

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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Wesley United Methodist Church

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“You Didn’t Join a Church, You Joined a Movement!”

Greetings, family, in the name of Jesus! I want to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted today. We have to get something straight. When you decided to join, hook-up with, or devote your life to Wesley UMC, you didn’t do so to be a stationary, immovable statue in the house of God. Protestant churches don’t have statues like Catholic churches do. We don’t have statues because it promotes idolatry. Whenever we do what we want to do in God’s house, and subsequently do nothing, then we are becoming idols unto ourselves. We begin to worship ourselves, i.e., believing that what we think, believe, and do is “worth” more than what God wants us to think, believe, and do.

Some of us have lost our minds when it comes to determining what true discipleship is. We are supposed to emulate what Jesus and the first disciples did. They weren’t stationary, stagnant, or sourful saints. They were energetic, enthusiastic, and empowered to change the world one person at a time. Jesus started a movement because his speech was always flavored with action words: “Come and follow me. Rise up and walk. Go and make disciples. Lazarus, come forth.” He moved crowds and individuals. Every evangelistic moment was not an Acts 2:41 “three-thousand soul moment.” Naw, one person or family at a time was their *modus operandi*. The early disciples understood that they had joined a movement and not just a “moment” where they paused for 90 minutes in their busy schedule to worship God in a building and then resume their normal lives. No, no, no! We are not even supposed to be worried about always feeling good and having our “hands out” when we come to the Lord’s house.

Worship is not just about you receiving but it is also about you giving. And one thing we should give God during worship is praise for success in making disciples and spreading the good news that God saves through the redemptive life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Worship can be a praise party after you have been successful in fulfilling the discipleship mandate which is to replicate the Jesus in you in someone else. What do I mean? Our mission for two thousand years has been to bring people into the body of Christ so that earth can look like heaven. Our job for two thousand years has been to transform our confused world with the message of love, truth, power, forgiveness and reconciliation. What have we been doing at Wesley UMC? It appears that we have neglected our evangelistic objectives. If we are scared to share Jesus with someone, we must remember that God has not given us a spirit of fear but of love, power, and a sound mind. If we are tired, God has a second wind, called the Holy Ghost, which He will send us if we ask Him.

Our church is half-full on Sunday morning and it is time that it becomes full and overflowing! We have wonderful people, worship, and ministries to offer a “seeking” and “lost” populace. We are a great church and we stack up well against any church in the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church. Christianity is about movement and building momentum in order to build the kingdom of God, one person at a time. We want a “movement culture” at Wesley UMC. And the movement will be centered on ministry excellence. Have a great week.

TENTH 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 AUGUST: "Boldness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: WHITE

Scripture for the month: *"For the Kingdom of God is not in word but in Power."* 1 Corinthians 4:20 (NKJV)

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture Acts 4:13-22 see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise Psalm 51:1-12 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Pt. 7 of Sermon Series: "I'm Coming Back to Church"

Today's Message *"You Better Recognize, I've Been With Jesus"* 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 (sanctuary)	62
Worship Video (07/25/21)	28 (views)
Worship Conference Call "	12 (callers)
Sunday School (in-person: 9 callers: 4)	13 (attendees/callers)
Prayer Group	4 (callers)
Trustee Meeting	6 (callers/viewers)
TOTAL	125

Morning Scripture

Acts 4:13-22 (NKJV)

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

¹⁴ ***And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.***

¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

¹⁶ ***saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.***

¹⁷ But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name."

¹⁸ ***So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.***

¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.

²⁰ ***For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."***

²¹ So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done.

²² ***For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.***

'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 51:1-12

(R) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

¹ Have mercy upon me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
***according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.***

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

³ ***For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.***

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned,
and done that which is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless in your judgment.

