

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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“Excellence!”

Greetings, family, in the name of the Omnipotent God who has saved us so that we might save our community from death, darkness, disappointment, despair, and dis-ease. God has placed it on my heart to encourage you to embrace EXCELLENCE as a way of life so that you may let your light shine so that people will see it and give all glory to God.

If we are to be faithful to our God, we must be, and not try to be, a community of faith that does everything in an excellent way. If we are fighting to be EXCELLENT, then we are always contending and quarreling against self-doubt, mediocrity, laziness, indifference, apathy, and naysayers. These are the natural enemies of a church striving to be greater than it has ever been in its lifecycle. These are natural enemies of anyone attempting to go farther in life than anyone could imagine. Yes, we are in a constant fight to take the road less traveled. Yes, we are in a constant fight to go the extra mile. Yes, we are in a constant fight to spend money for the best equipment, musicians, and resources in order to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Yes, we are in a constant fight to never cut corners when it comes to God's house and God's worship. Yes, we are in a constant fight to never “settle” for second or third best when we know that with a little more effort and sacrifice, we can have the best and be the best. Yes, it is a fight to change an entire faith community's mindset from being “good enough” to “being one of the best churches in Chicago metro.” It is my wish to always in both my personal and professional life to move from ‘average to amazing.’ I want our church to make this transition and I definitely want our youth to make this transition in every aspect of their lives.

By striving for EXCELLENCE, we can reach all of our goals. Excellence contains the word “excel”. When we “excel,” we exceed and surpass all expectations others have for us. When we “excel”, we surpass just average attendance. We attend every service and show up to participate and grow from our participation. When we “excel”, we surpass and go beyond tipping God but rather we tithe and then give special offerings out of the deep appreciation we have for God in providing for us. When we “excel”, we amaze ourselves and please God because we give more than what is required, we go beyond nominal Christianity (in name only), we go beyond what is expected, we go beyond what “Momma an ‘em used to do”, we go beyond what is expected of people who have full-time jobs and other collateral responsibilities, we do the job that needs to be done in spite of the hardship or sacrifice required. If EXCELLENCE is our church culture then we offer no excuses, we just execute. And if we don't know how to do something, we are smart enough to get trained in it and then work like Trojans to make things happen. Have a great week.

FOURTEENTH 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 1 Samuel 18:6-16 see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise Psalm 72:1-14 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Pt. 3 of Sermon Series: "Overcoming"
Today's Message "Overcoming Jealousy" Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Worship (sanctuary)	69
Worship Video (08/22/21)	22 (views)
Worship Conference Call "	11 (callers)
Sunday School (in-person: 9 callers: 5)	14 (attendees/callers)
Prayer Group	7 (callers)
UMW Planning Meeting	3
TOTAL	126

Morning Scripture

1 Samuel 18:6-16 (NKJV)

⁶ Now it had happened as they were coming *home*, when David was returning from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women had come out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with musical instruments.

⁷ ***So the women sang as they danced, and said:***

“Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.”

⁸ Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *only* thousands. Now *what* more can he have but the kingdom?”

⁹ ***So Saul eyed David from that day forward.***

¹⁰ And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played *music* with his hand, as at other times; but *there was* a spear in Saul’s hand.

¹¹ ***And Saul cast the spear, for he said, “I will pin David to the wall!” But David escaped his presence twice.***

¹² Now Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, but had departed from Saul.

¹³ ***Therefore Saul removed him from his presence, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.***

¹⁴ And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the LORD *was* with him.

¹⁵ ***Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him.***

¹⁶ ***But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.***

‘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 72:1-14

(R) Defend the needy and the poor; let justice and peace abound.

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!

² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!

³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!

⁴ ***May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor!***

⁵ May he live while sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

⁶ ***May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!***

⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

⁸ ***May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the river to the ends of the earth!***

(R) Defend the needy and the poor; let justice and peace abound.

⁹ May his foes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust!

¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

¹¹ ***May all kings fall down before him;
all nations serve Him!***

¹² For he will deliver the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

¹³ ***He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.***

¹⁴ ***From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.***

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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.
- **COVID-19 Indoor Mask Mandates for Illinois** We continue to urge our members to be conscientious and discerning about minimizing possible exposures during this confusing time. The newly reinstated mask mandates are in place for all indoor venues, whether or not attendees have been vaccinated. These measures help to ensure the safety of all, protecting our most vulnerable.



UNITED Methodist Women's Sunday

Sunday, September 19, 2021 | 10:30 am

Women in Mission

Transforming the Least of These

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kimberly Lewis-Davis



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Melinda Geddes	September 2 nd	Janice Dulaney	September 6 th	Elizabeth Bailey	September 21 st
Mydia Barker	September 3 rd	Barbara Shepherd	September 6 th	Betty Jenkins	September 21 st
Jayce Johnson	September 3 rd	Julia Porter	September 8 th	Cherie Liggins	September 23 rd
Melania Newman	September 3 rd	Alexandria Finley	September 10 th	A.C. Walton	September 26 th
Vickie Powell-Bass	September 3 rd	Helen Tuck	September 16 th	Kalayah Flakes	September 27 th
Maurice Smith	September 4 th	Bradley West	September 16 th	Cameron Davis	September 28 th
		Erica Clark	September 18 th		

