



VOICE OF WESLEY

Wesley United Methodist Church
Bradley, Illinois
January 2016

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

A new year is before us—2016. With the new year comes new opportunities to be the people of God in new and amazing ways. As always we do nothing without the strength and support of our Lord. Scripture tells us to believe in the new. *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.* (2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV) and in Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV), God declares, *For I know the plans I have for you, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

Wesley had a very good year in 2015. We began the Wesley's Table Food Pantry and are currently serving about 50-60 families every week. The Team continues to build and dream for the future of Pantry and the people it serves. We celebrated new people joining the fellowship of Wesley, including two young people joining through Confirmation. The Interfaith Kid's Closet served more children in 2015 than they ever had through the efforts of Wesley and other churches in the area. We supported Harbor House, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, GiGi's playhouse and a host of other agencies and organizations in our community both financially and with people offering their volunteer service.

Within the house of Wesley, the roof has finally been repaired. Thank you to the Trustees for their determination and leadership in getting this task accomplished. The Trustees, Mike and Brad, also put up walls for the Food Pantry to expand in their service to the community. Wesley underwent two Trustee Workdays to spruce up, clean up and repair from general wear and tear on the building.

We had three new servant leaders for the Youth Program. Lisa Mann, Shelley Skopik, and Kristen Ehrenfeld took over responsibility for Youth. Just a huge "thank you" from me to them (and their spouses) for doing this. Youth and Children ministries are vital, not only to the growth of Wesley, but to accomplishing our mission statement to transform lives and make disciples of Jesus the Christ.

A new Youth and Children's Choirs were begun in late 2015. If you missed hearing them sing, they'll be singing again during the Season of Easter. Thank you to Joe Schripsema for volunteering to take on the Children's Choir. We were blessed again this year with the Chancel Choir and the Exalter's Bell Choir.

Our Lay Leader, Donna Pangle helped supervise the Youth and Children's Christmas Program this year. Thank you. Thank you to Frankie Ann Schripsema for volunteering to write and direct the play and to all the Youth and Children who participated. I'm sure I've not listed all the accomplishments of Wesley and the individuals who made it possible. So "thank you" everyone.

Finally, thank you to all who have served in Leadership positions and whose time of service is coming to an end with the beginning of 2016. For all those who are serving in 2016, welcome and be prepared for a wonderful new year and the opportunity to once again proclaim the *good news* of Jesus the Christ.

Pastor Julie



	<p>NEEDED: Servers for 2016 Please contact Jo Dubree if you are interested in this ministry.</p>
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Communion Servers

Sue Muhlstadt

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Shut Ins —
 Mildred Grimes,
 Patty Overright,
 Frances Schlondorf,
 Eunice Kroll,
 Hayward Smith



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

ALL ARE WELCOME TO READ GOD'S WORD

JANUARY

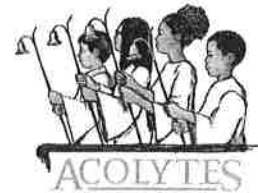
Lay Liturgist:

- Jan 3** Brenda McCabe
- Jan 10** Austin Cote,
- Jan 17** Cheryl Enright
- Jan 24** Teresa Girot
- Jan 31** Pat Farman



Greeters:

- Jan. 3** OPEN
- Jan 10** Kim and Hannah Grace
- Jan. 17** Margie Therrien
- Jan. 24** Rita Bass
- Jan 31** Mike Griffin



Acolytes:

- Jan 3** Izzy Prendergast and Logan Conroy
- Jan 10** Leah Hurt and Avery Mann
- Jan 17** Natalie Prendergast and Lyndsay Schripsema
- Jan 24** Gabe Marsh and Alex Mann
- Jan. 31** Kaitlin Palinski and Andrew Mann

Ushers:

