

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

July 18, 2021



Wesley United Methodist Church

201 East 95th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60619

Tel: 773.821.6240

Fax: 773.821.4016

GivePlus+ Text: 833.595.0705

Pastor: Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

eMail: wesley_chicago@comcast.net

Website: www.wesleyumcchicago.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/wesleyumcchicago

Twitter: www.twitter.com/WUMCChicago

Bishop John Hopkins (Interim)

District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Jacques A. Conway

**WELCOME
HOME!**

“It Takes a ‘Whole’ Village to Raise a Child”

“After three days they found Jesus in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.” (Luke 2:46-47)

Some sayings are popular. This one is profound: “It takes a village to raise a child.” Most people would agree that children owe a lot to their parents. However, the most able parents that I have spoken to often admit that solid child-raising is simply overwhelming on their own. More often than not, successful parenting is rooted in strong ties to a wider moral community or family of faith.

Jesus grew up in the home of Joseph and Mary. However, he was raised in the synagogues and the temple courts. The village concept of child development highlights group faith, collective commitment, and corporate sacrifice.

The paralytic's friends showed remarkable care, concern, and commitment in bringing the sick man to Jesus. Luke writes that their faith---the man's and his friends'---moved Jesus to forgive and heal (Luke 5:20). This is the same ethical principle that should apply to child-raising. Children do not belong to us but to God, who gives them to the world as blessings. The community bears the burdens that the parents alone cannot.

Our African ancestors were wise enough to know that the nuclear family is an insufficient mechanism for raising a child, especially during these times when we are being pulled and pushed by the pressures of modern existence. Biology is not the only key to a well-disciplined and developed adult; sociology and spirituality are just as important. The greatest village for the nurturing of our children is the church, the house of prayer, the city of God, the body of Christ.

Therefore, let us work doubly hard to grow our church because our children need us to be a healthy village. If it takes a village to raise a child, but if a village is sick then it will raise sick children. If it takes a village to raise a child but the village is faithless, then that village will raise faithless children. If it takes a village to raise a child, but the village operates out of a theology of scarcity (we ain't got nothing) and not abundance then that village will produce children who think in terms of scarcity rather than abundance. If it takes a village to raise a child, but the village believes “in a” God but does not believe God, then that village will produce children who believe “in a” God but do not believe God. There is a difference! Preach Woolery! The village has to get its act together before it can raise strong children who represent the future of the church.

This entails building children and youth ministries here at Wesley UMC. We can do it because God is with us. Children and youth are not just our future but they are our present as well. We claim with one strong voice that we are going to be a healthy village that raises healthy children! Hallelujah!

EIGHTH 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: GREEN

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 Jonah 3: 1-10 see video, or page 4

Psalms of Praise Psalm 85 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Pt. 5 of Sermon Series: "I'm Coming Back to Church"

Today's Message: "When a Worshiper Gets a Second Chance" Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Worship Video (07/11/21)	32 (views)
Worship Conference Call "	20 (callers)
Sunday School "	15 (callers)
Prayer Group	5 (callers)
Church Council Meeting	17 (callers/viewers)
TOTAL	89

Morning Scripture

Jonah 3:1-10 (NKJV)

¹ Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,

² ***“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.”***

³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey *in extent*.

⁴ ***And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day’s walk. Then he cried out and said, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”***

⁵ So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them.

⁶ ***Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes.***

⁷ And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying,

Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water.

⁸ ***But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.***

⁹ Who can tell *if* God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish?

¹⁰ ***Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.***

RETURNING TO ‘IN-PERSON’ WORSHIP

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Masks are **REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES** while inside the church.

Social Distancing is required.

Ushers will provide direction on where to sit.

Bulletins will not be distributed to the congregation.

Announcements and digital screens will be used to follow service, or you may open your digital bulletin using a mobile device.

Hymnals and church Bibles will not be used. Please follow the screen projections.

Offering plates will not be circulated among the congregation.

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 85

(R) The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

¹ LORD, you showed favor to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

² ***You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.***

³ You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

⁴ ***Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!***

⁵ Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

⁶ Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

⁷ ***Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.***

(R) The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

⁸ Let me hear what God will speak,
for the LORD will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to the LORD in their hearts.

