



Retracing the Wesleys' steadfast steps in England



The "Wesley Wanderers" at Lincoln College in England. This tour group from The Chicago Temple was led by the Rev. Philip L. Blackwell and traveled to England to follow the footsteps of John and Charles Wesley.

A group of 16 crossed the pond to England to walk in the footsteps of John and Charles Wesley and emerged more enlightened and inspired by the faith's heritage.

Coined the "Wesley Wanderers" by its leader the Rev. Philip L. Blackwell, the trip took its followers to Epworth, Oxford, Bristol and London from April 8-18. Despite a volcanic ash hampering some of their travels, each rose above to come away with memories worth sharing. They express their experiences in the following testimonials, some reflecting on John Wesley's last words: "The best of all is, God is with us." They encountered the quote often on their journey.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE TRIP

Diana Johnson's reflection

"The best of all is, God is with us."

John Wesley uttered these words on his deathbed in London following a long and fruitful life of Christian ministry. It is estimated that he covered more than 250,000 miles on horseback to preach outdoors (which he originally thought was a "sin") to throngs of poor, marginalized English who didn't have the financial means to attend Anglican services.

Traveling through England this past April, visiting the places John Wesley lived and

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THE SENIOR PASTOR'S COLUMN

Renewal leave: An opportunity to prepare spiritually for church's future growth



The jovial comment clergy often hear is, "It's a pretty good job since you work only one hour a week!" It is offered good-naturedly but also with a sense of wonderment over just what it is that ministers do. Most

of our work is not public – counseling, teaching,

leading meetings, working on Conference and community boards, making hospital and home visits, studying, preparing sermons, and the like. Sunday worship is the exception.

There is a cumulative effect to this that can be wearing. It is not one or two things that take a toll on energy or health but a seven-day-a-week claim upon one's time and attention. So, I am gratified that the congregation's Staff-Parish Committee and the Conference's District Superintendent have granted my request for extra time to take a step back this

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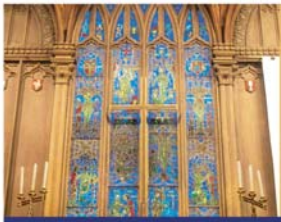
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Immigration: A meditative essay from Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Those wanting to see a thoughtful perspective on the immigration issue can turn to the Northern Illinois Annual Conference's Bishop Hee-Soo Jung's May 14 message called "Statement of Need for Immigration Reform."



In more than 500 words, Bishop Jung intertwines Methodist doctrine, a recount of a 2008 immigration raid of a meat processing plant in Postville, Iowa, the recent Arizona law, and his opinion to help readers understand how the immigration issue causes divisiveness in the United States' political system and continues to separate immigrant parents from their children.

But he begins the meditative essay with Leviticus 19:33, which reads: "Do not mistreat the foreigners who reside in your land. The foreigner who lives among you must be treated like one of your own. Love them as you love yourself, for you too were a foreigner... I am YHWH." The poignant Scripture reminds readers to be empathetic, calling them to reflect on its words and its power.

Bishop Jung concludes his meditation with a call to prayer for

those in Arizona as well as immigrants struggling to integrate into the country, frustrated by the long waits for legal immigration and separated from their families as they seek a better life.

To read Bishop Jung's thoughts in its entirety, go to www.chicagotemple.org. – Lisa D. Lenoir

Tutoring Center graduates its first class

On May 12, 2010, First United Methodist Church at The Chicago Temple graduated the first class of students that participated from the fourth through the eighth grade in The Tutoring Center. What an accomplishment for the students and the tutors. Some of the tutors have been in the program since it began in 2005, and many others entered as tutors along the years. The students who enter Ruben Salazar often are one-to-three years behind in reading level scores.

The Tutoring Center is unique in that first, the students and tutors remain together for five years as much as possible, and second, because it is a reading fluency program. The student and tutor read a chapter book appropriate for the reading level, yet a bit challenging is to help the student learn greater reading fluency.

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Renewal leave: An opportunity to prepare spiritually for church's growth *(continued from page 1)*

summer so that I will be ready to take several steps forward with you this fall.

My "renewal leave" is part of an overall plan we began to execute last September when focus groups, task forces, and eventually the full Church Council met to devise a mission statement and a strategic plan for the Temple's ministry. Every so often a congregation needs to do that, and now is the time for us. Here is the "working document" that the Council has endorsed:

"The mission of the First United Methodist Church at The Chicago Temple is to welcome everyone to worship God in the heart of the city, and to be a nurturing community that offers Christ's love and word throughout the world."