Don and Brenda McCabe
 Bill and Karen Warburton

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

January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Holiday office closed	2
9:00 AM Worship 10:10 AM Children's Choir Practice Christian Education 10:15 AM Adult 10:30 AM Children & Youth	10:30 AM Staff meeting 12:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack #319	6:00 PM No Bell practice 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:15 PM Choir practice	1:00 PM Prayer/Patchwork Angels 6:30 PM Finance Meeting		9:30 AM De-Decorate Church 10:30 AM UMW(kitchen, overflow room) 5:00 PM Eagle Scouts set up (Becky Conroy)
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Narthex Coffee Time

FOLLOWING Worship and
BEFORE Sunday School



Third Thursday

January 21
at Carlos at 5:30 pm
Please contact Kay Fisher if attending
at 815-549-0199 or
kay@bradleywesley.com



Mission of the Month -

January 2016: We will be collecting Kid's pajamas, socks, and underwear for Harbor House.

A Note from College

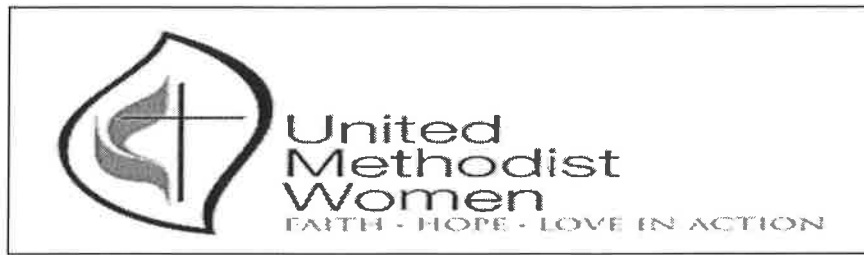
School is going good, I'm keeping up on my classes and holding my GPA above 3.0. I'm finishing up a tough semester having taken 18 credit hours worth of classes, but I do it so I can graduate this spring with my Bachelor's Degree. I'm grateful for the scholarships I receive from this great church. I am working my hardest to finish this college career strong with the support of the amazing congregation back home.

Thank You, Tyler



January Birthdays

01/05	Frances Schlondorf
01/07	Ione Chappell
01/10	Don McCabe
01/11	Austin Cote
01/12	Pat Wolf
01/14	Connor Willett
01/15	Alexander Kerouac
01/20	Ralph Huntley
01/22	Chip Chappell
01/22	Rodney Pangle
01/24	Karen Warburton
01/24	Clair Hadders
01/25	Michael Keys
01/27	Adam Chinski
01/31	Beth Willett



UMW Christmas Party

The UMW met for their Christmas Party on December 1, 2015. The party was held at the Village Grill. All seemed to enjoy their meal. President Karen Warburton conducted a short business meeting. Bonnie Conroy thanked all for the contributions to the Interfaith Kids Closet. The shower for Mary provided many of the donations. The UMW divided their 2015 profits among many organizations and worthy causes. Margie Therrien closed our meeting with devotions. The next meeting will be a soup and sandwich lunch on January 9, 2016. The time of the meeting will be 10:30 at the church. Filling the socks for the homeless will be one of the main activities. Hostesses will be Jo Dubree, Kay Fisher, and Jeanie Boudreau.. All ladies are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Clemens, Secretary

INTERFAITH KIDS CLOSET

We at Interfaith Kids Closet have had a very productive year. During 2015 we worked with 9 area organizations to supply clothing to 298 needy children in the Kankakee area. Thank you Wesley UMC and Wesley UMW for lending us so much support throughout the year and for helping us reach that many children. You certainly were an important part with your prayers, your monetary blessings, and your support of the Shower for Mary and the See What Love Can Do tables.

From IKC to each and every one of you, have a happy, healthy new year and thank you.

