

# *"The Church With The Warm Heart"*

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## "Giving It All You've Got!"

***"For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (Mark 12:44)***

Greetings, family, in the name of Jesus the Christ! Excuses are tools of incompetence used to build monuments of nothingness and those who specialize in them seldom accomplish anything at all. When was the last time you gave maximum effort while doing something? When was the last time you worked your tail off in order to accomplish something? When was the last time you worked yourself to exhaustion in order to reach your goals? Well, if it has been a long time since you gave maximum effort for anything, the church will provide you with plenty of opportunities to do so.

Our walk with God demands that we give our best in all that we do in order to make disciples of Jesus and to make the kingdom of God a reality in our midst. In our text for today, Jesus sits down opposite the treasury and watches people put their tithes and offerings into the treasury. He notices that many rich persons are putting in large sums of money. But then a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins which were worth a penny. Jesus told his disciples that the poor widow had put in more than everyone else who had put money into the treasury. The others, he explained, contributed out of their abundance, while the widow had put in everything she had. The disciples knew that the woman did not literally put in more than the rich folk put in but it was profound for Jesus to point out the actions of the widow. What was he getting at? What was he trying to say? What message was he attempting to convey to his disciples?

**First, Jesus appreciated the attitude of the widow.** Her gift was the smallest but her generosity was the largest. She was only satisfied with giving all that she had. Even though she had very little, she decided to give it all rather than not give anything at all, or to give just a portion. Her attitude was if I am going to give something, it will be all that I have. She had a choice. She could have said, "I don't have a lot of money. This is all I have. I am going to wait until I have more money." But instead she sacrificed all that she had for her faith community. Her attitude is needed by many today.

**Secondly, Jesus honored her because she held nothing back.** What the widow had she gave. There was no keeping back anything for herself or for someone else. She was committed to giving all that she had to the Temple and not holding anything back. True stewardship is giving the Lord all that you have, all that you are, and getting the job done no matter what. The problem for many of us is that we hold back from God. We don't give our all or our best. That is what needs to happen here at Wesley UMC—people putting forth maximum effort.

Therefore, let's give it all we've got to make Wesley a flagship church! The widow specialized in sacrificial giving. That is what we have to specialize in because that is what Jesus specialized in. He held nothing back not even his life. Our job is to give whatever is necessary to make this church live, whether it is money, time, ideas, the work of your hands, prayers, ingenuity, and creativity. What and how much should we give? The answer is, "Whatever it takes!"

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Please check the church website, now our 'virtual church,' and your email regularly for ongoing updates.  
[www.wesleyumcchicago.org](http://www.wesleyumcchicago.org)

**SPIRITUAL THEME FOR June: "Fearless Living"**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: GREEN

**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** Luke 10:25-37 see video, or page 4

**Psalm of Praise** Psalm 130 see video, or page 5

**Announcements**

**Offering**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Pt. 3 of Sermon Series:** *"I'm Coming Back to Church"*  
**Today's Message** *"The Building or the Bleeding?"* Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Benediction**

| WEEKLY ATTENDANCE         |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Worship Video (06/20/21)  | 35 (views)          |
| Worship Conference Call " | 25 (callers)        |
| Sunday School "           | 15 (callers)        |
| Prayer Group              | 6 (callers)         |
| Bible Study (PM only: 7)  | 7 (viewers/callers) |
| Juneteenth Forum (BMCR)   | 50                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>138</b>          |

# Morning Scripture

## *Luke 10:25-37 (NKJV)*

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>26</sup> ***He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?”***

<sup>27</sup> So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

<sup>28</sup> ***And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”***

<sup>29</sup> But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

<sup>30</sup> ***Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.***

<sup>31</sup> Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

<sup>32</sup> ***Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.***

<sup>33</sup> But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

<sup>34</sup> ***So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.***

<sup>35</sup> On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’

<sup>36</sup> ***So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”***

<sup>37</sup> ***And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.”***

***Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”***



**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 130*

***(R) In my distress I cry to the Lord: “Deliver me, O Lord.”***

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice!

***Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!***

<sup>3</sup> If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

***<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you,  
that you may be worshiped.***

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
in the Lord’s word I hope;

***<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.***

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
with the Lord is plenteous redemption.

***<sup>8</sup> And the Lord will redeem Israel  
from all iniquities.***

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## 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](http://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, very soon, our church 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.

