

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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**Returning on
July 18th!**
We hope to see you here!

“What’s Love Got To Do With It?”

Greetings, family, in the name of the Omnipotent and Omnicompetent God! As we travel biblically through the land of evangelism, in Luke 15’s story of the Prodigal Son, we are sometimes caught off guard by the older son’s attitude toward his “lost” brother who finally came back home. But it is an attitude that too many church folk share even though they won’t admit to it or they are not as familiar with it. After all, we are familiar with the story of the wayward younger son who asked for his inheritance before his father died so he could live a party-lifestyle. We are familiar with the younger son going to a far country and squandering his inheritance, living foul, hitting the wall of poverty, working in a pigpen, and finally waking up to return to his father’s house. We are familiar with the robe, the ring, and the sandals given to him upon his return. We are familiar with the fatted calf being killed for his return home. We are familiar with the party that his father threw for him because he was his “dead” son who was “alive” again. We are familiar with everyone being ecstatic and overjoyed that he returned home except his older brother.

What was up with his older brother? When his younger brother finally came home, was the older brother angry because he never got a party or was he angry because his younger brother was not punished, ostracized, or even tongue-lashed for his disobedience? It appears that it is the latter reason. He could not celebrate when his lost brother came home because he didn’t share the same type of love for his brother that his father shared for his brother. The father in the parable possessed unconditional love for his son. He possessed a love that looked beyond his son’s mistakes and saw his son’s needs. He possessed a love that was forgiving, merciful, and non-judgmental. The father possessed a love that comes from God alone. He possessed a love for the lost and confused. He possessed a love found in John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whomsoever would believe in Him, would not perish but have everlasting life.” You can’t love like this father if you don’t have the same love that the father has.

Jesus told the parable to make a powerful point. When the Pharisees and scribes ‘grumbled’ against him for fellowshiping with sinners, Jesus told three parables in Luke 15 to underscore, underline, and highlight the fact that God and heaven have a party when sinners come to God for salvation and transformation. God and heaven have a party when a lost person finds his way back home to the Father’s household of faith. God and heaven have enough love to go around for saint and sinner. In the parable, Jesus reminds church folk that the very people they need to be concerned about are sinners and the unchurched. Love for our brothers and sisters who have lost their way must be our motive for witnessing, testifying, reaching, and bringing people into the church. Paul says that Christian service without love is useless, noisy, and ineffective. What does love have to do with making disciples? Everything! When I look at Luke 15, I don’t want to be the prodigal son, I don’t want to be the older brother, I want to be just like the loving father. Why? Because God is just like that! Have a great week!

SIXTH 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 JULY: "God is Faithful"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: WHITE

Scripture for the month: *"Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."* Lamentations 3:22-23 (NKJV)

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture Mark 5:25-34 see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise Psalm 48 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Pt. 4 of Sermon Series: "I'm Coming Back to Church"
Today's Message "Go and Get It" 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 (06/27/21)	42 (views)
Worship Conference Call "	26 (callers)
Sunday School "	16 (callers)
Prayer Group	4 (callers)
UMW Planning Committee	5 (viewers/callers)
Video Tech Team	5
TOTAL	98

Morning Scripture

Mark 5:25-34 (NKJV)

²⁵ Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,

²⁶ *and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.*

²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came behind *Him* in the crowd and touched His garment.

²⁸ *For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."*

²⁹ Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the affliction.

³⁰ *And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"*

³¹ But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' "

³² *And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.*

³³ But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

³⁴ *And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."*



Are you ready to **RETURN** to **CHURCH**?

We return to In-person worship **July 18th**!

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 48

(R) Tell to every generation that the Lord will be our guide.

¹ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God;
whose holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,

² ***whose holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,***
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great Ruler.

³ ***Within its citadels God has proven a sure defense.***

(R) Tell to every generation that the Lord will be our guide.

⁴ For lo, the kings assembled, they marched together.

⁵ ***As soon as they saw it, they were astounded,
they were in panic, they took flight;***

⁶ trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in travail,

⁷ ***as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.***

⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God,
which God establishes for ever.

⁹ ***We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.***

(R) Tell to every generation that the Lord will be our guide.

¹⁰ As your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with victory;

¹¹ ***let Mount Zion be glad!***
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments!

¹² ***Walk about Zion, go round about it,
number its towers,***

¹³ consider well its ramparts,
go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation,

¹⁴ ***"This is God, our God for ever and ever.
God will be our guide for ever.***

(R) Tell to every generation that the Lord will be our guide.

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, 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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

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

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

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
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 A.M. Bible Study Is on Summer Break	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) -----
4th of July 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#	5	6	7 A.M. Bible Study Is on Summer Break	8 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	9	10 UMW Meeting (via Zoom) 10 am -----
11 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#	12	13	14 A.M. Bible Study Is on Summer Break	15 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	16	17
18 WELCOME HOME! 9 am Sunday School ----- 10:30 am In-person Worship (with Live Streaming Online)	19	20	21 A.M. Bible Study Is on Summer Break	22 Prayer Group Call 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	23	24 Board of Trustees Monthly Mtg 9 am -----
25 9 am Sunday School ----- 10:30 am In-person Worship (with Live Streaming)	26	27	28 A.M. Bible Study Is on Summer Break	29 Prayer Group Call 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	30	31

Will you be joining us July 18th?

SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

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The Importance of Hand Washing

As the COVID-19 vaccinations continue to roll out, it is essential to remember one of the key preventative measures in reducing the spread of COVID-19, washing your hands.

As we go through our daily lives, we often touch many substances that contain thousands of germs and bacteria that cause infections. Sometimes subconsciously, we touch other surfaces, ourselves, and others around us. As a result, we are constantly transferring germs from one place to another. Proper hand-washing is the first line of defense against many types of diseases and infections. Taking 20 seconds to wash your hands can potentially save your life and those around you.

