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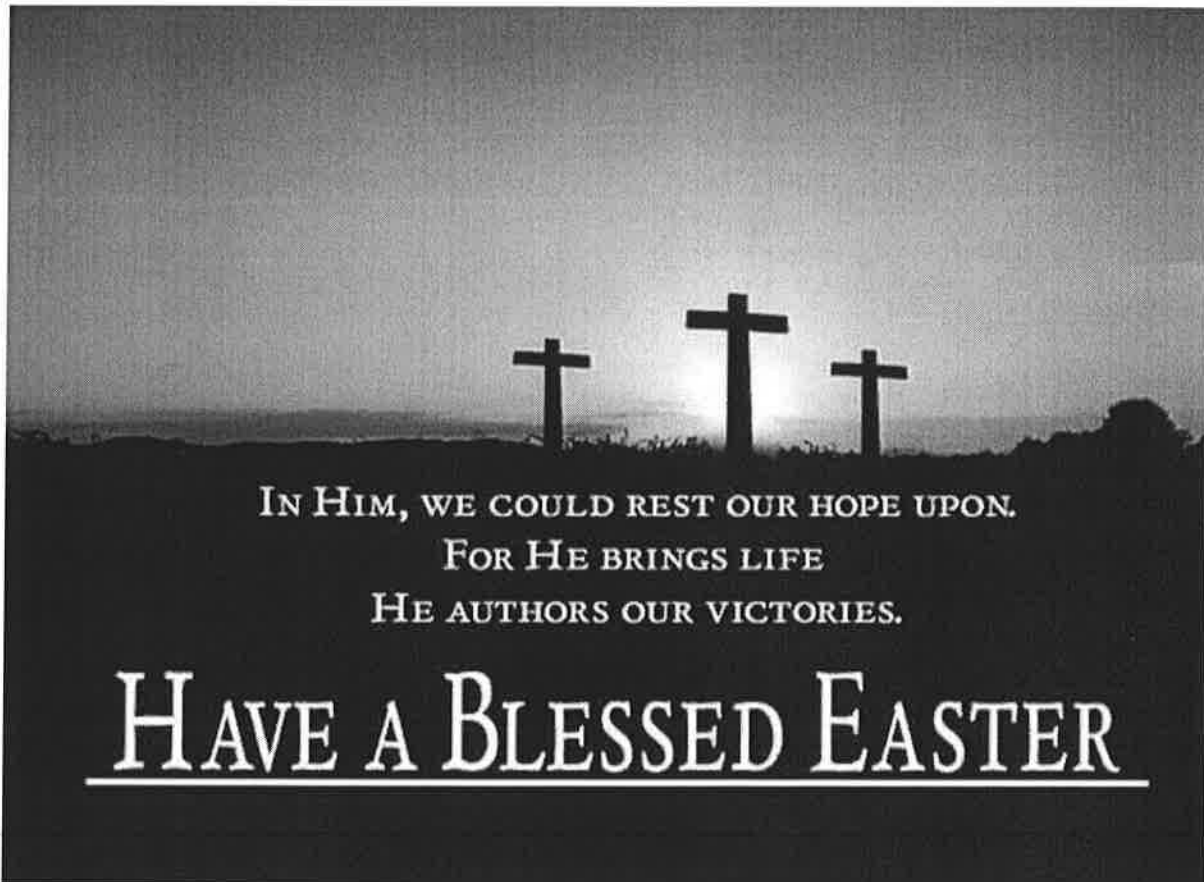
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# VOICE OF WESLEY

Wesley United Methodist Church  
Bradley, Illinois  
March 2016

Growing in Faith, Transforming Lives, and Creating Disciples for Jesus Christ



As we continue our 40 days of Lent I wondered what are Wesley's *works of love?*" During Lent, as the picture to the left indicates, we are to engage in *Prayer, Fasting and Works of Love*. So I ask again what are Wesley's works of love during these 40 days when we remember the sacrifice our Lord and Savior made for our behalf?

In this March edition of the *Voice of Wesley* you will read about the following ministries happening at Wesley. The 56th Annual Pancake Day, Bake Sale and Craft Sale will have already taken place on Saturday, February 27th. We pray that this fundraising activity will be successful as the proceeds will be used for Capital Improvements in and around the Church and Parsonage.

On Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12th Wesley will have its annual Mission Rummage Sale. What missions have we engaged in during the last year? Kay Fisher went on a mission trip in August of 2015, supported by the funds from this Mission Rummage Sale. Pastor Miranda Dinges (Bradley Evangelical) with our support went on a medical missionary trip to Guatemala.