## LATE-JUNE and JULY BIRTHDAYS

|                    |                       |                           |                       |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Gloria Washington  | June 29 <sup>th</sup> | Lorraine Forbes           | July 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Delilah Rucker     | July 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Angela Curtis      | June 30 <sup>th</sup> | Stephanie Miller          | July 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Jeffery Brunt      | July 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| Sydni-Anne Pearson | June 30 <sup>th</sup> | Delisha Tripplett         | July 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Dwond Donahue      | July 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| James Gittens      | July 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Ricardo Williams          | July 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Irett KoKo Madje   | July 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| Rinaldo McCrary    | July 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Caleb Cecil               | July 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Carla Davis        | July 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Brittany Plaxico   | July 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Denise Magee              | July 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Samuel Graham      | July 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Bythiah Webster    | July 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Gwendolyn Watkins         | July 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Patricia Greenwood | July 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Shaun Williams     | July 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Babatunde Agbaje-Williams | July 12 <sup>th</sup> | Troy Hodge         | July 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Shaunice Williams  | July 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Mattie Kellum             | July 17 <sup>th</sup> | Betty Petty        | July 29 <sup>th</sup> |
| Diamond Jones      | July 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Mecca Helm                | July 18 <sup>th</sup> | Leighton Cullars   | July 30 <sup>th</sup> |

***Please be sure to say "Happy Birthday" to our members celebrating birthdays in late-June and July!***

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Below is this week's prayer list. Please keep these persons in your prayers!**

(\* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

|  |                              |                        |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <u><b>SHUT-IN</b></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><b>GENERAL</b></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 (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 Weddington Family  |
| *The Family of Sandra Lewis (16)       | Rashaud Thompson             | James Williams         |
| *Daphne Hicks and Family (10)          | Leslie Carey Kirk            | Juanita Weatherspoon   |
| *Laniya Bradley & Family (7)           | Douglas Hargray              | Rev. Gessel Berry, Jr. |
| *Donna Lomax and Family (13)           | Robert Leach                 | Robert Leach           |
| *Lillye Hart and Family (3)            | Mwata Bowden                 | Lenora Omar            |
| *Erica Clark & the Clark Family (1)    | Brenda Lewis                 | Ethan Carson           |
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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 church buildings **or on ZOOM**.

# JULY 2021

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

| S   | M         | T         | W   | T   | F  | S   |
|---|-----------|-----------|---|---|----|---|
| <b>27</b><br>9 am<br><b>Sunday School Call</b><br>1.605.475.4000<br>Access code: 260259#<br>-----<br><b>Remote Worship &amp; 10:30 am Call</b><br>Call-in number:<br>1.425.436.6348<br>Access code: 672500#                     | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br>A.M. Bible Study<br>Is on<br><b>Summer Break</b> | 1<br>Remote Prayer Group<br>11 am<br>-----<br>Call-in number:<br>1.425.436.6348<br>Access code: 672500#       | 2  | 3<br>United Methodist Men<br>Monthly Mtg<br>9 am<br>(via Zoom)<br>----- |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> of July</b><br>9 am<br><b>Sunday School Call</b><br>1.605.475.4000<br>Access code: 260259#<br>-----<br><b>Remote Worship &amp; 10:30 am Call</b><br>Call-in number:<br>1.425.436.6348<br>Access code: 672500# | 5         | 6         | 7<br>A.M. Bible Study<br>Is on<br><b>Summer Break</b>         | 8<br>Remote Prayer Group<br>11 am<br>-----<br>Call-in number:<br>1.425.436.6348<br>Access code: 672500#       | 9  | 10<br>UMW Meeting<br>(via Zoom)<br>10 am<br>-----                       |
| 11<br>9 am<br><b>Sunday School Call</b><br>1.605.475.4000<br>Access code: 260259#<br>-----<br><b>Remote Worship &amp; 10:30 am Call</b><br>Call-in number:<br>1.425.436.6348<br>Access code: 672500#                            | 12        | 13        | 14<br>A.M. Bible Study<br>Is on<br><b>Summer Break</b>        | 15<br>Remote Prayer Group<br>11 am<br>-----<br>Call-in number:<br>1.425.436.6348<br>Access code: 672500#      | 16 | 17  |
| 18<br>9 am<br><b>Sunday School</b><br>-----<br><b>10:30 am In-person Worship</b><br>(with Live Streaming Online)  | 19        | 20        | 21<br>A.M. Bible Study<br>Is on<br><b>Summer Break</b>        | 22<br><b>Prayer Group Call</b><br>11 am<br>-----<br>Call-in number:<br>1.425.436.6348<br>Access code: 672500# | 23 | 24<br>Board of Trustees<br>Monthly Mtg<br>9 am<br>-----                 |
| 25<br>9 am<br><b>Sunday School</b><br>-----<br><b>10:30 am In-person Worship</b><br>(with Live Streaming)   | 26        | 27        | 28<br>A.M. Bible Study<br>Is on<br><b>Summer Break</b>        | 29<br><b>Prayer Group Call</b><br>11 am<br>-----<br>Call-in number:<br>1.425.436.6348<br>Access code: 672500# | 30 | 31  |

***Will you be joining us July 18<sup>th</sup>?***



# SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

## The Long-Term Effects of Positive Thinking

Positive thinking is an optimistic approach to focusing on the good in any situation. Positive thinking helps eliminate the pessimistic thoughts that may occur in our brains as we go through the motions of life. According to The Mayo Clinic, more optimism in life often positively impacts our mental and physical health.

