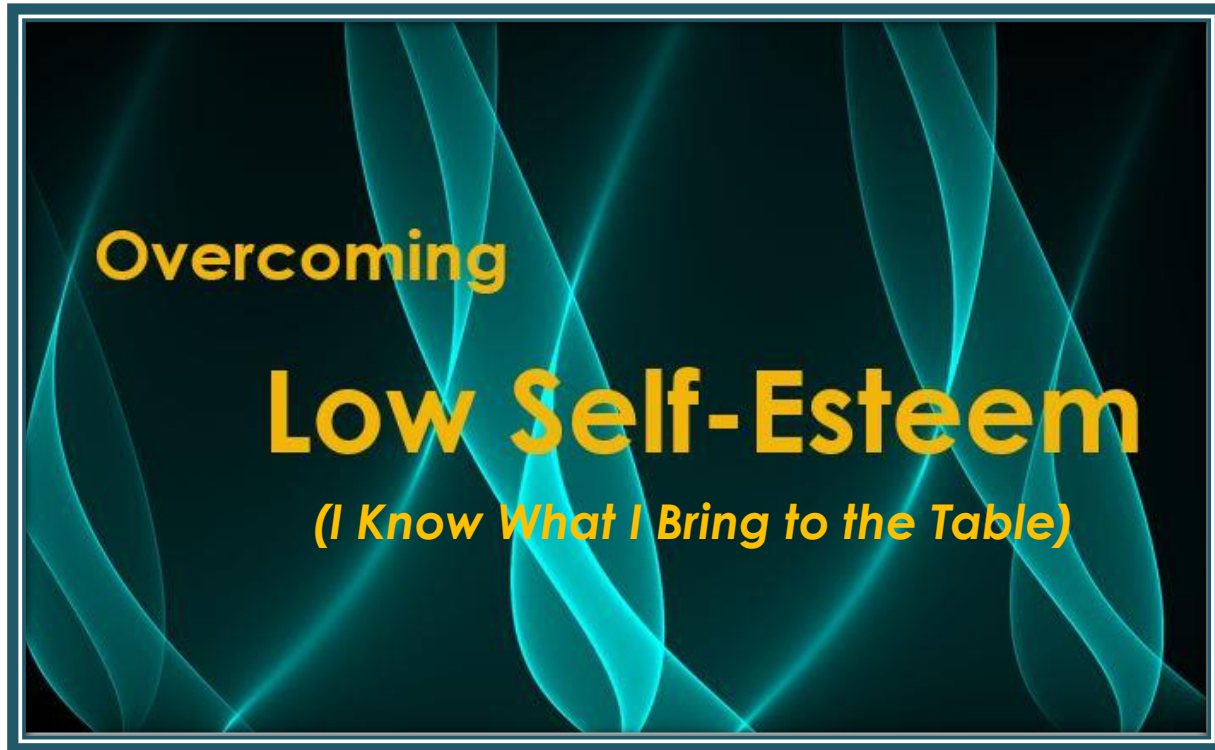


"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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“It’s a Stewardship Thang, You Have to Understand”

Good morning, church family. In order for us to reach our desired ministry goals we will need to understand this ‘stewardship thang’. Sometimes this word is unspoken or, if spoken, it is whispered maybe once or twice a year. But there is no reason why this word should remain in the shadows. An institution worth its salt is managed by good stewards. I believe the church is a worthy institution whose mission is to connect people to their Creator. I believe the church is a worthy institution designed to make disciples of Jesus the Christ for the transformation of the world. And...the church cannot become a worthy institution without its ‘stewards,’ (you and I), being willing to struggle, engage in sacrificial giving and community service.

The root of the word “stewardship” is the Middle English word “sty,” which is an enclosure for pigs. At first, a steward was simply the keeper of swine. Eventually, the word involved broader responsibilities, and the steward became the keeper of the hall. As we now understand it, a steward is a person who takes good care of something that belongs to someone else. And in a religious sense, a steward is a person who takes care of God’s creation, since all of it is God’s, including us. So the first lesson of stewardship—and a hard one in a culture of capitalism, consumerism and private property—is that we don’t own anything. It’s all God’s, and when we bend nature or human nature from God’s purposes to our own, we’re not stewards but thieves.

In our text for today, a man of means confronts Jesus with a question of what must he do to inherit eternal life. The Christ then concludes the conversation that the man lacks one thing since he has been ethically and morally upright in following the Ten Commandments. Jesus tells him to sell his possessions and redistribute the proceeds to the poor and then become a full-time disciple. The rich man walks away because he cannot part with his possessions. The one thing that Jesus told him to part with cancelled this man’s opportunity to follow Jesus. Surely this is an extreme example of a discipleship call but can we glean some eternal truth from this encounter? Of course we can.

In essence, the man expressed a desire to partner with Jesus in His mission and ministry but his desire for partnership was sabotaged by his unwillingness to part with that one thing that held him back from being ‘perfect.’ The man is a microcosm of many of us. There is usually the same ‘one thing’ that holds us back from being perfect in our stewardship. We have all heard the church axiom that we should give God our time, talent, and tithes. Most of us don’t have any problems giving God our time and talent. But when it comes to the tithe that is the one thing we find hard to part with. It is difficult for some Christians to part with their money. Stewardship is the understanding that all wealth is a loan from God. We are managers of that wealth. We are blessed with resources in order to bless others with our ministry. Wesley Church can be no stronger than you and I who made a covenant to support the church with our time, talents, treasure, power, presence, participation, and perseverance. Being a member of Wesley UMC and a disciple of Jesus the Christ involves understanding the power of stewardship. Have a great week.