⁵ ***Behold, I was born into iniquity,
and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.***

(R) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

⁶ Behold, you desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

⁷ ***Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;***

⁸ Make me hear with joy and gladness;
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

⁹ ***Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.***

(R) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹ ***Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your holy Spirit from me.***

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

(R) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check your email weekly for a full list of announcements, scripture readings and updates.

- **Multiple ways to worship!** Our worship services are now available online! Go to: www.wesleyumcchicago.org and click/tap **SUNDAY SERMON**. The videos are also available on other platforms, such as our church app (see SERMONS), our YouTube channel (Wesley UMC Chicago), and will be posted on our **Facebook** page each Sunday afternoon (@WesleyUMCChicago). For those who prefer a more personal experience, join the **Weekly Worship Conference Call** at 10:30 am each Sunday! Call-in info: 1-425-436-6348: code 672500#
- **Do you have the GivePlus+ app? Electronic giving just got easier!!** Vanco's **GivePlus+** app makes it as easy as 1-2-3! Just download the **GivePlus+** app, (click for [Apple](#), or [Google](#)) complete your login and profile using your email address and password, provide your bank information and that's it! You can setup a recurring payment or enter the amount each time.
- **NEW FEATURE! GivePlus+ also allows you to make contributions with a quick text message!** Simply send a text to our **DEDICATED** text number, **1-833-595-0705**, with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$25. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email.
- **Opening Up after COVID-19** As our city, state and 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.

Save the Date!



Saturday, August 28, 2021 | 2 pm-4 pm

School Supplies Give-away!

(Please donate supplies or money to purchase additional supplies.)



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Kaylin Horvath	August 4 th
Rev. Charles Woolery, Sr.	August 5 th
Johnee Hooks	August 9 th
Lucille Sanders	August 11 th
April Crockett	August 12 th
Mildred Echols	August 13 th

Chris Wormsby	August 16 th
Monee Spearmon	August 20 th
Richard Kokuma	August 21 st
Eboni Hudson-Layne	August 23 rd
Clarence Sanders	August 23 rd
Leslie Stokes	August 23 rd
Theresa Bradshaw	August 25 th

Tommy Hart	August 26 th
Thomas Hubbard	August 26 th
Odis Franklin	August 29 th
B.J. Curtis	August 29 th
Faye Smith	August 30 th
James Moss	August 31 st

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
*Denise Richardson (20)	Joanna Lennhardt	Katherine Evans
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	Martha Muhs	Carl Frazier
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Muriel Bolden	Robert A. Watkins
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Gregory Simms	Aaron Thomas, Jr.
*The Moss Family (13)	Norbert Sanders	Michael Miller
*Charles & B.J. Curtis and Family (3)	Brittany Porter	Angel Acosta
*Odis & Lucinda Franklin Family (20)	Rhonda Monique Miller	Vinelle Myrie
*Doris Thompson (19)	Ashley Parks	Alexandria Ward
*Chester Plaxico (17)	Kathy Jenkins	Davion McNeal
*Barbara and John Sanders & Family (3)	Rebecca Merkson	Willie Moore
*The Porter Family (5)	John Anderson	Peaches Clark
*The Family of Lucious Smith (12)	Jerry Simmons	Larry Clark
*The Family of Heustis Williams (1)	Rochelle Johnson	Justin York
*The Family of Sandra Lewis (16)	The Ford & Robinson Families	Russell York
*Daphne Hicks and Family (10)	Mila Kuntu	Percy & Essie Hayes
*Laniya Bradley & Family (7)	Ron Birton	Mildred Forest
*Donna Lomax and Family (13)	Aiden Combs	Takia Yearby
*Lillye Hart and Family (3)	Rashaud Thompson	The Weddington Family
*Erica Clark & the Clark Family (1)	Leslie Carey Kirk	James Williams
*Ben & Joyce Davis and Family (1)	Douglas Hargray	Juanita Weatherspoon
*Lorraine Forbes and Family (3)	Robert Leach	Rev. Gessel Berry, Jr.
	Brenda Lewis	Robert Leach
	Raymond Darden	Lenora Omar
	Baron Williams and Family	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 church buildings **or on ZOOM**.

