

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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“The Mission of the Church is to Make Disciples”

“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip (John 1:46).

It was Dietrich Bonhoeffer who said that “salvation is free but discipleship is costly.” Mr. Bonhoeffer was intrigued by what he called the “cost of discipleship”. In fact, he was so intrigued by it that he penned a book with the same title. In the book, he argues that modern-day Christians prefer a sanitized version of Christianity that allows them to do anything they want without being asked to submit or sacrifice for the sake of the gospel. He argues that modern-day Christians want ‘cheap grace.’ To him, cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, and grace without Jesus the Christ.” To follow Jesus is a costly endeavor. And I don’t mean cost as in money. I mean “costly” as in it will cost you something like your time and talents, your energy and focus. Jesus gave His life to give birth to the church. The least we could do is to continue His work of building it up.

Since we are disciples of Jesus and therefore followers of Jesus it behooves us to truly follow Him. Bible readers recognize that Jesus had a mission to save those who He considered ‘lost’ because their connection to God had been severed. In Luke chapter 15 we see His theology of the lost unfold. When He is criticized for sharing table fellowship with known sinners such as tax collectors and people who could or did not adhere to the Mosaic Law, he tells three parables in chapter 15. And all of the parables have the same message: Heaven rejoices and has a party when one sinner reconnects with God. Evangelism is a rewarding yet costly endeavor. One we must engage in if we are going to be a church that makes disciples out of unbelievers and unchurched people.

According to Sam Chan, author of *Evangelism in a Skeptical World*, *“the essence of evangelism is the message that Jesus Christ is Lord. Evangelism is our human effort of proclaiming this message—which necessarily involves using our human communication, language, idioms, metaphors, stories, experiences, personality, emotions, context, culture, locatedness—and trusting and praying that God, in His sovereign will, will supernaturally use our human and natural means to effect his divine purposes.”*

Evangelism is a rewarding yet costly endeavor. It will inconvenience you. It will move you out of your comfort zone. It will cause you to do things you never thought you would do. It will cause you to express your faith. It will cause you to share your story of how God saved you. It will cause you to be transparent in order to share your testimony with coworkers, friends, and family. It will cause you to face rejection by those who don’t have time to hear what you have to say.

Believe it or not, Jesus is not supposed to be a secret. Please read Matthew 28:18-20. Have a great week.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR June: "Fearless Living"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: WHITE or GOLD

Scripture for the month: *"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."*
(2 Timothy 1:7)

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture Matthew 25:20-30 see video, or page 4

Psalms of Praise Psalm 138 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon *"Hit the Ground Running"* Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Holy Communion A Service of Word and Table, II see video, or hymnal (page 12)

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Worship Video (05/30/21)	72 (views)
Worship Conference Call "	24 (callers)
Sunday School "	10 (callers)
Prayer Group	4 (callers)
Bible Study (AM: 10 PM: 7)	17 (viewers/callers)
TOTAL	127

Morning Scripture

Matthew 25:20-30 (NKJV)

²⁰ "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'

²¹ ***His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'***

²² He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'

²³ ***His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'***

²⁴ "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

²⁵ ***And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'***

²⁶ "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

²⁷ ***So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.***

²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

²⁹ ***'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.***

³⁰ ***And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'***



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 138

(R) I sing your praise for steadfast love; fulfill your purpose for me.

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

² *I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and faithfulness;*

for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

³ *On the day I called, you answered me,
you strengthened my life.*

(R) I sing your praise for steadfast love; fulfill your purpose for me.

⁴ All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth;

⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ For the LORD is high, but regards the lowly;
yet knows the haughty from afar.

(R) I sing your praise for steadfast love; fulfill your purpose for me.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
*you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies
and your right hand delivers me.*

⁸ O LORD, fulfill your purpose for me;
*O LORD, may your steadfast love endure for ever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.*

(R) I sing your praise for steadfast love; fulfill your purpose for me.

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.
- **Opening Up after COVID-19** As our city, state and our church prepare to open up, we urge our members to be conscientious and discerning about minimizing possible exposures during this confusing time. Those who have been fully vaccinated may still decide to wear masks as an extra level of protection, as there is currently no protocol for confirming vaccination status.
- **Father's Day Gift Bags for Men Living in Shelters** The United Methodist Men have taken a page from the United Methodist Women and will be distributing health and hygiene packages to the men at two area shelters. They are asking all United Methodist Men and friends to please support this outreach project. A donation of **\$35** will allow them to purchase the [needed supplies](#) to fill a laundry bag. To donate, or to request more information, please contact UMM president Verner "Skip" Geddes at verner0104@att.net.
- **Juneteenth Freedom Forum and Festival!** The **Chicago Black Methodists for Church Renewal (CBMCR)** will host a **Juneteenth celebration** here at Wesley, **Saturday, June 19, 2021, 10 am – 5 pm**. There will be a forum from 10 am-12 pm and the festival will begin at 1 pm. Come out and enjoy live entertainment, food, games and MORE!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Lethell Magee	June 2 nd	Steve Smith	June 22 nd
Barbara Sanders	June 6 th	Hildegarde Burress	June 23 rd
Cheryl Cecil	June 7 th	Tondalaya Lloyd	June 25 th
Dwayne Cecil	June 8 th	Gloria Washington	June 29 th
Joshua Helm	June 10 th	Angela Curtis	June 30 th
Rivetta Goodrich	June 18 th	Sydni-Anne Pearson	June 30 th

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 Gerald (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)	Mwata Bowden	Rev. Gessel Berry, Jr.
*Erica Clark & the Clark Family (1)	Brenda Lewis	Robert Leach
	Ethan Carson	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**.

