



VOICE OF WESLEY

Wesley United Methodist Church
Bradley, Illinois
February 2016

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



Wesley, will be celebrating the season of Lent by worshipping with other area United Methodist churches and the community on Sunday nights from February 14 through March 20. This year, due to scheduling conflicts with our Annual Pancake Day and Missions Rummage Sale, Wesley will not be hosting a Sunday evening service **We will be celebrating Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. and Good Friday at 6:30 p.m. here at Wesley.**

New this year will be a **Maundy Thursday (March 24) Passover/Seder** meal with Pastor Mike Silverstein, who was raised in the Judaic faith. This meal will be **at 7:00 p.m.** on Maundy Thursday. We will switch between the Living Last Supper and a Passover/Seder meal each year.

Our own Kay Fisher, will also be offering a discussion of the Gospel of John using Max Lucado's book, *The Gospel of John* beginning on Sunday, February 7 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The books are available in the office for \$8. I will be offering a sermon series on the Gospel of John as well.

Each year we take up a Lenten/Easter Offering. This year the monies donated will go towards *Blessings in a Backpack*, a local food support program for children and *Water 4*, a not for profit organization that provides clean water through the digging of wells in various countries in Africa. Look for the Pastoral Letter in your mail boxes soon!

I hope that you will join with us at the Cluster Sunday Evening Services at our various sister churches and the Holy Days of Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday at Wesley.

Pastor Julie

CLUSTER LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- February 10— Ash Wednesday—Bourbonnais Grace UMC at 7:00 p.m.
- February 14 —First Sunday of Lent— Grant Park UMC at 6:30 p.m.
- February 21 —Second Sunday of Lent—Bradley Evangelical UMC at 6:30 p.m.
- February 28 —Third Sunday of Lent— Aroma Park UMC at 6:30 p.m.
- March 6 —Fourth Sunday of Lent— TBA at 6:30 p.m.
- March 13 —Fifth Sunday of Lent- TBA at 6:30 p.m.
- March 20 —Palm Sunday— St. Mark's UMC at 6:30 p.m.
- March 25 —Good Friday— Asbury UMC at 7:00 p.m.





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

Kay Fisher, Sue Muhlstadt,
Tim Rhodes

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

FEBRUARY



Lay Liturgist:

Feb 7: Gerri Cote

Feb 14: Kay Fisher

Feb 21: Tim Rhodes

Feb 28: Alex Mann

Greeters:

Feb 7: Kay Fisher

Feb 14: OPEN

Feb 21: Hurt Family

Feb 28: OPEN



Acolytes:

Feb 7: Hope Prendergast & Hannah Grace

Feb 14: Abby Prendergast & Logan Conroy

Feb 21: Izzy Prendergast & Leah Hurt

Feb 28:

Ushers: Earl Kelly, Gerri Cote, Brad Mann,
Jimmy Hammond

56th Annual Pancake Day

Dear Wesley Members and Friends,

Bradley Wesley United Methodist Church will be hosting our Annual Pancake Day on Saturday, February 27, 2016. We invite everyone to participate in this event and we welcome help and helpers!

Please encourage others to attend.

You will receive four tickets to this year's event. We would appreciate it if you would either donate the cost of the tickets or sell them to anyone who would like to gather for some good food and fellowship.

Ticket money can be turned in on Pancake Day. As we usually do each year, we are asking for monetary donations for food items. Please make checks payable to Wesley United Methodist Church, and mark "pancake" on the memo line of your check. This year, the proceeds will go towards capital improvements. In addition, an All-Church Bake Sale and Craft Sale will be held on Pancake Day. If you would like to donate pies, cakes, brownies, breads, cookies, candies, or crafts, please deliver them to the church on Friday, February 26 from 9 AM-1 PM or from 6-7 PM that evening.

Come flip pancakes or eat pancakes. Either way, it's always a fun day!

Thanks,
The Wesley United Methodist Pancake Committee



Choir Notes

Jesus calls:

He calls us together in his name to worship and praise and adore him. Singing is one of the ways in which we worship and praise him as the creator of music. Founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley exhorted us to praise God through singing and raise our voices joyfully.

