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# Wesley United Methodist Church

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## "A Praying Father is a Powerful Father!"

A Happy Father's Day to all of the men in the house today! As men we have an awesome responsibility to rear our children, protect our families, transform our communities, and ultimately become the men of God we were destined to become. Our Heavenly Father has granted us the privilege and honor to be in a position to nurture, guide, and lead a future generation in the lifestyle of Jesus. As men we have an obligation to pray for our families, communities, churches, and world and then work to implement our prayers. A praying man is a man that believes in the power of God to make a change in any situation. A praying man is a man that believes that with his own strength coupled with God's power, there is nothing beyond his reach. The possibilities are endless. I am reminded in the bible that when Solomon finished praying God sent fire down: <sup>1</sup> "When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple." (1 Chronicles 7:1) Fire is an emblem of passion and I do believe that when men pray passion falls from heaven and consumes whatever and whoever is in its path. That passion then eventuates into power.

When men pray things begin to happen. Fiery passion falls from heaven that infects other individuals. When men pray their children get delivered from whatever has them living beneath their potential and possibility. In Mark 9:1-29, while Jesus is on the mountain experiencing transfiguration, a father brings his son to the disciples hoping and praying that his son can be delivered from his condition that seeks to destroy him. There are forces both internal and external that want to destroy the self-esteem, the quest for greatness, the mental capacity, the intellectual pursuits, and the dreams of our boys. The boy in our text suffered from an internal disorder that had him acting unlike himself and who God created him to be.

The praying father took the first step and brought him to Jesus. Jesus shows up in the nick of time to tell the father that if he has the faith, then He has the power to heal his son. Jesus casts out the deaf and dumb spirit out of the boy and presents him to his father as a healthy, whole, strong, educated, dream-filled, hope-inspired, purpose-driven young man. The lesson is that for things beyond our control, we have to involve Jesus in the lives of our sons and involve our sons in the life of Jesus. If we have the faith, Jesus has the power.

Later while in the house, the disciples, some of them fathers themselves, asked Jesus why they were so ineffective. Jesus said they needed faith (v.19), prayer and fasting (v.29). Men, this is a trifecta! This is a winning combination! If we want our sons to overcome internal and external forces that seek to destroy them, then we need faith, prayer, and fasting. We also need to expose our boys to Jesus. Prayer is powerful enough to bring fiery change and transformation to all of us. We need the power of prayer and fasting if we are going to become powerful men who do powerful things. Happy Father's Day!

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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**

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**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	Mark 9:17-27	see video, or page 4
Psalm of Praise	Psalm 9:11-20	see video, or page 5
Announcements		
Offering		
Pastoral Prayer		
Pt 2 of Sermon Series:	"I'm Coming Back to Church"	
Today's Message	"A Father Who Refuses to Give Up"	Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

#### Invitation to Christian Discipleship

#### Affirmation of Faith

#### Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE				
Worship Video (06/13/21)	41 (views)			
Worship Conference Call "	28 (callers)			
Sunday School "	15 (callers)			
Prayer Group	5 (callers)			
Bible Study (AM: 10   PM: 7)	17 (viewers/callers)			
United Methodist Women Mtg	14 (viewers/callers)			
Darlene Clark Funeral	135			
TOTAL	176			

## Morning Scripture Mark 9:17-27 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

# <sup>18</sup> And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

<sup>19</sup> He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me."

# <sup>20</sup> Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

<sup>21</sup> So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?"

And he said, "From childhood.

# <sup>22</sup> And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

# <sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

<sup>25</sup> When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

# <sup>26</sup> Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead."

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.



### 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 18**<sup>th</sup>!

## Psalm of Praise Psalm 9:11-20

### (R) We shall tell among the peoples the glorious deeds of the Lord.

<sup>11</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion! *Tell among the people God's deeds!* 

<sup>12</sup> The LORD who avenges blood is mindful of them, and does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

<sup>13</sup> Be gracious to me, O LORD!
See what I suffer from those who hate me;
You are the One who lift me up from the gates of death,

<sup>14</sup> that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of the daughter of Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.

### (R) We shall tell among the peoples the glorious deeds of the Lord.

<sup>15</sup> The nations have sunk in the pit *which* they made; *their own foot has been caught in the net which they hid.* 

<sup>16</sup> The LORD is made known! The LORD has executed judgment! *The wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.* 

> <sup>17</sup> The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.

