

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

August 8, 2021



Wesley United Methodist Church

**WELCOME
to
WESLEY!**

**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

“Recharge Your Battery!”

Greetings, family, in the name of our Powerful God! In Isaiah 6:8 it says, “Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, “Here am I, send me!” We, the church, are always on the lookout for new “Isaiahs” who are willing to step-up, step-out, and step-in to some great ministry opportunity. We are always on the lookout for people to make that great transition from the pew to involvement in ministry. We are always on the lookout for a believer to use his or her gift to lift the church a little higher towards its goal of excellence. I encourage any “Isaiah” to rise up and answer the call to ministry because we need you like never before. However, I want to remind you of the dualism of summer. Summer is a period of activity but also a period for recharging yourself after a year of working hard. Take this time to enjoy what you have already achieved in your life this year. Take some time off, go on vacation, find time to relax and rejuvenate yourself. The ministry is not going anywhere and many opportunities will still be here when you come back off your vacation.

“Recharging your battery” is a euphemism for resting, recovering, getting your enthusiasm back, and regaining your excitement again for what the Lord is doing in your life and the collective life of the church. One of the powerful ways of “recharging your battery” is finding your own “mountain” to pray on. In chapter 14 of Matthew, Jesus had to find a mountain to pray on. After expending so much energy in ministry, he had to get recharged. So after dismissing the crowd and putting his disciples into a boat, he went up a mountain to pray. By the time he came down from the mountain, he was able to walk through a storm and on water (see Matt. 14:25). Your “mountain” could be your bedroom, bathroom, porch, living room, the lakefront, a walk path, the church, or any other quiet place. Never underestimate the power of prayer in your daily walk with God. Prayer can make the difference between success and failure in any venture. Never underestimate the power of prayer in the life of the congregation. If you want your church to be the best, then pray for it and then put flesh on your prayers. Become the living, breathing prayer for your church. Work to make sure your prayer becomes a reality for the church.

Let’s take this period of great, hot weather to reclaim our zest and zeal for the Lord’s work and by the fall, we will be ready to tackle the never-ending challenges of ministry in our fair city. Yes, Isaiahs, come forth and infect the entire congregation with your willingness to be sent out for ministry. But, remember, ministry is a marathon and not a sprint. Enjoy the summer, find a “mountain” to pray on, and then together let’s walk on water! Have a great week!

ELEVENTH 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: GREEN

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 Video: Matthew 14:22-33 | Sunday LIVE: Romans 5: 1-8 see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise Psalm 130 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Sunday's VIDEO Service Message

"If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat"

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Sunday's LIVE Service Message

"Actin' Brand New"

Rev. Leverette D. Bryant, Sr.

Pastor, First Timothy Missionary Baptist Church

Chicago, Illinois

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Worship (sanctuary)	79
Worship Video (08/01/21)	31 (views)
Worship Conference Call "	11 (callers)
Sunday School (in-person: 7 callers: 5)	12 (attendees/callers)
Prayer Group	4 (callers)
TOTAL	137

Sunday (LIVE) Service Scripture

Romans 5:1-8 (NRSV)

- ¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- ² ***through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.***
- ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
- ⁴ ***and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,***
- ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
- ⁶ ***For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.***
- ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.
- ⁸ ***But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.***

Sunday (VIDEO) Service Scripture

Matthew 14:22-33 (NKJV)

- ²² Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.
- ²³ ***And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.***
- ²⁴ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.
- ²⁵ ***Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.***
- ²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.
- ²⁷ ***But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."***
- ²⁸ And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."
- ²⁹ ***So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.***
- ³⁰ But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"
- ³¹ ***And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"***
- ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
- ³³ ***Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."***

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 130

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

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

² Lord, hear my voice!

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

³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

***⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,
that you may be worshiped.***

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

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

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

***⁸ And the Lord will redeem Israel
from all iniquities.***

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

DURING ‘IN-PERSON’ WORSHIP

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.

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
	Mary Smith	Mikaela Smith

Please remember to update the church office with needed changes to the prayer list!

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 <i>Summer Break</i>	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 Life Line Health Screenings 9 am – 4 pm	10 UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	11 A.M. Bible Study Is on <i>Summer Break</i>	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 <i>RETURNS!</i> <i>11 am</i> 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 <i>Marcus Garvey Event</i> 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 ----- <i>Back-to-School Event</i> 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) -----



The Finance Committee of
Chicago Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.,
Of Northern IL
ANNOUNCES

31st Laity Awards Luncheon

CELEBRATING

*Laity Leading and Serving with the Power of Connection
In A World of COVID-19*

Saturday, October 23, 2021
12:00 Noon

Holiday Inn Matteson Hotel
500 Holiday Plaza Drive Matteson IL 60443

Donation: \$60 per person; \$30 per child under 12
Table of 8: \$480

Wesley's 2021
Awardees are:
Verner and Melinda
Geddes

NOTE: CURRENT ATTENDANCE CAPACITY LIMITED TO 250 SO TRY TO
RESERVE BEFORE OCTOBER 1 THROUGH LOCAL CHURCH LAY LEADER/
CONTACT PERSON OR BMCR - REQUEST ORDER FORM - Call: 708-940-5315;
Email: chicagobmcr2@gmail.com. Final payments due Tuesday, October 12,
at 3rd Quarter Membership Meeting, 6 p.m. - notice forthcoming.