### Health Benefits of Positive Thinking



Longer Life Span



Better Stress Management and Lower Rates of Depression



Increased Psychological and Physical Well-Being



Better Cardiovascular Health and Reduced Risk of Heart Disease.



Lower Blood Pressure

### Practice Positive Thinking

**Surround yourself with positive people.** Ensure those in your life are positive, supportive people you can depend on to give helpful advice and feedback. Negative people may increase your stress level and make you doubt your ability to manage stress in healthy ways.

**Follow a healthy lifestyle.** Aim to exercise for about 30 minutes on most days of the week. You can also break it up into 10-minute chunks of time during the day. Exercise can positively affect mood and reduce stress. Follow a healthy diet to fuel your mind and body and learn techniques to manage stress.

**Be open to humor.** Give yourself permission to smile or laugh, especially during difficult times. Seek humor in everyday happenings. When you can laugh at life, you feel less stressed.



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# **Social Commentary**

## **After Juneteenth, the Struggle for Equality Continues**

by Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.



“Great nations don’t ignore the most painful moments. ... They embrace them,” said President Biden as he signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act — passed unanimously in the U.S. Senate — to make Juneteenth — June 19th — a federal holiday.

Juneteenth, of course, had been celebrated across the country for decades, in public and in private ceremonies. The holiday marks the day in 1865, two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, that slavery was officially ended in Texas. On that day, Union Army Major General Gordon Granger announced, as his forces gathered in Galveston, that “The people of Texas are informed that ... all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves...”

A myth grew up that no one in Texas had been aware of the Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves or of Lee’s surrender at Appomattox and the end of the Civil War. In fact, as historians have discovered, Texans — both masters and slaves — knew about these events, but slaveowners resisted freeing the slaves until they were forced to by the power of federal troops.

Juneteenth not only celebrates the end of slavery, it celebrates the continuing struggle for equality under the law. The defeat of the Confederate States in the Civil War was, in many ways, only the beginning of the struggle.

That is why celebrating Juneteenth will be important not just in remembering the past but in rededicating ourselves to building equal justice under the law in the future. It celebrates both the triumph over slavery and the commitment to continue to work to overcome racial fears and create a more perfect union. Today, a new movement for justice has challenged the entrenched racial disparities that mark our criminal justice system, our housing patterns, our schools and more. And a new backlash is pushing systematic efforts to suppress the vote - aimed often explicitly at African American voters - while rousing racial fears once more.

In this context, the new federal holiday offers a chance to celebrate how far we have come - and to mark once more how far we have to go. We should not deny our past nor slight our progress nor fool ourselves about our current reality. We can celebrate together what we have overcome even as we dedicate ourselves to the work yet to be done.

# Little Known Black History Fact

## Rev. Florence Spearing Randolph



The **Rev. Florence Spearing Randolph** was one of the first Black women ordained as to preach and lead an African Methodist Episcopal Zion church. Rev. Randolph used her position in the pulpit to call out racism, gender inequality, and other issues related to social reform.

Florence Spearing Randolph was born in August 1866 in Charleston, South Carolina, moving north to New Jersey to work as a dressmaker. In the late 1800's, preaching became Randolph's true calling and she sought to become ordained in the A.M.E.Z. Church. The resistance from the bishops and church leadership was strong, but she was eventually ordained as a deacon in 1901, and as a church leader in 1903, where she also gained her license to preach.

In 1925, Rev. Randolph was elected to lead Wallace Chapel A.M.E.Z. Church in Summit, New Jersey. She became known for her powerful lectures and sermons, and famously preached that white people mistreating Black people across the nation went against the very root of Christianity.

Rev. Randolph was the first Black woman to enroll in Drew University in New Jersey, and there is now an annual award named after her given to a Black female student who shows promise as a church leader and preacher.

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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

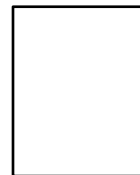
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**Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:**

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 **in-home vaccination of  
seniors and people with disabilities  
who are homebound**. 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 27<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### **June 27**

2 Kings 10:32-12:21

Acts 18:1-22

Psalms 145:1-21

Proverbs 18:1

### **June 28**

2 Kings 13:1-14:29

Acts 18:23-19:12

Psalms 146:1-10

Proverbs 18:2-3

### **June 29**

2 Kings 15:1-16:20

Acts 19:13-41

Psalms 147:1-20

Proverbs 18:4-5

## **2021**

## ***“The Year of Restoration”***

(1 Peter 5:10)

### **July 3**

2 Kings 22:3-23:30

Acts 21:37-22:16

Psalms 1:1-6

Proverbs 18:11-12

### **June 30**

2 Kings 17:1-18:12

Acts 20:1-38

Psalms 148:1-14

Proverbs 18:6-7

### **July 1**

2 Kings 18:13-19:37

Acts 21:1-17

Psalms 149:1-9

Proverbs 18:8

### **July 2**

2 Kings 20:1-22:2

Acts 21:18-36

Psalms 150:1-6

Proverbs 18:9-10