AUGUST 2021

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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 9 am In-person Sunday School & Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- In-person Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	2	3 UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	4 A.M. Bible Study Is on Summer Break	5 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	6	7 United Methodist Men Monthly Mtg 9 am (via Zoom) -----
8 9 am In-person Sunday School & Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- In-person Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	9	10 UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	11 A.M. Bible Study Is on Summer Break	12 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	13	14 UMW Meeting (via Zoom) 10 am -----
15 9 am In-person Sunday School & Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- In-person Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	16	17 UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	18 Remote A.M. Bible Study RETURNS! 11 am 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	19 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	20	21 Marcus Garvey Event 2 pm-4 pm
22 9 am In-person Sunday School & Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- In-person Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	23	24 UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	25 Remote Bible Study 11 A.M. 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	26 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	27	28 Trustees Mtg (via Zoom) 9 am ----- Back-to-School Event 2 pm-4 pm
29 9 am In-person Sunday School & Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- In-person Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	30	31 UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	1 Remote Bible Study 11 A.M. 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	2 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	3	4 United Methodist Men Monthly Mtg 9 am (via Zoom) -----

SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

Supporting the Mental Wellness of African American Men

Mental health is a topic that many Black men consider taboo. As a result, mental health is rarely discussed, leading African American men to suffer in silence too often.

Did You Know?



7% of African-American men will develop depression in their lifetime.



Depression is not a weakness. It is an illness that can cause disability and even death.



Men experience depression differently. Men who are depressed may be more likely to be **very tired, feel irritable, and have difficulty sleeping.**



When mental disorders like depression aren't treated, **African American men are more vulnerable** to drug or alcohol use, homelessness, incarceration, homicide, and suicide.

Pathway to Healing



Heal Through Understanding: Seek help from a trained, culturally competent mental health professional. A primary care professional is also a great place to start.



Heal Through Community Building: A trusted support team is helpful in identifying changes you may not readily see in your mood or behavior. Communities can flourish online through private online groups, group texts, and socially distanced meetings.



Heal Through Self-Care: Self-care involves setting boundaries to prioritize your needs. Personal boundaries are simply the lines we draw for ourselves regarding our level of comfort around others.



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Social Commentary

Trump Partisans Want Biden to Fail Even If It Costs American Lives

by Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.



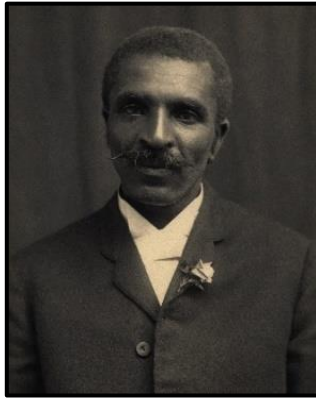
The political divide in this country grows ever more menacing, even as the crises facing us — exemplified by the fires raging in the West and the resurgence of the COVID variant across the country — grow more destructive. With the Congress and the voters divided, the mainstream media keeps urging bipartisan cooperation to move forward. But that assumes that both parties have a good faith stake in making progress. The plain reality is that Donald Trump and his Republican followers are stoking rebellion, not cooperation. Trump continues to deny that he lost the 2020 election. Across the country, Republicans are reinforcing his big lie with utterly brazen efforts to spread rumors about fraud, even though Republican state election officials, Republican judges, Trump’s own attorney general have all exposed the claims of fraud as bogus.