SIXTEENTH 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: GREEN

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

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture Numbers 13:30-33; 14:1-4 see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise Psalm 19 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Pt. 5 of Sermon Series: *"Overcoming"*

Today's Message: *"Overcoming Low Self-Esteem"* Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Worship (sanctuary)	69
Worship Video (09/05/21)	66 (views)
Worship Conference Call "	9 (callers)
Sunday School (in-person: 6 callers: 4)	10 (attendees/callers)
Bible Study	10 (viewers/callers)
Prayer Group	7 (callers)
TOTAL	171

Morning Scripture

Numbers 13:30-33; 14:1-4 (NKJV)

³⁰ Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.”

³¹ *But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.”*

³² And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we have gone as spies *is* a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it *are* men of *great* stature.

³³ *There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”*

¹ So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night.

² *And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!*

³ Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?”

⁴ *So they said to one another, “Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.”*

‘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. Please use basket in overflow area.

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 19

(R) Hear the commandments of life; give ear, and learn wisdom.

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

² ***Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.***

³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

⁴ ***yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.***

In them God has set a tent for the sun,
⁵ which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and runs its course with joy like a strong man.

⁶ ***Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and there is nothing hid from its heat.***

(R) Hear the commandments of life; give ear, and learn wisdom.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

(R) Hear the commandments of life; give ear, and learn wisdom.

¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² ***But who can understand one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.***

¹³ Also keep your servant from the insolent;
let them not have dominion over me!

***Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.***

¹⁴ ***Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,***

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

(R) Hear the commandments of life; give ear, and learn wisdom.

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 Geraldts (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 -----
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 Membership Care Mtg (via Conf Call) 10 am
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

Empowering Older Adults to Live Every Day to the Fullest!

September is Healthy Aging Month, a month that focuses on the positive dynamics of aging. Embracing healthy habits and behaviors, staying involved in the community, and managing any health issues or pre-existing health conditions, can contribute to a productive and meaningful life.

6 Tips For Healthy Aging

- ✓ **Get Physical.** Being active is an essential part of healthy aging. Try exercising or doing some form of physical activity for 30 mins a day.
- ✓ **Eat a Well Balanced Diet.** Healthy eating is essential because it allows seniors to maintain an ideal weight and help aid in emotional and mental health.
- ✓ **Stay Mentally Active.** Make sure to keep your brain active and stimulated. Try a new class or pick up a new hobby. Stimulating your mind can help reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease and forms of dementia.
- ✓ **Visit Your Doctor.** Getting regular checkups can help ensure that any health concerns are looked at and attended too. Use this month to plan your next annual checkup.
- ✓ **Rest.** Getting the required hours of sleep is essential, and taking different periods of rest is also critical for maintaining your body and mind.
- ✓ **Stay Organized.** Keeping a daily or weekly calendar is highly recommended for seniors. By tracking appointments, medications, and their goals for the physical activity, it keeps seniors engaged.



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Little Known Black History Fact

The Real Story Behind the “Green Book” Movie

by D. L. Chandler



The Negro Motorist Green Book, commonly known as The Green Book, was an annual travel guide catering to Black travelers in the 20th Century. Considering the deep racial divides caused by Jim Crow laws, the Green Book provided Black families with a resource to navigate potential dangers in America at the time.

Postman and activist **Victor Hugo Green** began compiling data in his native New York regarding establishments that were friendly to Black patrons. In 1936, the first issue was published and its popularity skyrocketed in just four years' time. After a brief hiatus during World War II, the book returned in 1946 with Green later changing the name of the book to The Negro Motorist Green Book: An International Travel Guide.

The book was offered via a partnership with the Esso Standard Oil Company and other sponsors. The book's tag line was “Now We Can Travel Without Embarrassment.”

The book effectively listed out homes that individuals and families could rent out, typically owned by other Black families. Hotels, salons, garages, grocery stores, and restaurants were also listed, including those owned by white people who didn't turn away Black patrons.

As the civil rights movement began to take hold in the late '50's and onto the mid-60's, the necessity of the guide began to lower naturally and it published its last issue in 1966.

Oscar winner **Mahershala Ali** will star in the upcoming “Green Book” film in the role of Jamaican classical pianist, Don Shirley, in a true story about how he and his white driver and security guard, Tony Lip played by Viggo Mortensen, traveled across the deep south for Shirley's tour there.

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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 12th– September 18th

September 12

Isaiah 10:1-11:16

2 Corinthians 12:11-21

Psalms 56:1-13

Proverbs 23:6-8

September 13

Isaiah 12:1-14:32

2 Corinthians 13:1-14

Psalms 57:1-11

Proverbs 23:9-11

September 14

Isaiah 15:1-18:7

Galatians 1:1-24

Psalms 58:1-11

Proverbs 23:12

2021

"The Year of Restoration"

(1 Peter 5:10)

September 18

Isaiah 28:14-30:11

Galatians 3:23-4:31

Psalms 62:1-12

Proverbs 23:19-21

September 15

Isaiah 19:1-21:17

Galatians 2:1-16

Psalms 59:1-17

Proverbs 23:13-14

September 16

Isaiah 22:1-24:23

Galatians 2:17-3:9

Psalms 60:1-12

Proverbs 23:15-16

September 17

Isaiah 25:1-28:13

Galatians 3:10-22

Psalms 61:1-8

Proverbs 23:17-18