Monies from the Mission Rummage Sale supported the purchase of items and support for Nurture and Outreach activities, including Trunk or Treat. Coffee mugs, magnetic clips, pens, key chains, cozies, and paper weights were purchased during the last year from monies from the Rummage Sale. Yes, we hope that you bought these items—that money will re-seed the Rummage Sale money for future ministries. Monies from the Mission Rummage Sale and undesignated monies from the Memorial Fund have been used to build walls and provide doors for the Wesley's Table Food Pantry.

Our Mission of the Month for April We will be collecting items for Cunningham Children's Home and Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House for the UMW to take to their spring meeting. See Kay's article later in this newsletter.

Engaging in *works of love* can be scary for people. The works that God may be calling us to may take us to place we do not want to go. God may be calling us to trust in His guidance and provision for the journey. That trust may be difficult because for so long we've relied upon our own strength and judgment. But it is a journey that we are on and the journey of love that God has offered to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ requires us to be "all in." Are you all in?

If you hesitate to support the current ministries of Wesley and question why we, your Pastor and Leadership, are doing certain things in certain ways, come and talk to me or to your Leadership. Our ministries are not a secret they are part of you as a member of Wesley. If you have ideas for new ministries for Wesley that you believe God is calling you to, come and talk to me. If the Spirit is moving you, it is very likely that the Spirit is also moving others. Together we can accomplish far more than we ever could alone.

*Pastor Julie*



### Narthex Coffee Time

FOLLOWING Worship and  
BEFORE Sunday School



### Third Thursday

#### **Third Thursday Supper Club**

March 17, 5:30pm at Tucci's.  
Reservations to Kay Fisher at  
815-932-9605  
or [kay9605@yahoo.com](mailto:kay9605@yahoo.com)  
by Tuesday February 16.



We will be collecting items for  
Cunningham Children's Home and Lessie  
Bates Davis Neighborhood House for the  
UMW to take to their spring meeting:

For CCH - men's white t-shirts size small  
to 2XL; Gift cards for Wal-Mart, Target,  
Dollar General, Dollar Tree, fast food  
places such as KFC, Culver's, Jimmy  
Johns, Steak N Shake, Pizza Hut; Box  
Tops for Education

For LBDNH - Diapers, wipes, baby  
lotion, and anti-bacterial soap.

### March Birthdays

- 3/2 Wanita Charboneau
- 3/2 Sandra Lutz
- 3/4 Hailey Warburton
- 3/5 Brenda Bukowski
- 3/5 Ryan Frantz
- 3/10 Tedra Campbell
- 3/11 Abbi Prendergast
- 3/13 Miriam Ehrenfeld
- 3//14 Sarah Fisher
- 3/21 Kenneth Cuttle
- 3/21 Janice Haggard
- 3/22 Bill Gibson
- 3/23 Dick Milligan
- 3/24 Tim Moffett
- 3/25 Mary Beth Prendergast
- 3/27 Brenda McCabe
- 3/29 Hope Prendergast
- 3/31 Bob Chinski
- 3/31 Mike Skopik



# Bradley Wesley United Methodist Church, 500 N Cleveland Ave, Bradley IL 60915 March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Communication 9:00 AM Worship 10:10 AM Children's Choir Practice 10:15 AM Adult SS 10:30 AM Children and Youth SS 4:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Lenten Cluster Service (Manteno UMC)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>12:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM United Methodist Women</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Bell Practice 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:15 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>1:00 PM Prayer/Patchwork Angels</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>8:30AM to 2:00PM Rummage Sale</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00AM to 12:00PM Rummage Sale</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Worship 10:10 AM Children's Choir Practice 10:15 AM Adult SS 10:30 AM Children and Youth SS 4:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Lenten Cluster Service (Caldwell Chapel)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>10:30 AM Staff meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Bell Practice 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:15 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>5:30 PM 3rd Thursday Supper at Tucci's</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Palm Sunday Worship 10:10 AM Children's Choir Practice 10:15 AM Adult SS 10:30 AM Children and Youth SS 4:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Lenten Cluster Service (St. Mark's UMC)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>12:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Parish Nurse Network</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Bell Practice 6:00 PM Youth 7:15 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Passover Seder Meal 6:30 PM Food Pantry Meeting</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Newsletter article due 9:00am-6:00pm Prayer Vigil 7:00 PM Lenten Cluster Service (Asbury UMC and Wesley UMC)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Easter Worship 10:10 AM Children's Choir Practice 10:15 AM Adult SS 10:30 AM Children and Youth SS 4:30 PM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>10:30 AM Staff meeting 6:30 PM Women's Book Club</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Bell Practice 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:15 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Mail Newsletter</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>



If you would like to be a Lay Liturgist, please contact Pat Farman or the Church Office, at 815-933-7932.



**NEEDED: Servers** for 2016  
Please contact Jo Dubree if you are interested in this ministry.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO READ GOD'S WORD**

### Communion Servers

Sue Muhlstadt

Pastor Tim

*Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Shut Ins —  
Mildred Grimes,  
Patty Overright,  
Frances Schlondorf,  
Eunice Kroll,  
Hayward Smith.

