

**Peckville and Bradley Memorial United Methodist Charge
Lent 2010 Newsletter**

My Preparation for Easter

Lent is a time to prepare for Easter. It is a necessary prelude. The death and resurrection of Christ are true whether or not I prepare for Easter. However, without my heart and life being ready, I may not experience the depth and power of Christ's death and resurrection. So with my brothers and sisters, I commit myself to disciplines for conversion from sin and death to love and life in Jesus Christ. With the aid of the list below, I make the following commitments to discipline and growth for the next six weeks:
(Check the ones you desire or feel prompted to do; circle the ones you then decide to do.)

Inward and Personal Disciplines

- ___ Spend time in solitude each day.
- ___ Share in the Lenten Series on Sunday evenings.
- ___ Read a book for inner growth.
- ___ Read twice through the Gospel of the lectionary cycle you are in. (Matthew in 2002, 2005, 2008; Mark in 2003, 2006, 2009; Luke in 2004, 2007, 2010)
- ___ Begin to keep a journal of prayer concerns, questions, reading.
- ___ Focus on thanksgiving, rather than on asking, in prayer.
- ___ Give myself a gift of three hours to do something I always say I don't have time to do.
- ___ Find a way to go to bed earlier or sleep in so I get enough rest.
- ___ Make a list of people with whom I need to be reconciled. Pray for them and let Jesus

guide me in my thinking and feeling toward them.

- ___ Take control of my life by _____.
- ___ Go to all of the Holy Week services as an act of love and waiting with Jesus.
- ___ Take one hour to inventory my priorities and plan how I will reorder them.
- ___ Give up a grudge or a rehearsal of a past event.
- ___ Forgive someone who has hurt me.
- ___ Dance my prayers to a favorite tape or CD.
- ___ Use The Sanctuary for Lent (available from Cokesbury).
- ___ Other promptings:

Outward and Social Disciplines

- ___ Take on some loving task:
- ___ Plan to visit a "shut-in" neighbor or church member weekly.
- ___ Write a letter of affirmation once a week to a person who has touched my life.
- ___ Go on the Women's Retreat (dates _____)
- ___ Listen and respond to Christ's call to a ministry of service:
- ___ Go to coffee or dinner with someone I want to know better.
- ___ Begin to recycle waste from my home and workplace.

- ___ Give blood and recall the cross.
- ___ Call the AIDS project and ask how I can help.
- ___ Say "NO" to something that is a waste of money and time.
- ___ Pray to God to help me resist racial prejudice and to give me courage in opposing it.
- ___ Decide to become a member of the church and speak to a pastor or lay leader.
- ___ Rebuke the spirit of criticism and my own tongue out of control.
- ___ Find a way to live out the baptismal promise to "resist evil, injustice, and oppression" in the power and liberty God gives us by _____
- ___ Other outward and social promptings:

As a way of being accountable, I will either:

- ___ Share my intentions for Lent with my Covenant Discipleship group at its next meeting, or
- ___ Share my plan with at least one other person and share with that person my experience of Lent during Holy Week.

(signed) _____

(date) _____

Keep this for reference during the coming weeks.

Daniel Benedict retired from the staff of the General Board of Discipleship in August 2005.

Posted 1-22-03.

Lectionary readings for Lent

Ash Wednesday –

Joel 2:1-2,12-17 – Psalm 51:1-17 – 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 – Matthew 6:1-6,16-20

1st Sunday in Lent – February 21

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 – PSALM 91:1-2,9-16 – Romans 10:8b-13

2nd Sunday in Lent – February 28

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 – Psalm 27 – Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 – Luke 13:31-35

3RD Sunday in Lent – March 7

Isaiah 55:1-9 – Psalm 63:1-8 – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 – Luke 13:1-9

4th Sunday in Lent – March 14

Joshua 5:9-12 – Psalm 32 – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 – Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

5th Sunday in Lent – March 21

Isaiah 43:16-21 – Psalm 126 – Philippians 3:4b-14 – John 12:1-8

Passion/Palm Sunday – March 28 – 6th Sunday of Lent

Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:28-40

Psalms 118:1-2,19-29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22: 14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ISAIAH 53:4-6

GREETINGS FROM BRADLEY MEMORIAL

The first quarter of 2010 is almost over and spring is knocking on our door. It's time to come out of hibernation and return to God's sanctuary, joining us for Christian fellowship. It's been a cold, hard winter with much suffering around the world and on our home front. It's time to praise the Lord for what blessing we have received. Looking back at 2009, we can say Bradley had a very good year. Our small congregation stepped to the plate on many front to make sure our place of worship is in good order and our obligations met. Our congregation although getting older can see the many youth that join us on most Sundays, can see their enthusiasm to take part in the worship service and can see their enquiring minds at work. They are the future of Bradley. With all the good that has happened there is still concern that many church member not only fail to attend Sunday service on a regular basis but fail to support the church with their gifts. We need to encourage these folks to join us for fellowship, support the church with their financial gifts as well as their labor at times. There is much work to do on a weekly, monthly and annual basis. We all must work to grow our congregation through new members.

