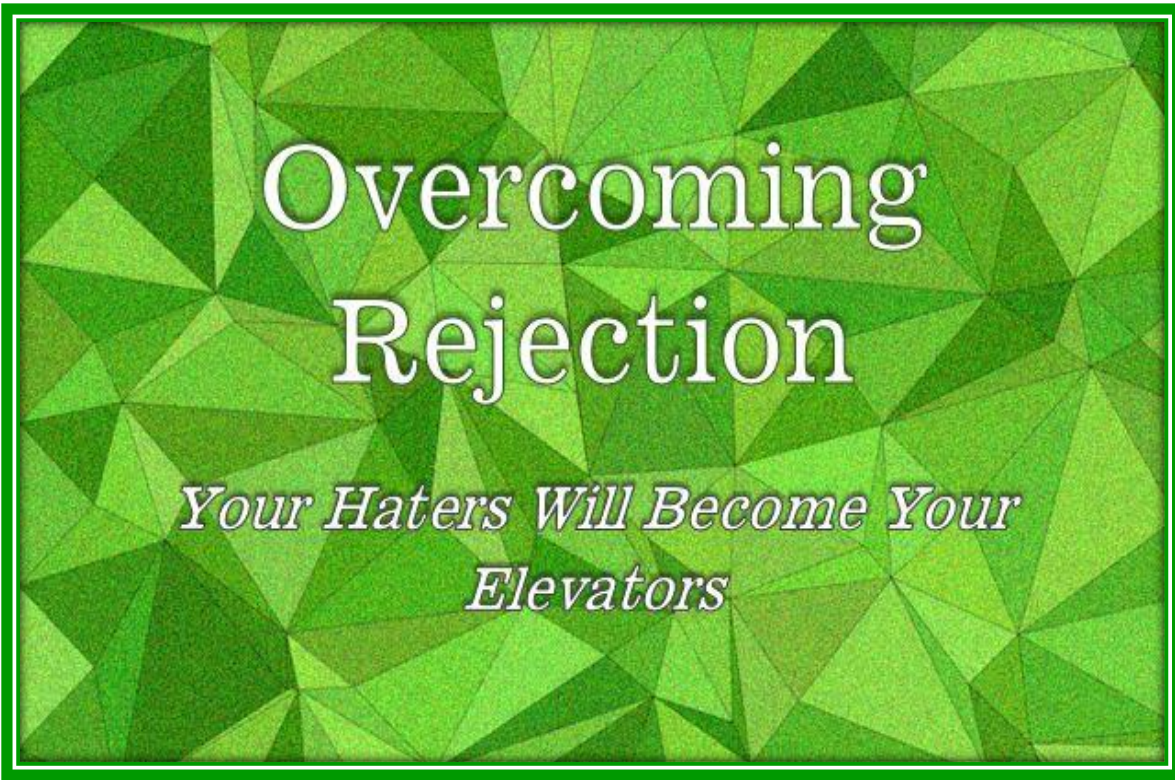


"The Church With The Warm Heart"

September 5, 2021



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“Where Is Your Treasure?”

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Greetings in the name of the LORD! The remainder of the Month of September we will focus on the spiritual discipline of stewardship. Stewardship is defined as managing the affairs of God's local church by using everything God has blessed us with. It is an all-encompassing word that covers everything from your money, intellect, ingenuity, service, gifts, skill-set, and your time. It stems from the belief that everything that we have comes from God. I am in bible country: “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (James 1:17 ESV). Since we believe that everything that is in our hands is a gift from God, we can benefit by embracing the spiritual discipline of stewardship. We manage what God gives us. In God's economy, we don't own what God gives us we just manage it. It all belongs to God. How do I know? Because when we die, we leave everything behind. A rich African named Job can testify. He says, “We bring nothing at birth; we take nothing with us at death. The LORD alone gives and takes. Praise the name of the LORD!” (Job 1:21 CEV).

Speaking about stewardship is always a sensitive issue in the local church. More specifically, talking about finances among the faithful is a sensitive issue. Topics like faith, peace, love, joy, or ones that focus on Jesus performing miracles are more popular. Stories that mention how God likes to give us things and do things for us are more popular. However, don't you find it interesting how we love to hear how God gives to us but we cringe or downright rebel when we hear messages that challenge us to reciprocate God's love, i.e., to give God the best of our time, talent, and treasure. We are taught by the scriptures that Jesus had a lot to say about the dangers of the gods we make (money and materialism) crowding out the God who made us. If you believe in 'imago dei', that we are created in God's image, therefore if God is a giving God then we should be giving people. We are a reflection of God's image. To give is to be like God.

Bible readers realize that 16 out of the 38 parables Jesus taught dealt with money and possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of ten verses (288 in all) deal directly with the subject of money. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions (Source: Christianity Today; Jesus' teaching on money). Therefore, Jesus has an interest in where are treasure is for wherever our treasure is, there will our heart be also. I challenge us to treasure this local church and to put our heart (mind, and soul, too) into this local church so it can be a vibrant and vocal reminder that God is at work within us and this community. Never worship the gifts over the Giver of all gifts, who is God. I treasure God. And I know you do too. Therefore, let us repent of storing up treasure on earth, or making gods out of gifts instead of keeping the Gift-giver first in our lives. Have a great week.