To honor this mission we envision in the church and world:

- embracing the diversity of God's creation
- offering sacred space as a sanctuary for all
- promoting education and spiritual growth
- being good stewards of God's gifts, talents, and resources
- embodying God's love as we minister to our neighbors everywhere through prayer and acts of service
- offering public witness for justice and mercy.

Already we have had some good suggestions of ways to refine the statement. Others have commented that it is too general, for any church can claim the same mission. What is unique about our work at the Temple? One Council member said at a recent meeting, "It's not perfect, but it shows that we have thought and

talked about it. It's called a 'working document' because now it is time to get to work."

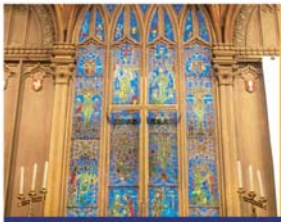
I expect that the distinctive nature of our ministry will come from the specific actions we assign to each of the six areas. So, here is our homework for the summer, both yours and mine: live with this mission statement and listing of strategic areas of ministry and consider, "What is God calling us to do right now?" There are a hundred things that we could be doing; what are the two or three that are urgent and essential?

I am looking forward to a three- to four-year push starting in September to find new ways to offer our wonderful, accessible, and strategically located space as a place of ministry to all, to shape our far-flung membership into a community of care, and to focus our efforts on the most important public issues of the day.

So, I will not be far away this summer, though I will remove myself from the routine activities of the church from June 17 through Labor Day. I am grateful to Claude, Cerna, Cheri, the music crew, and the office staff for stepping up their commitment so that I can be ready for the intense work that lies ahead.

Peace,

Phil Blackwell



CHICAGO TEMPLE NEWS

A summer intergenerational service plans to energize and engage worshippers



Worship Alive! This is the name for our summer intergenerational worship from 9:45-10:30 a.m. in Pierce Hall main. Everyone will find **Worship Alive!**, which begins **June 6** and runs through **Aug. 29**, to be a fun and meaningful experience.

Summer Intergenerational Worship at the Chicago Temple

The Rev. Carol Corey is leading and planning the services with the support and help of the Rev. Cheryl Magrini. Each month has a theme. The June theme is "Worship with God." July is "Family Stories" of the Old Testament, and in August "Jesus Stories" of the parables. The format follows the worship style with an informal style. The service will be complemented with music from *The Faith We Sing*, our hymnal supplement.

The Rev. Beth Galbreath, who will speak on Aug. 1 and 8, is a dramatic Scripture teller and storyteller. Each Sunday in Worship Alive!, to emphasize the theme of worship, all are invited to create a symbol connected to worship that will be placed on a worship banner created by Tyra Schutt. As part of worship, there is an activity time for all to take part in that connects to the theme of the worship. It's ideal for parents looking to engage their children in an informal worship style this summer.

There are plenty of opportunities for anyone to be a leader in the service such as helping with an activity center, being creative with a prayer or call to worship, helping with word song projection, and even lighting the peace candle. Please contact the Rev. Carol Corey or the Rev. Cheryl Magrini to be a leader or help with the service in any way. Worship Alive is for everyone!

Tutoring Center graduates its first class

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The mission of the Tutoring Center of Chicago Temple is first, to develop a strong committed relationship with a caring adult, and second, to develop a life-long love of reading. This is a significant outreach ministry of Chicago Temple and also an evangelism outreach as many tutors live or work in the area.

The new class will begin in September 2010. So, now you would like to be a tutor! Go to the home page of Chicago Temple: www.chicagotemple.org and click on Tutoring Volunteer Application. That will take you to your first step in a life-changing experience with the Tutoring Center of Chicago Temple.

Also, do not miss upcoming details about the Rev. Cheryl Magrini's unusual fundraising event for the Tutoring Center. She will be hiking El Camino de Santiago de Compostela – 500 miles traversing Spain to end at the Cathedral of Saint James! More information about pledging and the spirituality of the centuries-old pilgrimage will be coming out soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

College Planning Relief – How to pay for college without going broke

John Miller, a member of Chicago Temple, will be hosting a series of **College Planning Workshops** beginning on June 27 at 9:45 a.m., (between the Sunday morning services) in Dixon Chapel.

The first workshop on June 27 will focus on "late-stage planning strategies" for families with college-bound students in high school with only one or two years before entering college. Subsequent workshops will cover "early-stage planning strategies" for families with younger students with more time before entering college.