The Psalms are filled with calls to sing to the Lord a new song.

The United Methodist Book of Worship tells us "organ or other instrumental or vocal music is part of the worship service, an offering by the musicians to God on behalf of the entire congregation(s)". Our beautiful Lenten music will start in February and we will be back to the Wednesday night 7:15 schedule. Come join us in singing and fellowship. Come and be a part of the worship at Wesley.

-Sandra Lutz-Music Director



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

February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 10:30 AM Staff meeting 12:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	2 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack #319	3 6:00 PM no bell practice 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:15 PM choir practice	4 1:00 PM Prayer/Patchwork Angels	5	6 10:30 AM UMW (Overflow room, kitchen)
7 8:00 AM Communication Team 9:00 AM Worship 10:10 AM Children's Choir Practice Christian Education 10:15 AM Adult 10:30 AM Children and Youth 4:30pm Bible Study	8 7:30 PM Joint Trustee and Finance	9 6:30 PM Finance 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack #319	10 Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm 6:00 PM Bell Practice 6:00 PM Youth 7:15 PM choir practice	11	12	13
14 9:00 AM Worship 10:10 AM Children's Choir Practice Christian Education 10:15 AM Adult 10:30 AM Children and Youth 11:45 AM Love Feast Potluck w/baby showers 4:30pm Bible Study	15 Presidents Day office closed 12:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Parish Nurse Network (conference room) 7:30 PM Trustees Meeting	16 9:00 AM Covenant Meetings (conference room) 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack #319	17 6:00 PM Bell Practice 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:15 PM Choir practice	18 5:30 PM 3rd Thursday Supper Club @ Texas Roadhouse	19 newsletter articles due	20
21 9:00 AM Worship 10:10 AM Children's Choir Practice Christian Education 10:15 AM Adult 10:30 AM Children and Youth 4:30pm Bible Study	22 6:30 PM Women's Book Club	23 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack #319	24 6:00 PM Bell Practice 6:00 PM Youth 7:15 PM choir practice	25 10:00 AM Mail newsletter 6:30 PM Food Pantry Meeting	26 set up for Pancake Day	27 7:00am -- 1:00pm Pancake Day (fellowship hall, overflow room, kitchen)
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Pastor Julie Smith

February 2016

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REMINDERS

Did you miss...picking up
your 2015 Giving Statement

OR Your box of

2016 Envelopes?

Contact Don McCabe

815-932-9577 and we will
get those to you.

*If you have not yet made
your 2016 Commitment,
please prayerfully consider
doing so.*

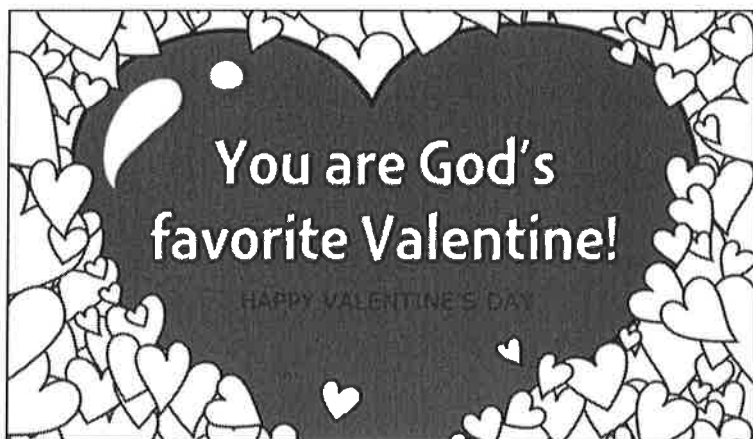
CHURCH OFFICE

CLOSED

MONDAY, Feb. 15 in

Observance of

Presidents' Day



NOW (Nurture, Outreach, Witness)



NOW met on January 21 and discussed the following items:

- Walls have been added to the Food Pantry and doors with locks will be installed shortly. NOW approved paying \$250 toward the cost of the doors.
- NOW approved paying \$445 to Earl Kelly to cover a portion of his cost for the 125th anniversary commemorative items.
- Small digital speakers will be distributed to shut-ins along with a flash drive containing the previous month's worship services. This will allow the shut-in to remain a part of our worship time. A new flash drive will be supplied each month with new services.
- Blood pressures will be taken after church when Relda and Becky are both available. An announcement will be made at the beginning of the worship service on the Sunday that they will be able to provide this service.



