

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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"It's Our Season!"

Psalm 127:1 says, "Except the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; except the Lord keeps the city, the watchman wakes but in vain." These words ring true in my heart, mind, and soul. It is our season to allow God to do what only God can do and that is build this church. And I am not referring to numerical growth but I am talking about spiritual growth. The house is us and not the bricks and mortar. The body of Christ, the ecclesia, is us. We are the ones who are called out of the world and into a marvelous, transformative community of believers who follow God radically and faithfully. In order to change the culture of this church, we must allow the Lord to build this house.

What we are going to do is become a people who love God with our actions and attitudes. We need to become a New Testament church that is solely interested in making disciples and making sure we bring some heaven to counteract the hell many people go through. When one scours the book of Acts, one notices that the disciples of Jesus were fanatical and radical about making disciples. The disciples of Jesus were fanatical and radical about spreading the gospel of Jesus no matter what threats were made against them. The early church had their problems, but they quickly worked out their problems because they had their sights set on the big picture. The big picture for them (and us) was using all of their energies to increase the community of faith. Matthew 28:19-20 says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." The Epistle to the Galatian church says in chapter 6 verse 9 "and let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

In changing the culture of the church, each of us needs to remember our baptism. At baptism we were called into ministry. At our baptism we relinquished all ties to the world. At our baptism we made a covenant to follow Jesus no matter what. Our baptism reminds us that we are all ministers called to serve God by serving others. Therefore, every member should be involved in some form of ministry.

In changing the culture of the church, every member needs to be filled with God's Spirit. This is our only alternative. Galatians 5:24-25 says, "And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and appetites and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit." Being a member of the body of Christ means that we must walk according to the Spirit of God. Being a member of the body of Christ means that we must suppress the desires of the flesh, suppress the ego, suppress our will, and be led by the influence of God. Our guide is the Word of God. God has given us all we need to make this congregation healthy. Our medicine is the Word of God. Jesus is a doctor in the sickroom. Whatever ails us collectively or individually, Jesus is the remedy. More of Jesus is needed. That is why bible reading and heeding are so important. To change the culture of the church, every member, after reading God's Word, must begin to activate that Word into their lives and into the community in which they live. How can we operate in an authentic relationship with God and God's people without knowing the Word of God? It is impossible. How can one call oneself a Christian without knowing about Jesus the Christ? It is impossible. How can one talk about ushering in God's kingdom and know nothing about God's desire to rule the hearts of men and women as described in the scriptures? It is impossible. To change the culture of the church, all of us need to look and live the following words, "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:21-22). Have a great week.

TWELFTH 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 Matthew 6:25-33 see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise Psalm 111 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Series: "Overcoming"
Today's Message "Overcoming Worry" Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Worship (sanctuary)	66
Worship Video (08/08/21)	28 (views)
Worship Conference Call "	11 (callers)
Sunday School (in-person: 12 callers: 6)	18 (attendees/callers)
Prayer Group	6 (callers)
TOTAL	129

Morning Scripture

Matthew 6:25-33 (NKJV)

²⁵ “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

²⁶ *Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*

²⁷ Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

²⁸ *“So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;*

²⁹ and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

³⁰ *Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?*

³¹ “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

³² *For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.*

³³ *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

‘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 111

(R) Great are the works of the LORD, which abound to the ends of the earth.

¹ Praise the LORD.

***I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.***

² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who have pleasure in them.

***³ Full of honor and majesty are the works of the LORD
whose righteousness endures for ever,***

⁴ who has caused his wonderful works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

***⁵ The LORD provides food for the faithful
and is ever mindful of his covenant.***

(R) Great are the works of the LORD, which abound to the ends of the earth.

⁶ The LORD has shown his people the power of his works
by giving them the heritage of the nations.

***⁷ The works of the LORD's hands are faithful and just;
the precepts of the LORD are trustworthy;***

***⁸ they are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.***

⁹ The LORD sent redemption to his people
and has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and wondrous is God's name!

***¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
The praise of the LORD endures for ever.***

(R) Great are the works of the LORD, which abound to the ends of the earth.

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.



**Back-to-School
Event
Fri., 8/27/21**

Volunteers Needed!!

New Date! New Location!

Friday, August 27, 2021 | 11 am-4 pm

Lowden Homes

(200 W. 95th St. – Contact Pastor Woolery for exact location)

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
Lucile 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 & John Sanders and 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/Deborah 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.
*Kenya Barker-Gainey (4)	Brenda Lewis	Robert Leach
	Raymond Darden	Lenora Omar
	Baron Williams and Family	Ethan Carson
	Mary Smith	Mikaela Smith
	Tobie Booker	

Please remember to update the church office with 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 Life Line Health Screenings 9 am – 4 pm	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
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 Back-to-School Event: School Supply Give-away 11 am-4 pm Lowden Homes	28 Trustees Mtg (via Zoom) 9 am -----
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

Keep Up the Summer Fun All Year Round With Healthy Habits

Healthy habits are important all year round, but in the summer it's easy to be thrown off track during the long days of fun activities, vacations, and extra leisure time with friends and family. Making small changes in your daily routine can lead to a healthier lifestyle.

Here are some helpful tips to get you started as summer schedules get busier:



Prepare healthy meals ahead for packed lunches and family dinners. Planning healthy meals ahead of time can save valuable time during the week and help you maintain a well-balanced diet.



Keep moving and having fun. Just because summer may be coming to an end doesn't mean you can't enjoy some time outside.



