

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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“Let’s Work It Out!”

Greetings, family, in the name of our risen Lord! We are privileged to be in the house of the Lord on the Lord’s Day. One of the purposes of being in the Lord’s house is to be equipped for ministry. We gather every week to be inspired, motivated, and challenged to identify and then use our spiritual gifts to edify, or build up, the body of Christ called church. We are to be engaged in ministry when we are outside the physical church building. Sunday morning is the time when we gather together to listen to the voice of God in order to figure out where God may be leading us in the new week.

I challenge everyone to be challenged and then changed by the Word of God when it comes to doing the work of ministry. In Ephesians 4:11-12, Paul writes, “The gifts he (Jesus) gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” This should provide us ammunition to come up with a new paradigm for clergy-laity relationships. The description for any church leader is that of a “gift”. Pastors are gifts to the congregation. Church leaders are gifts to the congregation. The purpose of church leadership is to equip the saints, i.e., people who sit in the pews, for the work of ministry so that the church might be built up. Church leaders, pastors, and parishioners are gifted so that they might lift it, i.e., the church!

Since God has appointed church leaders to equip the saints for the work of ministry, guess who is supposed to do the work of ministry? You are! The burden of ministry does not rest solely on the strong but narrow shoulders of the pastor. No, the burden of ministry rests with the saints. If you are a child of God, then you are a saint. The text says that the responsibility of ministry rests on the collective shoulders of parishioners. Now, it is the responsibility of the pastor to equip the saints for the awesome task of ministry. Well, how are the saints to be equipped? First, saints have to be present for every “equipping” opportunity. “Equipping opportunities” are Bible Study on Wednesdays, Worship every Sunday, Sunday School every Sunday, the New Membership Class when offered, Church Council meetings, Class Leader gatherings, Visioning Retreats, Revivals, and other special services. These events are designed to provide the saints with the necessary tools needed to make disciples of Jesus the Christ.

God has given the church an enormous responsibility---to make disciples. This involves preaching, teaching, healing, nurturing, giving, administering, building relationships, and many other tasks. That is why we need EVERYONE to get involved in the “ministry work” of the congregation. That is why we emphasize making disciples because the responsibility of the church is so great, we need as many people as possible to help us do what we are called to do. Teamwork makes the dream work. Anything worth having is worth working for. We cannot accomplish anything without the power of WORK. Success comes before work only in the dictionary. When my ministerial career is over, I want the record to reflect that “Wesley United Methodist Church grew their church because the people had a mind to work!” And please remember to stop coming to church all by yourself. Fill your car up with prospective members, and then come to church. Have a great week.

THIRTEENTH 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 Nehemiah 4:6-15 see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise Psalm 84 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Pt. 2 of Sermon Series: "Overcoming"
Today's Message: "Overcoming Fear" Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Worship (sanctuary)	54
Worship Video (08/15/21)	25 (views)
Worship Conference Call "	11 (callers)
Sunday School (in-person: 8 callers: 3)	11 (attendees/callers)
Prayer Group	6 (callers)
TOTAL	107

Morning Scripture

Nehemiah 4:6-15 (NKJV)

⁶ So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its *height*, for the people had a mind to work.

⁷ *Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the gaps were beginning to be closed, that they became very angry,*

⁸ and all of them conspired together to come *and* attack Jerusalem and create confusion.

⁹ *Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.*

¹⁰ Then Judah said, “The strength of the laborers is failing, and *there is* so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall.”

¹¹ *And our adversaries said, “They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease.”*

¹² So it was, when the Jews who dwelt near them came, that they told us ten times, “From whatever place you turn, *they will be* upon us.”

¹³ *Therefore I positioned men behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; and I set the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.*

¹⁴ And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.”

¹⁵ *And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had brought their plot to nothing, that all of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work.*

‘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 84

(R) My soul longs for your courts, O Lord; in your presence is fullness of joy.

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

² ***My soul longs, indeed it faints***

for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

³ O LORD of hosts, my Ruler and my God,

at your altars even the sparrow finds a home,

and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young.

⁴ ***Blessed are those who dwell in your house,***

ever singing your praise!

(R) My soul longs for your courts, O Lord; in your presence is fullness of joy.

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶ ***As they go through the valley of tears,***

they make it a place of springs;

the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷ They go from strength to strength;

the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸ ***O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;***

give ear, O God of Jacob!

⁹ ***Behold our shield, O God;***

look upon the face of your anointed!

(R) My soul longs for your courts, O Lord; in your presence is fullness of joy.

¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield,

and bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the LORD withhold

from those who walk uprightly.

¹² ***O LORD of hosts,***

blessed are those who trust in you!

(R) My soul longs for your courts, O Lord; in your presence is fullness of joy.

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
*Patricia Greenwood (7)	Raymond Darden	Lenora Omar
*Fred Woolery (19)	Baron Williams and Family	Ethan Carson
	Mary Smith	Mikaela Smith
	Tobie Booker	The People of Haiti
	Deanna Fleming	The Afghani People

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

The Importance of Digestive Health

Gastroparesis is a disease in which the stomach cannot empty itself of food in a typical fashion. Symptoms occur during or after a meal, and the stomach empties too slowly. It is a GI motility disorder, which causes partial paralysis of the stomach.

Signs include **heartburn, nausea, vomiting, and feeling full quickly when eating**. The prevalence of some GI disorders varies with race and ethnicity.

What are some symptoms of gastroparesis?