The cost of attending colleges is escalating faster than inflation and the financial aid process has become as complex as the tax system and families are welcoming knowledgeable assistance. Please join us.

Summer reading exchange

What are you reading this summer? Join the Rev. Cheryl Magrini at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, June 12 at the Argo Tea, located at the corner of Dearborn Street and Madison Avenue. Bring your "summer reading book" or titles that you recommend of any genre. Cheryl is reading the biography of Nelson Mandela, a book recommended to her by Bob Green. Share your best book to talk about or even bring one to lend out.

FUMC Affinity Groups

The Affinity Groups are open to all and a great way to have fun and connect with your church family. Here are the latest updates:

The Temple Golf Group – teed off May 16 and enjoyed a beautiful sunny day on the lakefront. This group will play nine holes of golf the 2nd Sunday through September following the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Contact Trish Simmons for more details: trish1trish@hotmail.com.

A **Scrapbooking and Craft Workshop** will take place at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 12 in James Parlor. Bring your scrapbooks or whatever craft you enjoy. Share ideas and techniques. A short seminar on the art of scrapbooking will be presented and supplies will be available for purchase.

The **Dinner for Eight** group had their first dinner of organic or locally grown foods on Sunday, May 23. At this first meeting it will be determine the times and places going forward so watch the bulletin announcements for upcoming events. Margaret Meiser can answer questions and may be reached at mm@murphykelly.com

Photography, outdoor concerts and a restaurant group will be having their kick-off events SOON so stay tuned for more news from your AFFINITY GROUPS.

If you have an idea for a small group, or want more info on the Affinity Groups, contact Marva Andrews at marvalee47@yahoo.com.

Call for donations

The Mabuhay Fellowship is looking for jewelry, handbags, purses and men's briefcases for its **Silent Auction and Sale** in October. Declutter your closets by donating gently used or new accessories. All proceeds will be for the Capital Campaign.

"Wesley Wanderers" in England *(continued from page 1)*



Dr. Blackwell standing on the tomb of Samuel Wesley where his son preached, "the world is my parish."

built, I was continually struck by the strong influence his family had on him. His mother Susanna began "unauthorized meetings" of reading scripture and praying in the Epworth parsonage kitchen when John was young. These meetings quickly grew from just her children to include hundreds of neighbors ill-served by the curate filling in for her pastor-husband Samuel who was away for a time in London. The strength of Susanna's Christian responsibility to her children and her community must have greatly influenced John in his developmental years.

Given the strong faith but relatively small size of the English Methodist church community,

we were surprised to know that the restoration and maintenance of the historic Wesley sites are due to significant contributions made by American Methodists. The strength of our British Methodist contacts will grow as we thank them for their hospitality and encourage their continued care of these historic sites.

Jann Ingmire's reflection

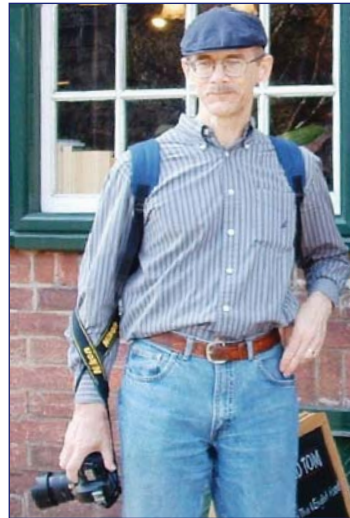
As a life-long Methodist, I thought I had a pretty good understanding of the Wesleys, but this trip really brought their ministries to life. It was wonderful to be in their footsteps from Epworth to Oxford to Bristol and London.

What we heard at almost every stop was that Charles Wesley (who wrote the poetry for the hymns) is underappreciated. He lived in his brother's shadow and doesn't get proper credit for his role in the early Methodists. Their theology is beautifully written in his hymns. He may have helped keep his brother (who was a tad bit obsessive) on a more "normal" path.

We also learned how relevant the Wesleys are even today, for they took their word to the people and fought for social justice in areas of education, health care and better labor laws. We are still fighting the good fight for all those causes through our faith because of the foundation that the Wesleys built. They set priorities on how to live one's life that (for the most part) still works today.



Jann Ingmire standing with a young John Wesley



Tom Jacobs (group photographer) standing outside "Old Tom's Pub."