Make sure you get enough sleep. One in three US adults isn't getting enough sleep, and over time this can increase the risk for type 2 diabetes, heart disease, weight gain, and depression.



Take the 1-minute prediabetes risk test. Once summer comes to an end, it can be difficult to find time for yourself in a busy schedule. But learning about your risk for prediabetes through the **Southeast Diabetes Faith Initiative** can help you make healthier decisions.



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Social Commentary

Dems Turn on Cuomo, But GOP Will Never Turn on Trump

by Laura Washington



Oh, what a difference a party can make! I'm not talking about parties like Lollapalooza or the festivities in Provincetown that may get us into deep COVID-19 trouble. I'm talking political parties, and the difference between Democrat and Republican. The difference between standing up for right and standing up for wrong; between bravery and cowardice. The difference in the response to the misdeeds of Democratic New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and Republican Donald J. Trump.

It took months, but the Democratic Party establishment has finally brought the hammer down on Cuomo. When it comes to Trump's misdeeds, on the other hand, Republicans in leadership are still doing the old soft shoe. Cuomo sexually harassed at least 11 women and retaliated against a former employee who complained publicly about his conduct, according to a scorching 165-page report issued last week by Letitia James, New York state attorney general. James' investigation concluded that Cuomo had "sexually harassed multiple women and in doing so violated federal and state law." The work environment in Cuomo's office, she stated, was intimidating and hostile.

Cuomo has called the report biased. He has refused to resign. "I never touched anyone inappropriately or made inappropriate sexual advances," he said. But for many other powerful Democrats, who had held back a long time, enough was enough. Trump, on the other hand, is never enough for many GOP leaders. He has been accused of sexual harassment and other predatory and sexist behavior by numerous women, dating back decades. But his vast array of failures, lies, misdeeds and possible criminal misconduct are rewarded with craven support from GOP leaders.

Congress had two chances to remove Trump from the White House, but most members of the GOP demurred. When Trump was impeached by the House in 2019 for obstruction of Congress, only one Republican senator, Mitt Romney, voted to convict. And when Trump was impeached again this year on a charge of incitement of insurrection, only seven GOP senators voted to convict.

Trump has been out of office for seven months, and there is clear, irrefutable evidence that he instigated and encouraged the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection. Yet, he remains the real head of the GOP. Some Republicans are still afraid to stand up to Trump's bullying.

Why does the most divisive and evil president in U.S. history have so much staying power? Because his party's leadership won't tell him to take a hike.

Little Known Black History Fact

Harriet Jacobs

by D. L. Chandler



Harriet Jacobs was a former slave who penned an autobiography detailing her escape from an oppressive master who made sexual advances towards her. Jacobs became a darling of the anti-slavery movement with the publication of her book, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, helping other slaves by way of her celebrity.

Jacobs was born into slavery in Edenton, N.C. in 1813. Jacobs wrote in her book that the first six years of her life, she didn't realize she was owned. After the death of her owner, she was given to a girl too young to be a master and fell under the rule of the girl's father, Dr. James Norcom, at age 12. When Jacobs turned 15, Norcom pursued her sexually though she rebuffed him at every turn.

Norcom's wife was well aware of her husband's insidious actions. He built a cottage four miles away just for Jacobs. She wanted to marry a free Black man but was refused, and instead got pregnant by an unmarried white lawyer. Jacobs thought this meant that Norcom would sell her but he was relentless in his pursuit and even took ownership of her two children. In the summer of 1835, Jacobs learned that Norcom was going to make her children work as slaves and that motivated her escape. With the help of neighbors both Black and white, she lived for a time in her grandmother's vermin-infested attic. For seven years, Jacobs was a fugitive, separated from her children.

In 1842, she finally boarded a boat and left North Carolina for Philadelphia and then took a train to New York. She was later reunited with her daughter and began working with abolitionists who were associated with Frederick Douglass' paper, *The North Star*. She eventually purchased her freedom after years as a fugitive, and was convinced by friends to write about her trials. In 1853, Jacobs began writing anonymous letters to the *New York Tribune* detailing her journey. In the letters, she broached the uncomfortable subject of sexual harassment and what mothers needed to do to protect their children from sexual predators.

In 1860, a year before the start of the Civil War, her memoir was finally published making Jacobs a global figure as the anti-slavery movement began to flourish. She used her fame and money to help other refugee slaves but the book fell into obscurity. After her death, the book was reprinted twice in 1973 and 1987, becoming an important account of what fugitive female slaves faced. By some historic accounts, Jacobs is considered the first person to create such a narrative.

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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

ID/code: 295 101 7709#

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Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:

1.605.475.4000

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2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

Week of August 15th– August 21st

August 15

Nehemiah 9:22-10:39
1 Corinthians 9:19-10:13
Psalm 34:1-10
Proverbs 21:13

August 16

Nehemiah 11:1-12:26
1 Corinthians 10:14-33
Psalm 34:11-22
Proverbs 21:14-16

August 17

Nehemiah 12:27-13:31
1 Corinthians 11:1-16
Psalm 35:1-16
Proverbs 21:17-18

2021

“The Year of Restoration”

(1 Peter 5:10)

August 21

Job 1:1-3:26
1 Corinthians 14:1-17
Psalm 37:12-29
Proverbs 21:25-26

August 18

Esther 1:1-3:15
1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Psalm 35:17-28
Proverbs 21:19-20

August 19

Esther 4:1-7:10
1 Corinthians 12:1-26
Psalm 36:1-12
Proverbs 21:21-22

August 20

Esther 8:1-10:3
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13
Psalm 37:1-11
Proverbs 21:23-24