- Heartburn or gastroesophageal reflux (backup of stomach contents into the esophagus).
- Abdominal bloating (enlargement).
- Chronic abdominal pain.
- Poor appetite and weight loss.

How to manage gastroparesis



Dietary Changes: Dietary modifications are at the core of any management strategy for gastroparesis.



Integrative Therapy: Ginger is a natural herb and conveniently contains properties that help with gastrointestinal mobility.



Stress Management: Employing mindfulness, breathwork, and meditation can aid in the reduction of stress.



Medicines: Your doctor may prescribe medications that help the muscles in the wall of your stomach work better.



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Social Commentary

Yes, Mayor, We Should Be Better Than This

by Mary Mitchell



Chicago, your backside is showing. At a time we should be united in our grief over the murder of Ella French, 29, a Chicago police officer, people are dishing dirt. It's disgusting to hear aldermen attacking each other and to read snarky tweets bashing police Supt. David Brown, knowing he is grieving his own mother's death. I agree with Mayor Lori Lightfoot: We should be better than this. The public display of disrespect by the police officers who turned their backs on the mayor added even more distance to the gap between the Chicago Police Department and too many of our youth.

And right now no one should be fanning the flames of the contentious debate over "defunding" the police or pointing to rogue police officers to support an anti-police narrative. In these dark days, what the world should see now is our empathy. Empathy for the families of the many children who have been fallen by gunfire. Empathy for the youth in this city who have lost their way. Empathy for police officers who lost a colleague who wanted to do good but was gunned down by a man who appears to have no good left in him. Whether we are criticizing the officers or condemning the people committing these crimes, too many of us are so busy judging the group by the sins of the individuals, so much so that we neglect to appreciate the people who do the right thing.

Despite all of this, two things give me hope. People living near 63rd and Bell, where the police shootings took place, put their own lives on the line when they confronted one of the suspects who had jumped a fence into their yard and held him until the police came. In the midst of chaos, the suspect got neither comfort nor a hiding place. And it is a testament to French's goodness that Anjanette Young, the Black woman who was the victim of a botched police raid in 2019, told the Sun Times "the only officer who showed her dignity and respect" during that awful incident. Young had been forced to stand naked and handcuffed. She said French, who showed up after the raid, allowed her to get dressed in the privacy of her bedroom. The city has lost a peacemaker.

French dared to put on the blue at a time when police officers are often damned if they do and damned if they don't. Unfortunately, at a time like this, the news media sometimes ask insensitive questions that lead to controversies that make it harder to wrap our arms around one another. Is this really the time for such rancor? This isn't that moment. This is the moment to turn grieving into action by supporting strategies that can turn these war zones into safe zones. Two brothers have been charged in connection with this heinous crime. A third suspect is facing federal charges, accused of being the straw purchaser

of the gun used in the killing. Setting aside all of the rhetoric, this tragic incident shows there are still brave police officers out there doing their jobs.

Little Known Black History Fact

Charles “Chuck” Harrison



The late **Charles “Chuck” Harrison** is one of the most important industrial designers of his time, and items that he’s either invented or designed have been impacting lives for over 60 years.

Charles Harrison Jr. was born September 23, 1931 in Shreveport, La. His father, Charles Harrison Sr., was a professor of Industrial Arts at Southern University. The family relocated to Texas where the senior Harrison taught at Prairie View A&M University before moving once again to Phoenix, Ariz. to work and teach at the all-Black George Washington Carver High School where the junior Harrison attended.

After high school, Harrison studied at City College of San Francisco, thriving there despite battling dyslexia. He obtained a scholarship to the School of The Art Institute in Chicago (SAIC), graduating in 1954. Harrison was then drafted into the U.S. Army, working as a cartographer before resuming graduate studies and meeting his wife in Chicago. Harrison obtained his master’s degree in art education from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

In the ’50’s, Harrison attempted to work at Sears, Roebuck, and Company but was reportedly denied due to his race. However, one of his undergraduate professors put him to work and he did freelance design work. Harrison’s big break and one of his many notable career moments occurred in 1958 when he lead a team that improved the design of the popular View Master toy. In 1961, he was finally added to Sears’ staff, and in 1963, he revolutionized waste management by inventing the first-ever plastic trash can.

Harrison worked for Sears for 32 years, designing hundreds of items including sewing machines, toasters, lawn mowers and several household items. According to reports, he is also the first Black executive for Sears. Harrison retired in 1993, but went on to teach part-time at several universities across Chicago, including his alma mater, SAIC.

Chuck Harrison passed on November 29. He was 87.

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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:

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2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

Week of August 22nd– August 28th

August 22

Job 4:1-7:21

1 Corinthians 14:18-40

Psalms 37:30-40

Proverbs 21:27

August 23

Job 8:1-11:20

1 Corinthians 15:1-28

Psalms 38:1-22

Proverbs 21:28-29

August 24

Job 12:1-15:35

1 Corinthians 15:29-58

Psalms 39:1-13

Proverbs 21:30-31

2021

“The Year of Restoration”

(1 Peter 5:10)

August 28

Job 28:1-30:31

2 Corinthians 2:12-17

Psalms 42:1-11

Proverbs 22:7

August 25

Job 16:1-19:29

1 Corinthians 16:1-24

Psalms 40:1-10

Proverbs 22:1

August 26

Job 20:1-22:30

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Psalms 40:11-17

Proverbs 22:2-4

August 27

Job 23:1-27:23

2 Corinthians 1:12-2:11

Psalms 41:1-13

Proverbs 22:5-6