⁹ ***Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the LORD,
that glory may dwell in our land.***

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

¹¹ ***Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.***

¹² The LORD will give *what is* good,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ ***Righteousness will go before the LORD,
and make God's footsteps a way.***

(R) The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

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 now, our church, have opened 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)

SHUT-IN	
*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)	

GENERAL		
*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 UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	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 UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	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 Church Council Meeting 6:30 pm	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 UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	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 UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	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

THANK YOU

for your support during the last 15 months!

For those that are with us this morning, it's great to have you back!

For those unable to be with us in person today, KNOW that we are together in SPIRIT!

SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

Observing Minority Mental Health Awareness Month in July

According to the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI), 16% of African Americans experience a mental health condition. Unfortunately, when it comes to mental illness, minorities are often undiagnosed and receive inadequate treatment compared to adult Whites. Regrettably, African Americans face an added stigma and discrimination when seeking mental health care, causing apprehension about pursuing professional treatment.

Know the Facts

-  **Sixteen percent (4.8 million)** of Black and African American people reported having a mental disorder, and **22.4 percent of those (1.1 million people)** reported a serious mental disorder in 2018.
-  African Americans are **20 percent** more likely to have serious psychological distress than other ethnic groups.
-  **Poverty level affects mental health status.** African Americans living below the poverty level are **twice** as likely to report serious psychological distress.
-  In 2019, suicide was the **second** leading cause of death for Black Americans, ages 15 to 24.

Remember, there is support and there is hope!

If you or a loved one is experiencing symptoms, talk to a trusted healthcare professional. **Stay connected with a support network**, such as friends, family, or clergy.

If you or a loved one is in crisis, call 911 as soon as possible. If you or a loved one needs someone to talk to, there is confidential support available 24/7 for everyone in the United States by calling **1-800-273-8255** for the National Suicide Prevention Hotline.

Information curated from National Alliance of Mental Illness and Mental Health Awareness and



THE
BALM
IN
GILEAD
INC.

www.balmingilead.org

620 Moorefield Park Drive, Suite 150
Richmond, VA 23236

Social Commentary

I've Heard More Ballyhooing Over Renaming Lake Shore Drive Than Over How to Stop the Killing

by John Fountain



I see the wicked spreading itself like a green bay tree. But are my eyes too clouded by endless tears to see the righteous? I see killers. But where are the Christians? I see the slayers. But where are the prayers? Where is that “old ship of Zion” whose spiritual songs once soothed our souls, led us down the path to being made whole?

I see the carnage of another homicidal Chicago summer day, where mass shootings have become commonplace and the city’s knee-jerk response a damn disgrace. As sure as the rising sun, the city awakens to the sound of the gun. To the carnage of another night, where on the streets an endless river of blood runs. I hear politicians making the same old excuses, pointing fingers, appearing useless. I see city officials shifting blame, playing the same old PR game. Spinning the tale of violence with no shame. “Incredible urgency?”

Excuse me, Madam Mayor, it’s a state of emergency. And yet, I’ve heard more political ballyhooing over renaming Lake Shore Drive than over how to stop the killing. Bore witness to a motorcade on Jean Baptiste Point DuSable Lake Shore Drive in honor of the renaming on Independence Day weekend when Chicago’s violence was shameful: 104 shot, 19 killed. We major in minors, and minor in majors — still. Meanwhile, tree-lined neighborhoods have become killing fields. Maybe we should rename our streets: Drive-by Avenue. Killing Our Children Way. Bloody Outer Drive.

What’s sadder is that I expect government, politicians and organizations to fail. But where is the church in the midst of so much hell? Pray tell.