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
*Daphne Hicks and Family (10)	Jerry Simmons	Larry Clark
*Laniya Bradley & Family (7)	Rochelle Johnson	Justin York
*Donna/Deborah Lomax and Family (13)	The Ford & Robinson Families	Russell York
*Lillye Hart and Family (3)	Mila Kuntu	Percy & Essie Hayes
*Erica Clark & the Clark Family (1)	Ron Birton	Mildred Forest
*Ben & Joyce Davis and Family (1)	Aiden Combs	Takia Yearby
*Lorraine Forbes and Family (3)	Rashaud Thompson	The Weddington Family
*Kenya Barker-Gainey (4)	Leslie Carey Kirk	James Williams
*Patricia Greenwood (7)	Douglas Hargray	Juanita Weatherspoon
*Fred Woolery (19)	Robert Leach	Robert Leach
	Brenda Lewis	Lenora Omar
	Raymond Darden	Ethan Carson
	Baron Williams and Family	Mikaela Smith
	Mary Smith	DeRon Meekins
	Tobie Booker	Elijah & Josiah Perry
	Deanna Fleming	Jenner Robergeau

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**.

SEPTEMBER 2021

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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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) -----
5 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#	6 Labor Day	7 UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	8 Remote Bible Study 11 A.M. 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	9 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	10	11 UMW Meeting (via Zoom) 10 am -----
12 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#	13	14 UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	15 Remote Bible Study 11 A.M. 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	16 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	17	18
19 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#	20	21	22 Remote Bible Study 11 A.M. 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link))	23 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	24	25 Trustee Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am -----
26 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#	27	28	29 Remote Bible Study 11 A.M. 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	30 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	1	2 UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am -----

SUNDAY MORNING Health Corner

Healthy vision starts with you!

We use our eyes to make sense of the world around us. **Please don't take your eyes for granted.** Even if your eyes feel fine, you could have an issue and not know it.

Many eye diseases such as glaucoma don't have any symptoms or warning signs. A painless and straightforward dilated eye exam can act as a preventative measure.

Use these 6 tips to take care of your eyes.



Visit Your Eye Doctor Regularly

Everyone needs a regular eye exam, even young children. Eye exams help protect your sight and lets you see your best.



Wear Sunglasses

The right pair of shades will help protect your eyes from the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays. Too much UV exposure boosts your chances of cataracts and macular degeneration.



Give Your Eyes A Break

Staring at the computer for too long can tire your eyes. Give your eyes a rest with the 20-20-20 rule: Every 20 minutes, look about 20 feet away for 20 seconds.



Say No To Smoking

Smoking can put you at risk for some pretty serious eye issues, which can lead to blindness.



Keep The Germs Away

Always wash your hands before putting them close to your eyes, especially if you're putting in or taking out contact lenses.



Eat Right To Protect Your Sight

Keep your eyes healthy by eating a well-balanced diet.



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Little Known Black History Fact

Dr. Altha Stewart

by D. L. Chandler



In its 173-year history, the American Psychiatric Association has never had an African-American lead its organization – until now. **Dr. Altha Stewart** now commands that helm, adding to a long list of high-profile leadership positions in the sphere of public and mental health.

Dr. Stewart's three-decade and still ongoing career began when she was an undergraduate student at Memphis, Tenn.'s Christian Brothers College, earning a degree in biology. She then entered Temple University Medical School to earn her doctorate degree, and remained in Philadelphia to become Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital's chief resident in general psychiatry.

While in Philadelphia, Stewart served as the City of Philadelphia, Department of Public Health's medical director from 1983 to 1991 ahead of moving on to serve as a senior deputy commissioner for the NYC Department of MH/MR & Alcoholism Services in New York. Between 1999 and 2002, she served as the executive director for the Detroit-Wayne Community Mental Health Agency before relocating to Memphis.

In 2015, Stewart joined the faculty of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis as an associate professor in psychiatry and director of the Center for Health in Justice Involved Youth. In 2017, she was named president-elect of the APA and officially took the role on this past May.

Dr. Stewart has been featured here at [Black America Web](#) as part of the Get Well Wednesdays series, where she spoke on the need for sound practices and approaches to mental health within the Black community.

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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#

Passcode: 461427#

Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:

1.605.475.4000

Code: 260259#



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Wesley's United Methodist Women will celebrate **United Methodist Women's Sunday** on **September 19th at 10:30 am**. This year's theme is **'Women in Mission - Transforming the Least of These,'** and our guest speaker is **Reverend Dr. Kimberly Lewis-Davis**. Rev. Lewis-Davis is currently the Associate Pastor of the Maple Park UMC. As we worship, may we focus on her empowering message on service that, through work and worship, we can lend support and bring enlightenment and change to the lives of others. Please join us **September 19th**.

The UMW polo shirt sale is ON! Pre-order yours **TODAY!**

2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

Week of August 29th– September 4th

August 29

Job 31:1-33:33

2 Corinthians 3:1-18

Psalm 43:1-5

Proverbs 22:8-9

August 30

Job 34:1-36:33

2 Corinthians 4:1-12

Psalm 44:1-8

Proverbs 22:10-12

August 31

Job 37:1-39:30

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10

Psalm 44:9-26

Proverbs 22:13

2021

"The Year of Restoration"

(1 Peter 5:10)

September 4

Ecclesiastes 7:1-9:18

2 Corinthians 7:8-16

Psalm 48:1-14

Proverbs 22:17-19

September 1

Job 40:1-42:17

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Psalm 45:1-17

Proverbs 22:14

September 2

Ecclesiastes 1:1-3:22

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Psalm 46:1-11

Proverbs 22:15

September 3

Ecclesiastes 4:1-6:12

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:7

Psalm 47:1-9

Proverbs 22:16