February 14 Potluck and Baby Shower



NOW is sponsoring a The Love Feast, or Agape Meal on February 14 from 11:45 to 1:00. A Love Feast is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the koinonia (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ. We will be celebrating Wesley on Valentine's Day AND the upcoming additions to the Skopik and Erhenfeld families (and therefore the Wesley family) with a joint baby shower. Please plan to attend and celebrate with them. (The Skopik's are expecting a boy and the Erhenfeld's have chosen to be surprised!)

We are asking that those attending provide two dishes – one a meat main dish and one vegetable, fruit, or dessert. Lists will be passed in church January 31 and February 7 to sign up for your choice. Snow date for the Love Feast is February 21.



Congregational Development Workshop in Arthur, IL

Six people, including Pastor Julie, will attend a workshop in Arthur, IL on February 6, hosted by the Conference Congregational Development Office. It is hoped that they will return with new ideas to increase our outreach to our communities and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of Wesley and the world.





Narthex Coffee Time

FOLLOWING Worship and
BEFORE Sunday School



Third Thursday

Third Thursday Supper Club, 5:30 pm
February 18 at Texas Roadhouse.
Reservations to Kay Fisher at
815-932-9605
or kay9605@yahoo.com
by Tuesday February 16.

Anniversary Items

Even though the "Narthex Store" has closed, some items remain from our 125th Anniversary celebration. We still have:

- Coffee mugs at \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00
- Paperweights at \$10.00
- Keyrings at \$6.00
- Static clings at \$1.00

If you wish to purchase any of these items, please see Jo in the church office.

Be sure to pick up a free Quasiquicentennial pin (in the bowls in the Narthex or in the office).

Mission
of the
Month

In February we will be collecting items to help replenish the cleaning bucket supplies at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. As of today, MMDC has delivered 1,656 cleaning buckets (formerly called flood buckets) with anticipated requests for many more buckets to be delivered in both IL and MO. Most needed items are: air freshener (8 or 9 oz can), Handi-wipes (reusable cleaning cloths), 24-bag roll of heavy duty trash bags (33-45 gallon), cotton or plastic clothesline (50' or 100'), package of 50 clothespins.

February Birthdays

05	Ruth Ruyle
06	Becky Conroy
06	Kayla Willett
07	Kay Fisher
07	Beth Forbes
13	Gerri Cote
16	Elisabeth Dunbar
21	Norma Purkey
23	Marcia Scott
25	Jeanne Kerouac
26	Emily Moffett
26	Nathan Willett
28	Rita Bass





As always, we are busy bees keeping up with the food pantry. Candy Frantz is now our Volunteer Coordinator. Recently, Candy was able to secure several groups to help work the food pantry on Sundays including St. Mark's and possibly a group from American Lutheran Church. Thanks to Brad Mann and Mike Skopik, our walls are up, painted, and on their way to being

finished. We are all excited for the doors to be installed in the next couple of weeks. We are grateful to the Trustees for approving installation of a freezer. We have our eye on one and are determined to make it happen. Northern Illinois Food Bank has reached out to us to partner for future food drives and to help us expand as we move forward. During the end of February through the end of March, Menards will be hosting a food drive for the pantry.

Thank you to everyone who so generously donates their time, money, food and energy towards this ministry. Because of your support, we are successful! Many parishioners have visited the food pantry and ask "what can we donate, what do you need?" To help direct people in what to donate, we will be posting items each month in the newsletter and on one of the hallway bulletin boards. If there are other items you are able to donate, we are always happy to take them! Also, we can always use your left over grocery bags. Now that we have the Food Bank food, we go through grocery bags very quickly. Donated food and bags can be put in the food pantry. Once the doors are up and locked, you may put the food and bags in the kitchen with a note indicating it's for the food pantry.

