John 11:1-54

Psalms 117:1-2

Proverbs 15:22-23

May 21

1 Samuel 29:1-31:13

John 11:55-12:19

Psalms 118:1-18

Proverbs 15:24-26