Now, in states with Republican legislatures, Trump partisans are passing bills to strip the election officials of their authority, and to sponsor partisan “audits” of votes — but, as in Texas, only in counties that Trump lost, arguing there is no need to look at counties that he won. They are pushing a package of restrictive voting laws designed to make it harder to vote — and often targeted specifically on African Americans, Latinos and the young who voted against Trump by large margins. The result is to feed extremist anger against American democracy. Trump partisans want Biden to fail, even if it costs American lives. They have worked to discredit U.S. public health officials, to support resistance to sensible measures like wearing a mask and now to spread the rumors and lies that have helped fuel resistance to the vaccine. The direct result is that the new variant is spiking among the unvaccinated across the country, with the U.S. death toll rising once more. Even a pandemic that threatens us all could not bring them to join together in support of responsible action. Their focus on making Biden fail led congressional Republicans to vote in lockstep against the Rescue Plan that was vital to helping the economy recover and providing a life preserver for the millions displaced when the pandemic forced the shutdown of much of the economy.

The most costly war in American history was the Civil War, which broke out when the South seceded to protect the spread slavery to new states joining the Union. Now Trump is fanning the flames of revolt among the minority of Americans that support him. With the economy just beginning to recover, climate change and pandemic threatening us, entrenched racial disparities dividing us, it is time for the majority to act — not to allow an aroused minority and cowed elected officials to stand in the way.

Little Known Black History Fact

Dr. George Washington Carver



George Washington Carver (c. 1864 to January 5, 1943) was born into slavery and went on to become a botanist and one of the most prominent scientists and inventors of his time as well as a teacher at the Tuskegee Institute. Carver devised hundreds of products using one major crop — the peanut — including dyes, plastics and gasoline.

Carver's work at the helm of the Tuskegee Institute's agricultural department included groundbreaking research on plant biology, much of which focused on the development of new uses for crops including peanuts, sweet potatoes, soybeans and pecans. Carver invented hundreds of products, including more than 300 from peanuts (milk, plastics, paints, dyes, cosmetics, medicinal oils, soap, ink, wood stains) and 118 from sweet potatoes (molasses, postage stamp glue, flour, vinegar and synthetic rubber) and even a type of gasoline. At the time, cotton production was on the decline in the South; overproduction of a single crop had left many fields exhausted and barren. Carver suggested planting peanuts and soybeans, both of which could restore nitrogen to the soil, along with sweet potatoes. While these crops grew well in southern climates, there was little demand. Carver's inventions and research solved this problem and helped struggling sharecroppers in the South, many of them former slaves now faced with necessary cultivation.

Carver went on to become a prominent scientific expert and one of the most famous African-Americans of his time. Carver achieved international fame in political and professional circles. [President Theodore Roosevelt](#) admired his work and sought his advice on agricultural matters in the United States. Carver was also recognized abroad for his scientific expertise. In 1916, he was made a member of the British Royal Society of Arts — a rare honor for an American. Carver also advised Indian leader [Mahatma Gandhi](#) on matters of agriculture and nutrition.

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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

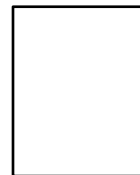
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Fire Department community paramedics
who can produce identification.

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2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

Week of August 1st – August 7th

August 1

2 Chronicles 30:1-31:21

Romans 15:1-22

Psalms 25:1-15

Proverbs 20:13-15

August 2

2 Chronicles 32:1-33:13

Romans 15:23-16:9

Psalms 25:16-22

Proverbs 20:16-18

August 3

2 Chronicles 33:14-34:33

Romans 16:10-27

Psalms 26:1-12

Proverbs 20:19

2021

“The Year of Restoration”

(1 Peter 5:10)

August 7

Ezra 4:24-6:22

1 Corinthians 3:5-23

Psalms 29:1-11

Proverbs 20:26-27

August 4

2 Chronicles 35:1-36:23

1 Corinthians 1:1-17

Psalms 27:1-6

Proverbs 20:20-21

August 5

Ezra 1:1-2:70

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

Psalms 27:7-14

Proverbs 20:22-23

August 6

Ezra 3:1-4:23

1 Corinthians 2:6-3:4

Psalms 28:1-9

Proverbs 20:24-25