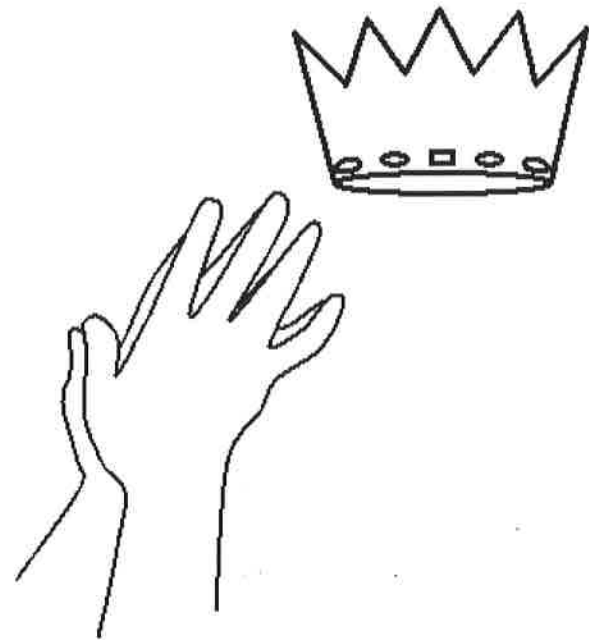
Bonnie Conroy, Chairman



Lord's Prayer Word Search

A N L N S S E N E V I G R O F
N T A L K T D A N L H V O R P
Y E V E I L E B N H P A E Z R
T Y A R P B U H E Y E M N Q A
I L I S T E N S C Y W A A D I
M U F E E L P M I S E H V X S
E T E M P T A T I O N S E E E
C O M M U N I C A T E A S R N
S R A E H P O W E R G Y S X E
D A I L Y F I Q Q Y M G U K X

anytime	hears
anywhere	heaven
ask	listens
believe	power
communicate	praise
daily	pray
example	simple
eyes	talk
forgiveness	temptations
hands	



Important Notice –NOTICE IMPORTANT!!!

For anyone who has purchased a 125th Anniversary Coffee Mug – it has been discovered that some of them have had the imprint damaged when they are washed in the dishwasher. **THEY ARE NOT DISHWASHER SAFE!** If you have a mug that has had the imprint damaged, bring it to Earl Kelly or the church office by December 31, 2015 and it will be replaced.

125th ANNIVERSARY COFFEE MUG SALE

As we wind down 2015 the Quasqui-centennial celebrations at Wesley, we are having a sale on the price of the coffee mugs! These mugs would make great Christmas gifts for friends and family that have moved away from the area but have a connection to Wesley. The original price of \$5.00 has been reduced to \$4.00 for one mug or \$10.00 for 3 mugs!

125TH ANNIVERSARY PAPERWEIGHTS, UNITED METHODIST KEYRING/ ORNAMENT, WINDOW CLINGS

We also have beautiful glass paperweights and unique United Methodist symbol keyring/ornaments for sale. The paperweights are a great way to remember the long history of Wesley and the keyring is a visible reminder of your connection to the UM Church. The keyring can also be converted to hang as an ornament on your tree.

Glass paperweights with an engraving of the church - \$10.00

United Methodist symbol keyring/ornament - \$6.00

Window Clings for car and home - \$1.00

The supply of these items is limited and they will not be reordered. Look for Earl Kelly in the Narthex before or after church to purchase anyone of the above items.



Wesley's Table Food Pantry

As usual we have a lot going on at the food pantry. Thanks to the generosity of multiple parishioners and the United Methodist Women, we were able to provide 69 holiday food boxes to people who come through the pantry in addition to our regular

food distribution. The food boxes contained holiday geared foods-vegetables, bread mix, dessert, stuffing, a gift card for the purchase of a protein and a Christmas card. Everyone who received a holiday box also signed thank you cards for Ultra Foods, Kroger, and KCCSI thanking them for their support of our food pantry. It was a very successful day. The food pantry also received a Christmas gift, NEW WALLS! Thank you to Brad Mann and Mike Skopik for working hard to make this happen. We are so excited to have an enclosed room that will soon have doors and locks. The new walls will allow us to expand, house a freezer, and set up some organization to improve our functioning. We can't wait until it's all finished! **STAY TUNED!**

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