## MARCH

### Lay Liturgist:

March 6: Margie Therrien  
March 13: Candy Frantz  
March 20: Karen Warburton  
March 27: Relda Kelly

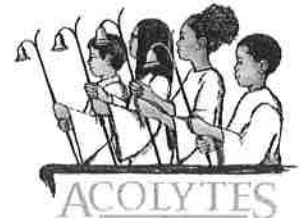


### Greeters:

March 6: Jeanie Bourdreau  
March 13: OPEN  
March 20: OPEN  
March 27: Jason and Lucinda Hurt

### Acolytes:

March 6: Gabe Marsh & Natalie Prendergast



March 13: Hannah Grace & Lyndsay Joe Schripsema

March 20: Abbi Prendergast & Trevor Conroy

March 27: Avery Mann & Hope Prendergast

Ushers: Norm & Helen Heppe, Pat Farman



Generally, when I write this article, I try to speak for all of the Food Pantry Team. We are all incredibly invested in this ministry and work very hard to help it grow and succeed. But this month, I want to tell you about what this ministry means to me as a Christian.

No longer working in direct services as a social worker, I saw this ministry as an opportunity to serve God and to help change people lives. It was a partnership that Jason and I felt strongly about. It was something that we could do together. This kind of ministry is one reason Jason joined Wesley after being raised in a different tradition. He always says this is what makes us, Wesley, different. This is how we are supposed to be serving God.

The ministry of Wesley's Table, like many, is a lot of work. It's work that only God can give me the energy to do. As the pantry becomes it's own space, I'm filled with joy and hope for the future. Each week, even though I'm not always there, I feel God's presence there. I see Him moving us forward in the direction that He intends, giving us what we need to grow. His gifts for us are both large and small. Providing just enough to get us to that next step. Thanks to St. George Church, we were able to offer people a small lunch of sandwiches and snacks last week. Thanks to the NOW Team and members of Wesley we were able to provide a hot meal after the Love Feast on the 14th. Because we exist, a woman who came through that day didn't have to open a single can of vegetables for her dinner as she had done just the night before. She could make a meal that would last days with what we were able to provide.

Because we exist, a man standing on the street with a "will work for food" sign was able to get food for himself and his disabled daughter.

Because of the support of Wesley, we are able to apply for a grant for the freezer we picked out, as the grant requires a 25% contribution of the project cost. Every week, I see God working in the smallest and subtlest ways. My faith grows stronger each day as God reinforces the work that we are doing. I grow stronger because of you, the members of Wesley, who support this ministry in the name of Jesus the Christ.

—Lucinda Hurt



### **MARCH FOODS REQUESTED**

**14.5oz CANNED PEACHES OR PEARS**

**There is now a donation box outside the Pantry door for donations or they can be put in the kitchen in a bag labeled Food Pantry.**



## APPLYING BIBLE PRINCIPLES

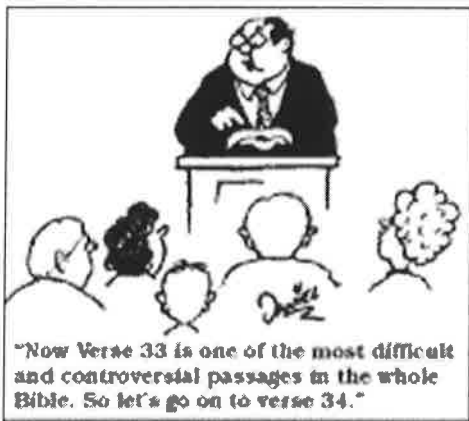
“GOD Owns It All” is the chapter heading in a book by a Christian author who present this chapter first as the foundation for money management and giving.

God does own it all! That is the teaching of Psalm 24:1 which says, *The earth is the Lord's*. Psalm 50:10 says that all of the beasts of the field belong to God, and that the cattle on a thousand hills are His. Haggai 2:8 says that God even owns the silver and gold in all the mines.

Now, He allows us to use what rightfully belongs to Him, but God continues to retain the ownership. We are the managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to us. Someday, when we stand before Him, we shall give an account of what kind of job we have done in managing the resources which God has allowed us to use.

That's why every spending decision becomes a spiritual decision. Every time we use some of God's money, we are making a decision which has eternal ramifications.

Are you using money and possessions as if they belong to you, or are you making spending decisions with the full realization that it all belongs to God?



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**NOTICE—23rd Annual Community Prayer Breakfast**  
**Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Chalfant Hall, ONU Campus**  
**Bourbonnais, IL**



Thank you to everyone who came out on Sunday, February 14th to share in the Wesley Love Feast with wonderful and plentiful food and to celebrate the two new babies expected anytime soon!