Tom Jacobs' reflection

The first thing I recall from the trip was the way the group fused together to ensure everyone got the most out of it. That helped to emphasize what we were learning about John and Charles Wesley. What they accomplished seems to have required super-human abilities, yet they were very human with plenty of their own flaws – but an overwhelming commitment to serve God in the unique ways they saw themselves called to work.

They balanced a drive of revolutionary magnitude with a commitment to the official church that drove a very real revitalization of the church, while keeping the movement from disintegrating into little "sects" and factions.



(Above) Phil and Carol Emmons plot a way to extend their tour of England. They thought an extra week would be perfect. Did they really think a volcano might be possible? (Above right) Anne Hampson at the Wesley Room. (At right) the group at the New Room pulpit in Bristol.



Learn more about the Wesley Wanderers' trip after the 8:30 a.m. service, June 6 in James Parlor. Refreshments will be served.



CHICAGO TEMPLE NEWS

Report from Finance Committee as of April 30, 2010

Our pledged giving through April was 32 percent or only 1 percent below the anticipated amount. That is good news, and we hope you will help maintain that level of giving during the summer months. Our Easter giving exceeded \$21,000. Praise the Lord for this generous giving.

Special Giving (excluding expenses) to designated funds were:

Bereavement	\$ 488
Homeless	\$8,836
Music and Arts	\$ 181
Tutoring	\$4,486
Youth (Open Hands)	\$1,477

Special Giving to non-designated funds were:

Human Relations	\$ 234
Missions (Cubs Tickets)	\$1,050
Native American Awareness	\$ 449
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1,520

A couple of informational items for you to consider:

In an effort to save postage costs, your first statement for 2010 from Accounting Manager, Joy Vinluan, will come to you in July.

You can access "E-Giving" by going to the church Web-site, www.chicagotemple.org, and clicking on "E-Giving." This location will allow you to make donations by your credit card or checking account to special offerings as well as the Capital Campaign and your pledge. We urge you to give your opinions on this option by contacting the Communications Committee, Gary Roll (garyroll@mindspring.com) or Finance Committee, Charles Emmons (cemmons0220@sbcglobal.net).

The Church Council appointed a "Fund Raising Committee" in April. Members are: Marva Andrews, Andrew Gretta, Gary Roll and a member of the Finance Committee to be determined. Their goal is to raise \$5,000, and if you have suggestions for this group, please respond to one of these persons. No idea is insignificant.

SAVE THE DATE:

Mabuhay Fellowship Third Annual Fundraising Banquet

The fall season in Chicagoland is filled with countless charity soirees, but one not to miss is the Chicago Temple's **Mabuhay Fellowship's Third Annual Fundraising Banquet** on Friday, Oct. 8, at Lone Tree Manor Banquet Hall, 7730 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles.

It will be a night of music featuring two musicians, Jared Esguerra and Irene Beth Abad Panlagui, dancing, door prizes, food, fellowship and even a silent auction featuring jewelry, handbags, purses and men's briefcases.

Banquet tickets are \$50 adult and \$25 per child, and proceeds benefit the FUMC at the Chicago Temple Capital Fund. The group is also creating an ad book. The following rates apply:

\$250 Inside Front Cover / \$250 Inside and Outside Back Cover
\$100 Full page / \$50 Half-page / \$25 Quarter page

For more information, contact the Rev. Cerna Castro Rand at (312) 236-4548, ext. 117 (Cerna@chicagotemple.org) or Brian Richardson, president Mabuhay Fellowship, at (773) 267-4660 (brich@aol.com)

CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS

Please Remember These Persons In Your Prayers

Rose Martinelli's parents	Louise Foote
Peg Isaacson's father	Azucena Munoz Tressler,
Ralph Neyland	and her mother and sister
Nati Oro	Yvonne Scott
Marti Zimmerman	Stella Amaefule
Ausbie & Etta Lenoir	Aida Roque
Sheila Lockhart	Jessica Taylor
Amy Schutt, Tyra Schutt's	Martha & Rudolph Chavez
sister	Darlene Grass' grand-
Lin Sanford Keppert	daughter, Abbey
Paul Hain, Ed Gabriel	Doris Galloway's sons,
Joann Contos	Erik & Allen
Marilyn Dugas	Joyce Rimel
Annie M. Geiger	Henry Smith
Anita Phillips	Tim Weiss
Verlane Franklin	At Home
Dorothy White	Barbara Schubert
Jason Chamberlain	Delbert Brown
Chili Shears' father & sister	Edith Smith
Maria & Elizabeth	Teresita Crisóstomo
Elizondo	Jery Laurence
Beth Jacobs' mother	