2010 will be a busy year again as we continue to bring our sanctuary into good repair as there are numerous projects to be considered. God continues to watch over us and guide us. We need to continue to pray for his blessings and guidance.

Norm Barrett
Bradley Administrative Board
February 2010

Greetings from Bradley UMW. Let's think SPRING!!! Our new organ is up and running, and George and June bring it to life with their beautiful selections during our worship service. Thank you for all of your hard work, it truly makes our service special. We would like to welcome our newest member, Isabell Keegan, and congratulate her daughter Rebecca, a member of Valley View Basketball team, on attaining her 1,000 point mark for her career.

We are in the midst of putting together a " Spring" clean-up day, and look forward to EVERYONE in the Bradley congregation, joining us in this endeavor. We

will be working on both the inside and the outside of our church. We are also having a Welsh Cookie bake on March 12 and 13th, and would appreciate every one's help for that also. Remember, this is our major fund raising activity, and we want to ensure that the projects that need to be taken care of, can be with everyone's help.

May God Bless you throughout this Lenten season, as we approach the Resurrection of our Lord. Nancy R. McLain, President, UMW and all members

Lenten Service List

February 24 – Peckville United Methodist Church

March 3 – Blakely Baptist Church

March 10 – Holy Cross Parish at St. Patrick's Church

March 17 – St. Luke's Lutheran Church

March 24 – St. James and St. George

Our Lenten Gift to our Church

Please remember we no longer have Lenten calendars or envelopes to cut down on our expenses, but we still need your gift in order to do the work of the Church. You may put it in your regular weekly envelope and put in the spot that says other Lenten gift, or please feel free to put it in a separate envelope and mark it with your name and Lenten gift to my church. Thank You.

Mexico Mission Team News

Ham Dinner

Saturday, February 27

Family Style

Take Outs – 3:30 to 5:30

Dine in – 4:00 to 6:00

Adults - \$10.00

Child - \$5:00

Tickets ahead from George Kinback, Jeff Klinko, Randy Lucas or Ron Lucas.

Our team will be in Mexico from March 6 through March 13, please keep them in prayer.

Men's communion service

Men's Communion service & Breakfast at Elm Park UMC on 2-21-2010 for more information please contact George Parker.

Easter Sunrise Service

We will be holding a joint sunrise service with our brothers and sisters in Christ at the Presbyterian church with breakfast to follow at the Peckville United Methodist Church. Please make breakfast reservations with Tom and Beth Taylor at 383-2119.

Holy Thursday Service

A service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae will be held at the Peckville United Methodist Church on Thursday, April 1 at 7:00pm.

Good Friday Services

Good Friday services will be held at the Blakely Baptist church from 12:00 noon to 3:00pm and at the Bradley Memorial United Methodist Church at 7:00pm.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes will begin the first Tuesday in March, March 2 at 6:00pm at the Peckville United Methodist Church. This will be an 8 week course for those who are 12 or will be 12 this year and desire to join the church.

50th Annual Evening of Music

On Sunday April 25th the Peckville United Methodist Church will be holding its 50th annual Evening of Music. We are inviting and would be pleased if everyone who has sung in our choir over the past 50 years would join us in singing "The Hallelujah Chorus". If you are interested and plan on singing please contact Bonny @ cookpumc@yahoo.com so that she may get in contact with you as our plans progress. This just may be our last Evening of Music, so put it on your calendar and plan on attending. Fellowship and refreshments to follow.

One Great Hour of Sharing March 14

Gifts to "One Great Hour of Sharing" lay the foundation of all UMCOR's work by covering the cost of doing business. All gifts designated to specific programs (such as our recent giving to Haiti) can go 100% to that program because of UMCOR's basic expenses come from OGHS and other channels of gift giving.

"What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." –Micah 6:8 Please consider prayerfully and share what you can.

GRADUATES

If anyone knows of college or high school students who will be graduating in the spring, please let Pastor Sharon know. Thank You.

Scranton District Lay Academy

The lay Academy has announced that the spring Lay Academy will be held at the Hawley UMC . Friday April 30 – 6:00pm to 8:30 pm and Saturday May 1 and Saturday May 8, 8:45am to 3:30pm.