AFTER writing this note of Thanks—one of our Wesley babies arrived early. **SILAS MAXWELL SKOPIK.**

*Pastor Julie*

## Mission Rummage Sale--2016

This annual sale will take place on  
Fri., March 11th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00  
Sat. March 12th from 8:30 a.m. to noon



This event is really an ALL-Church project. Can you help????  
HELP IS NEEDED THE WEEK PRIOR TO THE SALE TO  
UNPACK AND SORT DONATIONS. HELP IS ALSO NEEDED ON THE DAYS  
OF THE SALE.

Any amount of time you can give will be much appreciated.

Our Relay for Life Team members are also going to be holding a Bake Sale in conjunction with the Rummage Sale, so you may want to donate something for this great cause.



REMEMBER, we will NOT be accepting adult clothing - EXCEPT what is listed below.

All clothing must be clean and ready to wear.

Jeans of all size

T-shirts, Sweatshirts, all sizes--Children through Adult

College/Pro team clothing, all sizes--Children through Adult

baby clothing

children's clothing

**The following is a partial list of things we will**

Glasses

Dishes

Seasonal decor

Mugs

China

Cookware

Storage containers

Electronics

Pots and Pans

Sewing items

Yard goods

Home décor

Linens

Bedding

Books

Stuffed animals

Videos

Lawn tools

CDs

DVDs

Craft items

Puzzles

Baby stuff

Furniture

Household goods

Pictures/Frames

etc., etc.

We will begin to accept items for sale on

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6th through NOON on THURSDAY, MARCH 10th.**

There will be a sign-up sheet available towards the end  
of February. If you have any questions,

please contact Brenda McCabe at 815-932-9577.

The proceeds provide funds for various missions of Wesley.





## *IGRC CAMPING 2016*

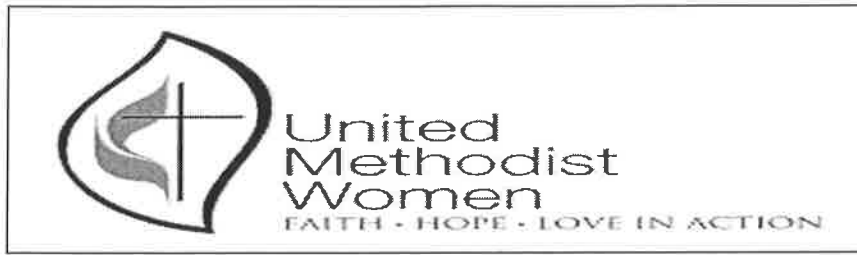
### CALLING ALL CAMPERS YOUNG, OLD AND IN BETWEEN THERE'S A CAMP FOR YOU!

It's that time again. The IGRC Camping brochures have arrived. As most of you know, I am a big advocate for East Bay Camp and IGRC Camping. Members of Wesley continue to be generous contributors for scholarships that allow Wesley youth to attend camp, and I am hopeful that even more contributions will be received so that more youth and adults will be able to attend this year. Once again, we will be offering scholarships for IGRC Camps, whether at Little Grassy Camp, Beulah Camp or East Bay Camp (even though East Bay is the closest to my heart and that of my parents and my grandkids).

If you have gone to an IGRC Camp in the past, you should have received the information already. If not, get one from the church office. If you register by April 15, 2016, you get an Early Bird Discount of \$25.00 on eligible camps, so don't delay.

**BE AN IGRC CAMPER!**

Donna Pangle  
IGRC Camp Chairperson



## UMW Report

The UMW met Feb. 6, 2016 at 10:30 am. There were 14 members present. The meeting opened with our speaker, Mary Thomson from hospice of Kankakee Valley. Mary talked about how Hospice began and what Hospice does for our community. Hospice is largely run by volunteers. The average daily census being 130-150. Hospice covers a vast area of our communities. Volunteers are welcome and needed. The Feb. 27th Pancake Day was discussed. Donations for the Bake and Craft Sale table are needed.

10 Tips for More Meaningful Lent were passed out. One item mentioned was to apologize to someone.

The meeting was adjourned to a Valentine themed lunch served by Judy Wilkin and Cindy Clemens with Karen Warburton assisting. Our next meeting will be March 1st at 7pm in the Narthex. Hostesses for the evening will be Rita Bass, Gloria Seyler and Bonnie Conroy.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Clemans, Secretary

## KITCHEN SUPPLIES

The United Methodist Women will make sure kitchen supplies are stocked for the Church. If you notice we are low on plates, napkins, etc. please notify Karen Warburton or Doris Wood so we can make sure they are on hand before the next potluck or fundraiser. This will insure we have what is needed without hurried trips to the store. If you have any questions, please contact us. Thanks for your help.