Social Commentary

Naomi Osaka, Simone Biles Bring Fresh Voices To The Fight Against Stigma Of Mental Illness

by Mary Mitchell



The praise heaped on Japanese tennis champion Naomi Osaka and Simone Biles — considered the greatest gymnast ever — for stepping away from competition to deal with mental health issues should give us hope. Maybe, just maybe, we’re finally beginning to crack the stigma attached to mental illness. It’s been a long time coming. In 2008, Congress honored author Bebe Moore Campbell by designating July as National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month. Campbell, an author, journalist and mental health advocate, struggled to support her daughter, who battled mental illness. Campbell died of brain cancer in 2006.

“While everyone — all colors — everyone is affected by stigma — no one wants to say ‘I’m not in control of my mind.’ No one wants to say, ‘The person I love is not in control of [their] mind. But people of color really don’t want to say it because we already feel stigmatized by virtue of skin color or eye shape or accent, and we don’t want any more reasons for anyone to say, ‘You’re not good enough.’”

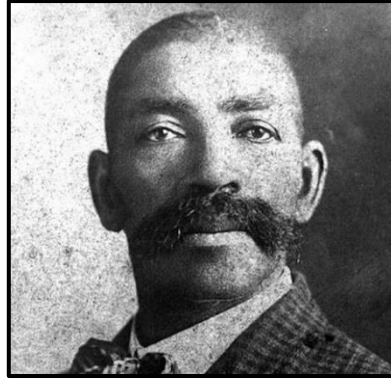
Osaka and Biles do not have that worry. Osaka, 23, the highest-paid female athlete, was already a four-time Grand Slam champion when she bowed out of the French Open in June, citing mental health issues. And Biles, 24, the country’s most decorated gymnast, won four gold medals and a bronze at the 2016 Olympics, earning millions in endorsements. Her decision to drop out of the team all-around at the Tokyo games after a flawed vault and later to back out of the individual all-around competition shocked the world.

Both women pointed to mental health concerns as the culprit. But while I applaud Biles and Osaka for their bravery, there is still a great deal of stigma attached to mental illness in the African American community. Mental health issues are often viewed as a “weakness,” and only one in three African Americans who struggle with mental health issues receive appropriate treatment, Ruth White, a professor in the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, said in an article posted on the school’s website. “As a country, we need to make meaningful policy changes that will increase mental health care for people of color so fewer African Americans will go without the treatment they need,” White said.

These young women have shown the world that it is cool to protect our minds just like we protect our bodies.

Little Known Black History Fact

Bass Reeves



The story of **Bass Reeves** and the legend that he is the inspiration for The Lone Ranger character isn't too far of a stretch, although largely unconfirmed. What is known is that Reeves was the first Black Deputy U.S. Marshal west of the Mississippi and a bullet-dodging lawman who became larger than life.

Reeves was born into slavery in July 1838 in Crawford County, Arkansas. He and his family were owned by a state legislator who later moved to Grayson County, Texas. The owner's son possibly owned Reeves, who allegedly beat up the son after a card game and escaped into the Indian Territory where he learned the languages of the Cherokee, Seminole, and Creek Indian tribes.

Because of those language skills, Reeves was hired as a marshal and ordered to police the Western District of Arkansas. Prior to police work, Reeves returned to his home state to become a farmer and had 11 children with his first wife, Nellie Jennie. Reeves was later reassigned as a marshal to Paris, Texas and then again the dangerous Indian Territory.

Several attempts were made on his life and marshals often lost their lives in the territory in their fight to clamp down on criminal activity. Reeves was a legendary crime-fighter who reportedly shot dead 14 people in self-defense although some accounts believe those numbers may have been higher. By his own accounts, Reeves arrested over 3,000 people.

The Lone Ranger connection has been a persistent rumor over the years but no historical evidence of this fact exists. However, some speculate that the Lone Ranger comparison happened because of

historian Art T. Burton's claim that Reeves was the closest thing to the fictional character in Burton's 2006 book, "Black Gun, Silver Star: The Life and Legend of Frontier Marshal Bass Reeves."

Reeves remained a lawman for many years and at the age of 68, he became an officer for the Muskogee Police Department in Oklahoma, retiring due to illness at the age of 70. He passed at the age of 71 due to Bright's Disease in 1910.

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 August 8th– August 14th

August 8

Ezra 7:1-8:20

1 Corinthians 4:1-21

Psalms 30:1-12

Proverbs 20:28-30

August 9

Ezra 8:21-9:15

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Psalms 31:1-8

Proverbs 21:1-2

August 10

Ezra 10:1-44

1 Corinthians 6:1-20

Psalms 31:9-18

Proverbs 21:3

2021

“The Year of Restoration”

(1 Peter 5:10)

August 14

Nehemiah 7:73-9:21

1 Corinthians 9:1-18

Psalms 33:12-22

Proverbs 21:11-12

August 11

Nehemiah 1:1-3:14

1 Corinthians 7:1-24

Psalms 31:19-24

Proverbs 21:4

August 12

Nehemiah 3:15-5:13

1 Corinthians 7:25-40

Psalms 32:1-11

Proverbs 21:5-7

August 13

Nehemiah 5:14-7:73

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Psalms 33:1-11

Proverbs 21:8-10