<sup>18</sup> For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

> <sup>19</sup> Arise, O LORD! Let not mortals prevail; *let the nations be judged before you!*

<sup>20</sup> Put them in fear, O LORD; *let the nations know that they are mortal!* 

(R) We shall tell among the peoples the glorious deeds 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 <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.
- **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.
- Thank you for the Father's Day Gift Bag Donations Yesterday the United Methodist Men Father's Day outreach project distributed health and hygiene packages to men housed at two area shelters. Thank you to all United Methodist Men and friends who supported this program. Your donations allowed them to purchase the <u>needed supplies</u> to fill a laundry bag full of useful toiletries and hygiene products to keep the recipients cleaner and healthier this summer. **God** *bless you for giving!*

Lethell Magee	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Smith	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Barbara Sanders	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Hildegarde Burress	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Cheryl Cecil	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tondalaya Lloyd	June 25 <sup>th</sup>
Dwayne Cecil	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Gloria Washington	June 29 <sup>th</sup>
Joshua Helm	June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Angela Curtis	June 30 <sup>th</sup>
Rivetta Goodrich	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sydni-Anne Pearson	June 30 <sup>th</sup>

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Please be sure to say "Happy Birthday" to our members celebrating birthdays in June!

#### 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 Geralds (3)			*Helen Tuck (7)			
	*Fred Williams (20)					
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*Callie Dulaney &	Family (12)	Nannie Ag		Kather	ine Thompson	
*LaRue Grizzard (		Byron Agnew, Jr.		David Williams		
*Gloria Banks (20	)	Annie Lois		Owen	Owen McPherson	
*Doris Echols (16)	•	Jessica Smith Crenshaw		Gregor	Gregory McPherson	
*Mary Alice Lovel	y & Family (19)	Joyce Chis	em-Davis	James	James Taylor	
*Diamond Jones		Carolyn Ra	ansom	James		
*Trinity Jones (12	)	Sylvia Nicł		The Ba	ker Family	
*Lawrence Moore	e (13)	Milton Kel	lum	Anna Y	oung	
*Wilena Campbel	ll-Watkins (5)	Rosie How	vard	Doroth	y Williams	
*Mark Garrett (5)		Natesha S	mith	Lois Tu	cker	
*The Plaxico Fam	ily (17)	James San	ders	Kather	Katherine Evans	
*Denise Richards	on (20)	Joanna Le	nnhardt	Carl Fra	Carl Frazier	
*Clarence Rogers	, II & Family (4)	Martha Muhs		Robert A. Watkins		
*Jessie Gilmore (1	16)	Muriel Bolden		Aaron Thomas, Jr.		
*Maurice & Faye	Smith (17)	Gregory Simms		Michael Miller		
*Theresa Bradsha	aw (12)	Norbert Sanders		Angel Acosta		
*The Moss Family	/ (13)	Brittany Porter		Vinelle Myrie		
*Charles & B.J. Cu	urtis and Family (3)	Rhonda Monique Miller		Alexandria Ward		
*Odis & Lucinda F	Franklin Family (20)	Ashley Parks		Davion McNeal		
*Ena Davis (1)		Kathy Jenkins		Willie Moore		
*Doris Thompson		Rebecca Merkson		Peaches Clark		
*Helen York and Family (5)		John Anderson		Larry C		
*Dawn Funches-Fox and Family (10)		Jerry Simmons		Justin \	/ork	
*Chester Plaxico (17)		Rochelle Johnson		Russell		
*Barbara and John Sanders & Family (3)		The Ford & Robinson Families		-	& Essie Hayes	
*The Porter Family (5)		Mila Kuntu			d Forest	
*The Family of Lucious Smith (12)		Ron Birton		Takia Y	1	
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*The Family of Sa		Rashaud T	•		Williams	
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*Laniya Bradley & Family (7)		Douglas Hargray			essel Berry, Jr.	
*Donna Lomax and Family (13)		Robert Leach		Robert		
*Lillye Hart and Family (3)		Mwata Bowden		Lenora Omar		
*Erica Clark & the Clark Family (1)		Brenda Lewis		Ethan Carson		

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

# **JUNE 2021**

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

church buildings or on ZOOM.

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<b>30</b> 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# <b>Remote Worship &amp;</b> 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 UMW Meeting (via Zoom) 10 am
13 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# 	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 Wedding (private)
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	<b>3</b> United Methodist Men Monthly Mtg 9 am (via Zoom)



# Social Commentary

## Do Chicagoans Know DuSable Had a Native American Wife? We Should Celebrate

Her, Too

by Laura Washington



The fight rages on over a proposal to rename Outer Lake Shore Drive, a 17-mile stretch from Hollywood Avenue to 67th Street, in honor of Jean Baptiste Point DuSable. The Chicago City Council is expected to vote on the name change on June 23. DuSable was the first permanent, non-indigenous settler of what would become the great metropolis of Chicago. Native Americans were there long before. What do they say? "I think he's cool. I think he should be venerated," says Andrea Carlson. But, she adds, Chicago must also celebrate Kitihawa, the existential link to those who came before. DuSable was married to Kitihawa, a member of the Potawatomi tribe, and through that marriage he was native "kin."