JUNE 2021

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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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 -----
6 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#	7	8	9 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	10 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	11	12 UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 10 am -----
13 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#	14	15	16 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	17 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	18	19 Juneteenth! ----- Chicago BMCR Juneteenth Freedom Forum and Festival 10 am-5 pm
20 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#	21	22	23 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	24 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	25	26 Board of Trustees Monthly Mtg 9 am -----
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	30 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	1 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	2	3 United Methodist Men Monthly Mtg 9 am (via Zoom) -----



SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

During your last physical, did you receive or request a brain health check-up? If you have concerns about your memory, are over the age of 65, or family members have noticed a change in your behavior, you should speak with your doctor about available cognitive screenings.

Brain health is not something many of us think about – but it is critical to your overall health. Take note that African-Americans and minorities are more likely to be diagnosed with Alzheimer's in the later stages of the disease, or misdiagnosed due to other illnesses. This is all the more reason to have conversations with your doctor about your cognitive health.

Learn more by visiting the National Brain Health Center for African Americans at www.brainhealthcenterforafricanamericans.org



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Social Commentary

I Saw What Happened on Jan. 6 and Will Testify to the Truth

by Phil Kadner



I watched as the president of the United States urged a mob to march on the U.S. Capitol and overthrow the American government. On Jan. 6, 2021, I saw Donald Trump tell thousands of his most enthusiastic followers that the result of the November 2020 presidential election could not be accepted. “We will never give up,” he told them. “We will never concede. It doesn’t happen. You don’t concede when there’s theft involved. Our country has had enough.” Watching on television, I turned to my wife and said, “My God, he’s urging them to overthrow the government.”

“You will have an illegitimate president,” Trump said. “That is what you will have, and we can’t let that happen. These are the facts that you won’t hear from the fake news media. It’s all part of the suppression effort. They don’t want you to talk about it. “Trump was clearly urging supporters to overthrow the result of a legal election.” “We will fight like hell, and if you don’t fight like hell, you’re not going to have a country anymore,” Trump said. Then Trump implied he was going to step down from the platform where he was giving his speech and march along with the crowd to the Capitol Building. “We’re going to walk down, and I’ll be there with you. We are going to the Capitol and we are going to try and give (the Republican lawmakers) ...the kind of pride and boldness that they need to take back our country.”

And the mob began to march and chant and wave its “Trump” banners and “Don’t Tread on Me” flags crashing through the barricades surrounding the Capitol Building, assaulting the Capitol police with pipes, breaking through locked doors, and smashing glass windows. The insurrectionists were swarming through the corridors hunting for congressmen as if they were animals. They were chanting “Hang Mike Pence,” “Hang Mike Pence,” because the Republican Vice President of the United States had refused to use his power as Senate President to try and negate the electoral college vote and keep Trump in power. There was a scaffold awaiting him outside.

Today there are people who say I did not see what I saw. There are Republican congressmen who claim it was just a typical visit by Washington tourists. Senate Republicans have refused to approve a commission to investigate exactly what happened. They don’t want an official record. They prefer to rewrite history. I know what I saw. But the fact is that the truth is already being altered; twisted into some sort of patriotic display of free speech. A legitimate protest inspired by election fraud by the Democrats. We must bear witness to the truth and repeat it as often as the falsehoods are shouted and

tweeted on the Internet. Only a handful of months have passed. But already, you can feel history shifting beneath your feet.

Little Known Black History Fact

Ruth Simmons



Ruth Simmons has achieved a series of historic firsts. At a point in life where most are retired or soon will be, the longtime educator and academic is still going. Simmons is currently the eighth president of Prairie View A&M University, coming out of retirement to become the first woman to lead the institution.

Simmons was born July 3, 1945 in Grapeland, Texas as the youngest of 12 siblings. Her parents were sharecroppers who relocated to Houston. She entered and graduated from Dillard University in 1967, then earned a master's and Ph. D in Romantic Literature from Harvard University in 1970 and 1973 respectively.

A series of academic positions with schools such as the University of New Orleans, California State University-Northside, University of Southern California, and Princeton University followed. She also served as provost of Spelman College.

In 1995, Simmons marked her first big achievement by becoming president of Smith College making her the first Black woman to lead a major college or university. She then joined Brown University in 2001, becoming the first Black president of an Ivy League institution and brought sweeping changes to the school.

At the urging of her brother Clarence, a former student and athlete at Prairie View, Simmons took on an interim presidential position with the school and decided to stay. Part of her reasoning is that many Prairie View students are poor and lack proper guidance and an example such as herself. Further, the school has issues graduating students due to the financial woes of the student body which Simmons hopes to address and correct.

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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

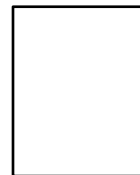
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2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

Week of June 6th – June 12th

June 6

1 Kings 1:1-53

Acts 4:1-37

Psalms 124:1-8

Proverbs 16:24

June 7

1 Kings 2:1-3:2

Acts 5:1-42

Psalms 125:1-5

Proverbs 16:25

June 8

1 Kings 3:3-4:34

Acts 6:1-15

Psalms 126:1-6

Proverbs 16:26-27

2021

“The Year of Restoration”

(1 Peter 5:10)

June 12

1 Kings 9:1-10:29

Acts 8:14-40

Psalms 130:1-8

Proverbs 17:2-3

June 9

1 Kings 5:1-6:38

Acts 7:1-29

Psalms 127:1-5

Proverbs 16:28-30

June 10

1 Kings 7:1-51

Acts 7:30-50

Psalms 128:1-6

Proverbs 16:31-33

June 11

1 Kings 8:1-66

Acts 7:51-8:13

Psalms 129:1-8

Proverbs 17:1