The church. That historic anchor in the midst of Black America’s storms and journey over fiery coals. That church — without walls — that uplifted us when ole Massa assailed Black bodies on southern plantations with unspeakable horrors that could not steal our souls. The church. Even in the face of hate and degradation — just three-fifths a person in this our nation — the church helped us to endure and fight with patience. The church that once upon a time would not feed us pie in the sky, but inspired us, revived us, taught us how to live by truth not lies. The church that once, not long ago, inclined her ears to the cries of the least of these. That possessed that sacred spiritual balm that offers healing and hope for all in need. And yet, everywhere I see churches, even through teary eyes. But relatively few prayers out on the streets where the people die. And I’m left wondering whether “the church” still

believes in the power of God. Or if the church has become just another lie. At least it is clear to me that something must be amiss. For how can so much so-called light and darkness coexist?

Why It's Big News When A Black Girl Wins The Scripps National Spelling Bee

by Shalini Shankar



Editor's note: When Zaila Avant-garde, 14, won the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee on July 8, 2021, she became the first Black American to win in the competition's history. Shalini Shankar of Northwestern University, a scholar of spelling bees, breaks down the importance of this historical moment.

Why is it news that an African American won this championship? It's significant because not so long ago, Black children would have faced a lot of obstacles just to compete in this spelling bee. In fact, Black children were routinely sidelined from participating on the national stage until well after the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Even after schools were ordered to racially integrate in the late 1950s, spelling bees were largely all-white affairs, thanks to regional organizers who routinely found ways to keep interested Black children from advancing in the contest.

Avant-garde's victory is also significant because, like with any sport, people love to celebrate new records. This one is especially welcome because with the exception of Jamaican Jody-Anne Maxwell's win in 1998, the Scripps National Spelling Bee has never had a Black winner. This can be attributed to decades of disadvantage in which Black schools had far fewer resources to help support and train students for activities like spelling bees. It may seem surprising, but specialized brain sports like the bee — and so many other kid contests today — require a great deal of expertise, such as spelling coaches.

Zaila Avant-garde's father realized her aptitude for spelling when she was around 10, which is relatively late for a contest in which eligibility ends after eighth grade, when most spellers are 14. Spellers I studied started competing as early as 6 or 7, making them far more comfortable with the format of the contest by age 10. Still, Zaila made astounding progress from her third-round elimination in 2019 which I witnessed in National Harbor, Maryland, when she misspelled the word "vagaries," to winning it all in 2021. That kind of transformation suggests a tremendous work ethic, extraordinary aptitude and a whole lot of parental investment and support. An actual win — versus fictionalized win — should serve as real inspiration to younger people, because until now aspiring Black children had no trailblazer. I believe Zaila will be very inspirational, like Venus and Serena Williams have been to a new generation of Black women tennis champions.

Wesley United Methodist Church

201 East 95th Street

Chicago, IL 60619

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr., Pastor

SAVE these Conference Call Numbers

Sunday 10:30 am - Service

1.425.436.6348

Thursday 11 am - Prayer Call

Code: 672500#

Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:

1.312.626.6799

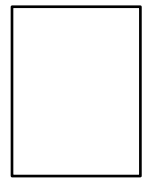
ID/code: 295 101 7709#

Passcode: 461427#

Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:

1.605.475.4000

Code: 260259#



Scan the QR code on the left to donate to Wesley via smartphone or other mobile device!



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 July 18th – July 24th

July 18

- 1 Chronicles 26:12-27:34
- Romans 4:13-5:5
- Psalms 14:1-7
- Proverbs 19:17

July 19

- 1 Chronicles 28:1-29:30
- Romans 5:6-21
- Psalms 15:1-5
- Proverbs 19:18-19

July 20

- 2 Chronicles 1:1-3:17
- Romans 6:1-23
- Psalms 16:1-11
- Proverbs 19:20-21

2021

“The Year of Restoration”

(1 Peter 5:10)

July 24

- 2 Chronicles 11:1-13:22
- Romans 8:26-39
- Psalms 18:37-50
- Proverbs 19:27-29

July 21

- 2 Chronicles 4:1-6:11
- Romans 7:1-13
- Psalms 17:1-15
- Proverbs 19:22-23

July 22

- 2 Chronicles 6:12-8:10
- Romans 7:14-8:8
- Psalms 18:1-15
- Proverbs 19:24-25

July 23

- 2 Chronicles 8:11-10:19
- Romans 8:9-25
- Psalms 18:16-36
- Proverbs 19:26