FEBRUARY FOODS REQUESTED:

BABY/TODDLER FOODS



CANNED APRICOTS



Thank you for your support of this ministry!



Every **FOURTH** Monday of the Month at 6:30 p.m. in the Narthex.

The Group has selected the following books for the next several months:

2/22—*Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom

3/28—*Before I Go* by Colleen Oakley

4/25—*The Gentle Tamers* by Dee Brown

5/23—*The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

6/27—*The Gift of an Ordinary Day* by Katrina Kenison

7/22—*The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

8/22—*Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes

9/26—*Leaving Time* by Jodi Pico

BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

It will be time for the Nominations and Leadership Development Team of Wesley to begin prayerfully discerning who God might be calling into Leadership at Wesley UMC. Below is an article written by David Haskins, a long-time member and Leader of our Fellowship.

WHO ME!!

Wesley Church Leaders

Being asked to serve as a leader in a church can be daunting and right way the answer most likely would be NO! ME?. I expect anyone being asked will feel they aren't qualified, not sure if they know enough to participate, or maybe just feel they would not be able to contribute. Another reason might be they just do not have the time (or think they don't). I suppose that would be the most reasonable and logical response as there doesn't seem to be enough time in the day to do all we need or want to do.

So let's talk about what being in leadership at Wesley means. Being on a Committee, or as Pastor Julie likes to call them a Team, only means you would be part of a larger group and not the necessarily the leader of the group. You can say "No" to being *the* Leader and still be part of the Team. Also, membership on a Committee/Team is limited in most instances to 3 years. Many of the Committees/Teams **require** a member to rotate off after the first 3 years. So being a member of a Committee/Team is not a life-long sentence. We have worked hard at having meetings only once every Quarter. Some groups do need to meet more often, but we have gotten a lot better at being focused because we know most of us work full-time jobs, and many of us still have children at home.

Look at the list of Leaders in this Newsletter and see how many are serving on multiple Committees/Teams. Wesley works better doing the Lord's work when all the empty seats at the Table are filled. As they saying goes, the more the merrier. We need different opinions, perspectives, and voices. It is YOUR voice that needs to be heard. Please, prayerfully think about saying "Yes" when asked.

So do not fear, for I am with you. Isaiah 41:10

David Haskins

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 9:00 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.



BAKE SALE!

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

The following is a partial list of things we will gladly accept.

Glasses
Dishes
Seasonal decor
Mugs
China
Cookware
Storage containers
Electronics
Pots and Pans
Tools

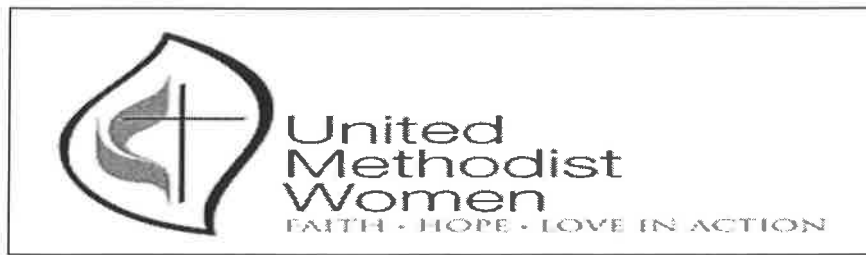
Sewing items
Yard goods
Home décor
Linens
Bedding
Books
Stuffed animals
Videos
Lawn tools

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.



UMW Report

The UMW met at 10:30 on January 9, 2016. The theme for the day was "Uburto" or "giving back to the community." Sixteen members and/or guests were present. To accomplish our desire to give back or "uburto," pairs of socks were filled with soap, washcloths, combs, toothpaste, toothbrushes and lotion. The socks and their contents will be given to those individuals who are homeless in our communities.

New Officers for 2016 were also installed in their respective positions. Kay Fisher led the installation ceremony. Each new Officer received a gift of a cross. Information was provided regarding the Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, Feb. 26-27th.