Carlson is a member of the Ojibwe tribe, a Chicago-based visual artist, and co-founder of the Center for Native Futures. Carlson and Ohio State University scholar John N. Low are curating an upcoming exhibit in the lobby of the Marquette Building in downtown Chicago. It aims to "redress harmful murals" that misrepresent Native history. "It was (DuSable's) proximity to his wife, Kitihawa, that allowed for him to operate under Potawatomi sovereignty. There was a lot of power in that relationship," Carlson tells me.

"A lot of the white settlers also took native wives because of that power, because of that access to the native community and trade routes. But then they left their wives and went off to marry white women and traveled back East once they'd made all their money." DuSable stayed, had two children with Kitiwaha and was "the first non-native naturalized citizen of the Potawatomi people." "We should know who he is," Carlson said. "But I don't think it should come at the expense of indigenous people."

We should also know the place that became Chicago first belonged to the Potawatomi and other native tribes. Land was violently stolen by white settlers. And know that, in the 1830s, via the Indian Removal Act, the federal government forcibly removed the Potawatomi and other tribes. Like Kitihawa. And, Carlson said, "like with most women in history we have their names and very little information about them." The Center for Native Futures has commissioned native artist Chris Pappan to create a drawing of Kitihawa for the exhibit. "We can give her more presence, and people can relate to the face," Carlson said. "I think that would be really cool to have her image around, so people can say her name." The debate over renaming Lake Shore Drive for DuSable is an opportunity to help reverse the "erasure" of Native people. The name Kitihawa Point DuSable should be prominently celebrated on streets, statues,

in exhibits and more. "And if we start telling the truth, when you crack a little hole in it," Carlson said, "then all the truth wants to come out."

# Little Known Black History Fact

## **Bishop Richard Allen**



**Bishop Richard Allen,** the founder of the A.M.E. Church, was a hero to many and a bust erected in his honor in 1876 is thought to be first of its kind created by and for African-Americans. The monument was unveiled in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park during the Centennial International Exposition of 1876, the first official "World's Fair."

Allen was born into slavery on February 14, 1760, and though details of his place of birth have been heavily debated, some saying Delaware is his birth state. After hearing a white Methodist preacher rail against slavery, Allen converted to Methodism at 17, and was later able to buy his freedom for \$2,000 to relocate to Philadelphia.

In 1799, Allen became the first Black ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in 1816, with the help of other Black Methodist churches, founded the African Methodist Episcopal church. Bishop Allen was a vocal opponent of slavery who inspired enslaved and free Black people who shared his passion to see all people free.

The bust of Allen was on display at the exposition but later ended up in the hands of Wilberforce University in Ohio into where it sat, neglected and in storage. In 2010, Wilberforce loaned the bust out for a ceremony marking Allen's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday at the First District A.M.E. headquarters.

King sent a telegram to President Kennedy to praise him for the speech, and civil rights leader and future U.S. **Congressman John Lewis** also shared his approval.

While it has never been directly connected, after the speech, Mississippi civil rights activist **Medgar Evers** was gunned down in his driveway in the wee hours of the following morning.

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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 June 20<sup>th</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup>

#### <u>June 20</u>

1 Kings 22:1-53 Acts 13:16-41 Psalm 138:1-8 Proverbs 17:17-18

#### <u>June 21</u>

2 Kings 1:1-2:25 Acts 13:42-14:7 Psalm 139:1-24 Proverbs 17:19-21

#### <u>June 22</u>

2 Kings 3:1-4:17 Acts 14:8-28 Psalm 140:1-13 Proverbs 17:22

### 2021 "The Year of Restoration" (1 Peter 5:10)

#### <u>June 26</u>

2 Kings 9:14-10:31 Acts 17:1-34 Psalm 144:1-15 Proverbs 17:27-28

#### <u>June 23</u>

2 Kings 4:18-5:27 Acts 15:1-35 Psalm 141:1-10 Proverbs 17:23

#### <u>June 24</u>

2 Kings 6:1-7:20 Acts 15:36-16:15 Psalm 142:1-7 Proverbs 17:24-25

#### <u>June 25</u>

2 Kings 8:1-9:13 Acts 16:16-40 Psalm 143:1-12 Proverbs 17:26