Extended Care or Rehab

Margaret Davies
Esther Penalzoza
Edward Clay Jr.
Irene Stull
Alice Inouye
Henrietta Brown
John Romans
James Humble
Mildred Kretz
Priscilla Zapatka
Virginia Schuler
David Weinland
Florence Bos
Dorothy Emmons

Mourning the loss of a loved one

The Family of Edna Walters

Members Celebrating A Birthday

June 1 Helen Strzala	Samuel Price	Katie Knaus	Amy Gardner
Tim Swope	June 10 Florence Norstrom	Neil Leech	June 24 John Alonzo
Tessa Herman	Ollie Wright	June 18 David Weinland	Tina Ban
Dalton Lowery	Beatrice Walter-	Stephen Baker	Margaret Lowery
June 2 Janis Robinson	Johnson	Marisol Fahnert	June 25 Barbara Basile
Julie Simon	Madeline Pollock	Betsy Hampson	Kelly Krob
June 3 Mark Johnson	June 11 Shirley Stratton	June 19 Shirley Woodard	June 26 Lilia Licudine
June 4 Lorrie Carlson	Richard Hogan	Marilyn Oorbeck	Leroy Malone
Elizabeth Schrage	James Parsons	Nancy Renick	William Allen
June 5 Robert English	June 12 John Jamison	John Jamison	June 27 Pat Devine-Reed
Sharon Descartin	Brenda Russell	Isabelle Alonzo	Renee Lane
Terence Hannum	Lina Parangat	June 20 Cari Kauffman	Allison Pillar
June 6 Ralph Henderson	June 14 Diana Davis	June 21 Clifton Haywood	June 28 Ryan Lee
Marlene Stoops	June 15 Steve Nelson	June 22 Erik Nussbaum	June 29 George Strzala
Tom Hampson	Paul Syftestad	Janice Cogswell	Nancy Miller
Karen Peterson	June 16 Carol Van Dyke	Mason Isaac	Tim Kinner
June 9 Lydia Cruz	Steve Hoover	June 23 Joyce Stoops	Faith Skibins
Robert Baker	Owen Collins	Ermit Finch	
Madeleine Riehs	June 17 Kathryn Mayer	Steve Hueppchen	
	Mabel Guzman	Paul Chang	

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Tuesday, June 1

11 am-Mary Martha Circle. James
 6 pm-Staff Parish Relations Committee. James
 6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.
 7:30 pm-Gwyneth Walker Concert. Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 2

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE
*Guest Choir: Youth Choir of First UMC,
 Murfreesboro, TN*

Thursday, June 3

5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

Friday, June 4

6:30 pm-Taize Worship Service

Saturday, June 5

5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon.

Sunday, June 6

8:15 am-12:15 pm Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Adult Sunday School Classes
 9:30am-Wesley's Wanders. James
 9:45 am-Intergenerational Worship Service. Pierce
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 12:05 pm-UMW Unit Meeting. James

Monday, June 7

6 pm-Bereavement Group. James

Tuesday, June 8

6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Wednesday, June 9

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE
*Guest Choir: Youth Choir of Clear Lake UMC,
 Houston, Texas*

Thursday, June 10

5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

Saturday, June 12

5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

Sunday, June 13

8:15 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Adult Sunday School Classes
 9:45 am-Intergenerational Worship. Pierce Hall
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 12:15 pm-Fine Arts Committee Meeting.
 3rd floor Conf. Rm.

Monday, June 14

6 pm-Finance Committee. 420

Tuesday, June 15

6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Wednesday, June 16

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, June 17

5:15 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel
 6 pm-Church Council. James

Saturday, June 19

5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon.

Sunday, June 20

8:15 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes-Adults
 9:45 am-Intergenerational Worship. Pierce Hall
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 12:15 pm-Mabuhay Fellowship. Pierce Hall

Monday, June 21

12 pm-Aid Society Meeting. James
 6 pm-Bereavement Group. James

Tuesday, June 22

6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm

Wednesday, June 23

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, June 24

5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

Saturday, June 26

5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon.

Sunday, June 27

8:15 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes-Adults
 9:45 am-Intergenerational Worship. Pierce Hall
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Monday, June 28

12 noon-Aid Society Meeting. James
 6 pm-Bereavement Support Group. James

Tuesday, June 29

6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Wednesday, June 30

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE
*Guest Choir: Youth Choir of Friendship UMC,
 Friendship, MD*

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