The members also, as is their tradition, took \$1,100 from their 2015 donations and contributed that amount to various ministries/organizations that are supported by the UMW in our area and around the world.

Our hostesses Jo Dubree, Kay Fisher and Jeanne Boudreau, offered a delicious soup, sandwich, and dessert for our lunch.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 6th at 10:30 AM. Our Guest Speaker will be Mary Thompson from Kankakee River Valley Hospice.

Our Hostesses will be Judy Wilkens and Cindy Clemans.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Clemens, Secretary

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

2016
CHURCH LEADERSHIP

*Serves on More than One Committee/Leadership Role

Pastor Julie Smith
Jo Dubree – Administrative Assistant

Administrative Council – Valerie Schweitzer, Chair*

Mike Skopik – Trustee Chair*
Doug Wilkins – Finance Chair*
Debbie Rich – Nominations & Leadership Vice Chair
Kathy Huber – Staff Pastor Parish Relations*
Donna Pangle – Lay Leader*
Keith Schweitzer – Church Treasurer*
Don McCabe – Financial Secretary*
NOW: Relda Kelly and Lisa Mann
UMW – Karen Warburton, President
Coordinator of Camping – Donna Pangle
Sunday School Superintendent –
Parish Nurse – Relda Kelly and *Becky Conroy*
Church Historian – Tedra Campbell
Recording Secretary – Edith Winge

Parish Nurse – Relda Kelly and Becky Conroy

Sunday School Teachers:

Wayne Dubree and Pastor Tim Rhodes: Adult
Carole Chappell, Pre-K and Kindergarten
Kim Grace, 1 and 2
Pastor Julie/Joe, 3 through 5
Donna Pangle, Jr. and Sr. High
Youth Leaders 2016: Lisa Mann, Shelleigh Skopik,
and Kristen Ehrenfeld

NOW: Relda Kelly and Lisa Mann, Chairs

**TEAM MEMBERS: Anyone Responsible for a
Ministry Program**

Gloria Seyler	Marilyn O'Flaherty
Jo Schriefer	Doris Wood
Rita Bass	Food Pantry Team

Board of Trustees – Mike Skopik, Chair*

Judy Wilkins	Bill Warburton*	Candy Franz*
Rita Bass	Marty Conroy	Chip Chappell
Brad Mann		

Worship Team – Pastor Julie, Chair

Jo Dubree	Brenda McCabe*
Don McCabe*	Carolyn Haskins *
David Haskins*	Kay Fisher
Candy Frantz*	Sandra Lutz
Earl Kelly*	Harold Huber
Pat Farman	

Staff Pastor-Parish Relations Committee – Kathy Huber, Chair*

Earl Kelly	Teresa Girot	Bill Warburton
Shelly Skopik*	Tim Ehrenfeld	Mike Keys
Pat Golding	Gerry Reed	Lin Grotevant
Donna Pangle, Lay Leader*		

Hospitality:

Kitchen – Doris Wood
Funerals – Jo Schriefer
Weddings – Candy Frantz

Committee on Finance – Doug Wilkins, Chair*

<i>Gerri Cote</i>	Dave Haskin*	Brenda McCabe*
<i>Gail Vogeler</i>	Carolyn Haskins*	<i>Bill Maier</i>
	Wayne Dubree*	<i>Jeff Grotevant</i>

Vacation Bible School – 2016

Lisa Mann and Shelleigh Skopik, Chairs

**Committee on Nominations & Leadership Development –
Pastor Julie, Chair**

Jeanne Boudreau	<i>Debbie Rich, Vice Chair</i>	<i>Linda Engels</i>
<i>Cindy Clemans</i>	Brenda McCabe	<i>Hannah Grace</i>
Donna Pangle, Lay Leader*		

Communion Stewards – Don and Brenda McCabe*

Home Communion – Joyce Rabb and Cathy Conrad, Coordinators

**Servers: Cheryl Enright, Wayne Dubree, Relda Kelly, Debbie Rich,
Joyce Rabb, and Cathy Conrad**