Five Steps to Washing your Hands Properly as recommended by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



Wet. Using clean, warm running water, wet both of your hands, turn off the tap, and apply soap.



Lather. Using an antibacterial hand soap, lather the front of your hands, the back of your hands, your nails, and between your fingers.



Scrub. For 20 seconds, scrub your hands front and back.



Rinse. After you scrub your hands, rinse your hands well under clean running water.



Dry. Using a clean towel or air drying, dry both of your hands.



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Social Commentary

They Walked for the ‘Unforgotten 51’ and All Other Black Women Murdered or Missing in Chicago

by John Fountain



She walked for her — this palpable trail of humanity and collective tears flowing down South King Drive, their chants rising in unison from here and the grave into the warm summer air in remembrance of those Black girls and women no longer able to speak for themselves. Their voices resounded with a call for closure. For justice. For answers, and ultimately for an end to the slaying of young Black women and girls strangled, suffocated, shot or mangled, their bodies discarded like yesterday’s trash. They spoke. For those Black girls and women abducted or who suddenly vanished without a trace, like a vapor.

For the dead, they walked. For those whose innocent blood still cries from premature graves. They walked purposefully. For recognition of the humanity of Black women, despite brutalities suffered amid the perpetual American disparity in how their lives and deaths and disappearances are treated compared to white women in America, even animals. They marched and lifted up their voices for the “Unforgotten 51”: For Nancie Walker. For Gwendolyn Williams. For Reo Renee Holyfield and also for other African-American women murdered or missing in Chicago.

The event, held on Tuesday evening, was sponsored by a coalition of community groups, including the Kenwood Oakwood Community Organization (KOCO), H.E.R. Chicago, and Mothers Opposed to Violence Everywhere (MOVE). They also called for policy change by law enforcement to “prevent more murders.” The more than 100 marchers advanced with solemnity and vigor, escorted by uniformed Chicago police officers on bikes and in blue-flashing squad cars as they headed south for blocks along King Drive from 35th Street.

This week, protestors echoed each line bellowed from a loudspeaker as young Black women led the way. Many young Black men also took part. Among the march’s chief messages: “Her life matters.” “The war on missing girls, especially Black women and children, has been plaguing communities and cities for years,” said Tanisha Williams, a KOCO youth organizer, speaking to the media moments before the march kicked off. “As a mother, I couldn’t begin to imagine the nightmare that comes with the lack of investment, lack of accountability and concern from CPD, elected officials and the mayor of our great city of Chicago. I couldn’t imagine having to fight for closure for one of my loved ones...” I can.

I have heard the devastating stories, not only as a journalist for over 30 years, but more recently in leading my students at Roosevelt University to cover the case of 51 mostly African-American women murdered in Chicago since 2001. Indeed I have seen the tears. Heard the unforgettable cries of families for justice and

peace. I have witnessed their pleas for police to find the killers in cases now ice cold and unsolved. I have felt their anguish over the disparity in media coverage of the murder and disappearance of Black women and girls. And I can think of no march more noble. Until there is no longer a need, may this whole damn city walk for her.

Little Known Black History Fact

William Cooper Nell



William Cooper Nell was an abolitionist, author, and historian who wrote a notable work highlighting the achievements of Black people in the American Revolution. Nell was born December 16, 1816 in Boston, Massachusetts, and his father was a prominent figure in the anti-slavery movement.

An excellent student, Nell won honors for his academic marks but was denied access to a dinner to celebrate with his other classmates due to his race. This motivated him to take a job as a waiter to attend the dinner, and to also make it his life's mission to combat segregation and racism on several levels.

Inspired by abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison, Nell began working in the anti-slavery movement and was mentored by Garrison before working for *The Liberator* newspaper. Using the platform to advance his anti-slavery activism, Nell wrote several stories for the paper and other outlets while also spearheading a movement to assist fugitive slaves from the South to navigate freedom in the North.

Among his early acts of civil rights service, Nell fought and successfully achieved the desegregation of Boston's public school system. However, his shining jewel is considered his 1855 work, *The Colored Patriots of the American Revolution* which he wrote in response to the Massachusetts state legislature's failure to erect a statue in honor of **Crispus Attucks**, the first casualty of the Boston Massacre.

The work examined the lives and achievements of all the Black people Nell could find that had some manner of involvement in the American Revolution, which makes him a Black history pioneer. According to some sources noted historian Carter G. Woodson considered Nell the first Black historian. He is also known as the first Black federal employee as well.

Nell passed on this day in 1874 at the age of 57.

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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

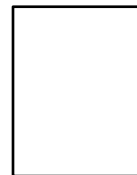
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2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

Week of July 4th – July 10th

July 4

2 Kings 23:31-25:30

Acts 22:17-23:10

Psalms 2:1-12

Proverbs 18:13

July 5

1 Chronicles 1:1-2:17

Acts 23:11-35

Psalms 3:1-8

Proverbs 18:14-15

July 6

1 Chronicles 2:18-4:4

Acts 24:1-27

Psalms 4:1-8

Proverbs 18:16-18

2021

“The Year of Restoration”

(1 Peter 5:10)

July 10

1 Chronicles 9:1-10:14

Acts 27:21-44

Psalms 8:1-9

Proverbs 18:23-24

July 7

1 Chronicles 4:5-5:17

Acts 25:1-27

Psalms 5:1-12

Proverbs 18:19

July 8

1 Chronicles 5:18-6:81

Acts 26:1-32

Psalms 6:1-10

Proverbs 18:20-21

July 9

1 Chronicles 7:1-8:40

Acts 27:1-20

Psalms 7:1-17

Proverbs 18:22