FIFTEENTH 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 SEPTEMBER: "Believe in Yourself"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: WHITE

Scripture for the month: *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture Luke 4:20-30 see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise Psalm 124 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Pt. 4 of Sermon Series: "Overcoming"

Today's Message "Overcoming Rejection" 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)	61
Worship Video (08/29/21)	55 (views)
Worship Conference Call "	14 (callers)
Sunday School (in-person: 7 callers: 6)	13 (attendees/callers)
Prayer Group	8 (callers)
TOTAL	151

Morning Scripture

Luke 4:20-30 (NKJV)

²⁰ Then He closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

²¹ ***And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”***

²² So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

²³ ***He said to them, “You will surely say this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.’ ”***

²⁴ Then He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country.

²⁵ ***But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land;***

²⁶ but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, *in the region of Sidon*, to a woman *who was a widow*.

²⁷ ***And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”***

²⁸ So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

²⁹ ***and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff.***

³⁰ ***Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.***

‘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 124

(R) When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.

¹ If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—
let Israel now say—

² ***if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when foes rose up against us,***

³ ***then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;***

⁴ then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;

⁵ ***then the raging waters
would have gone over us.***

⁶ Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

⁷ ***We have escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped!***

⁸ ***Our help is in the name of the LORD
who made heaven and earth.***

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

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 <i>We're Live-Streaming!</i> 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 -----
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19 <i>UMW Sunday!</i> 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

Oral Health

A dentist can determine many things about your overall health by conducting an oral exam. When we think of dental hygiene care, the basics come to mind: bad breath prevention, gum disease, tooth decay, and routine cleanings. However, there is much more that your mouth may reveal about what is going on in your body. A good oral examination and saliva testing can detect the following diseases and concerns:

- **Diabetes**
- **Osteoporosis/Bone loss**
- **Certain Cancer Markers**
- **HIV/AIDS**
- **Environmental Toxins**
- **Illegal Drug Use**
- **Hepatitis**

Saliva not only protects against disease-causing bacteria, but is used for genetic testing and to replace blood testing for various diseases.

Regular dental visits are essential. Your mouth is a small part of the body that has an enormous impact on your overall health.

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Little Known Black History Fact

Rev. Henry Highland Garnet

by D. L. Chandler



Rev. Henry Highland Garnet made history as the first Black minister to address the U.S. House of Representatives in 1865, but another pivotal moment in his life took place this week in 1843. Garnet's famous speech "Call to Rebellion" rallied slaves to rise up against their masters and was widely criticized by other abolitionists for being too radical.

Garnet was born December 23, 1815 in New Market, Md. The family escaped slavery and settled in New York where Garnet attended school and joined the surging abolitionist movement. He became a Presbyterian minister in New York starting in 1842.

On August, 21, 1843, Garnet addressed the National Negro Convention with the speech, demanding that the enslaved pool their resources and snatch back their freedom. The speech was denounced by attendees of the convention because of its radicalism, including by Garnet's colleague, Frederick Douglass. Douglass and other abolitionists felt that Garnet's fiery speech would stoke the fears of whites and upend their non-violent efforts.

"Brethren, it is as wrong for your lordly oppressors to keep you in slavery as it was for the man thief to steal our ancestors from the coast of Africa. You should therefore now use the same manner of resistance, as would have been just in our ancestors when the bloody foot-prints of the first remorseless soul-thief was placed upon the shores of our fatherland. The humblest peasant is as free in the sight of God as the proudest monarch that ever swayed a sceptre," Garnet said in part of his address.

Garnet later traveled to Europe in 1850 and worked in the country as a celebrated lecturer regarding anti-slavery efforts. On February 12, 1865, Garnet made his appearance at the House. Near the end of his life, Garnet chose to live out his remaining days in Liberia. He was named the U.S. Minister for Liberia, dying two months into his term.

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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 of 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!*
(NOTE: **Full payment** must be received for your order to be submitted.)

2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

Week of September 5th– September 11th

September 5

Ecclesiastes 10:1-12:14

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Psalms 49:1-20

Proverbs 22:20-21

September 6

Song of Solomon 1:1-4:16

2 Corinthians 8:16-24

Psalms 50:1-23

Proverbs 22:22-23

September 7

Song of Solomon 5:1-8:14

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Psalms 51:1-19

Proverbs 22:24-25

2021

"The Year of Restoration"

(1 Peter 5:10)

September 11

Isaiah 8:1-9:21

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Psalms 55:1-23

Proverbs 23:4-5

September 8

Isaiah 1:1-2:22

2 Corinthians 10:1-18

Psalms 52:1-9

Proverbs 22:26-27

September 9

Isaiah 3:1-5:30

2 Corinthians 11:1-15

Psalms 53:1-6

Proverbs 22:28-29

September 10

Isaiah 6:1-7:25

2 Corinthians 11:16-33

Psalms 54:1-7

Proverbs 23:1-3