For more information please see Pastor Sharon or Beth Taylor. Pamphlets will be available shortly.

EASTER MEMORIALS

Peckville's Easter Memorials and honoriums should be in by Sunday March 28(Palm Sunday). Gifts and information should be given to the following people.

Memorial Fund – Bill Llewellyn

Organ & Renovation – George Kinback Jr.

Warring-Fendick Scholarship Fund – George Kinback Jr.

Music Fund – Bonny Taylor

Flowers – Bob Elvidge

(To insure your memorial or honoriums will be in the booklet please have them in by the 28th. This will be a great help for the secretary. Thank you.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Bible study at PUMC every Tuesday at 7:00pm

Choir Rehearsal at Peckville every Thursday at 6:45pm.

2/21 – food and fellowship @Peckville after worship

2/24 – Lenten service – Peckville UMC

2/27 – Mission team Ham dinner

2/28 – cookie orders in to Paul Lucas or Beth Taylor

3/3 – Lenten service – Blakely Baptist Church

3/4 – Peckville ad Council at 8:00pm

3/5 – World day of Prayer

3/6 – Mission team leaves for Mexico

3/8 – Welsh Cookies made at Peckville
 3/10 – Lenten service – Holy Cross @ St Patrick’s Church, Olyphant.
 3/14 – Daylight savings time begins and One Great Hour Sharing Collection
 3/17 – Lenten Service – St. Luke’s Lutheran, Archibald
 3/21 – Food and Fellowship after worship, Peckville
 3/24 – Lenten Service – St. James and St. George, Jermyn
 3/28 – Palm Sunday – Easter Breakfast reservations in today.
 4/1 – Holy Thursday Service of Communion and Tenebrae at Peckville @ 7:00pm
 4/2 – Good Friday services Blakely Baptist 12:00 to 3:00 and Bradley Memorial at 7:00pm
 4/4 – Easter Sunday service’s – Sunrise service at 6:30 at Presbyterian Church (Breakfast following) at Peckville UMC, Bradley worship 9:00am and Peckville service at 11:00am
 4/4 – cookie orders in
 4/12 – welsh cookies made today
 4/18 – food and fellowship
 4/25 – Evening of Music at 7:00pm
 World Malaria Day for Nets \$10
 4/30 & 5/1 & 5/8 – Scranton lay Academy at Hawley UMC
 5/2 – District Praise Day
 5/6 – Ad Council @ Peckville at 8:00pm
 5/23 – Memorial Day Booklet
 5/30 – worship at Peckville moves to 10:30 for summer

Please remember we are still in need of e-mail addresses for the newsletter. I have received many and we are already cutting down on expenses sending out our mailings. Your e-mail will be kept completely confidential and not given to anyone else. Thank You for your help in this matter. Beth

TO HERE GOD’S VOICE TURN DOWN THE WORLD’S VOLUME.

Looking Forward (Peckville)

Please remember for Memorial weekend we will be doing a booklet of those we would like to honor or remember. For \$1.00 per name. Please give Beth Taylor info by May23.

***AN EASTER PRAYER
 O God of Easter,
 God of resurrection power,
 Bring heavenly life to our
 Earthbound souls;
 Thou, who did’st call Lazarus forth
 From his tomb,
 Call us forth from dead works, and let our hearts be
 aglow
 With immortal glory and power.
 Call us out of the tomb of hollow profession,
 Of cold creeds, and wordy ritual,
 And let Thy life abundant permeate and
 Saturate our stagnant souls.
 Bring joy where there is heaviness of heart;
 Bring peace where there is confusion;
 Bring love were there is bitterness;
 And may we henceforth live in
 The glorious glow of The Life
 Which that first Easter poured
 Forth upon a world of darkness.
 And may we always be mindful of the
 Source of this life-giving power,
 And come to Thee regularly to be fulfilled.
 In the Savior’s name. Amen.
 Author Unknown***

Because the hospitals no longer call a pastor because it interferes with the patient's right to privacy, the pastor asks that the family of anyone in the hospital please call her. It will be the only way she will know. Thank You.

Pastor Sharon is in her home office Monday thru Thursday 10:00am to 1:00pm. The phone number is 489-0713. She can also be reached at home anytime at 282-0104.

You may reach the charge secretary (Beth Taylor) at 383-2119, edt1157@yahoo.com

The Peckville United Methodist Church is now on the World Wide Web at www.peckvilleumc.org with updates made weekly.

**The mission statement of the Peckville and Bradley Memorial Churches:
To Glorify God by sharing
The Gospel of Jesus Christ,
Nurturing disciples,
And reaching out to a world in need.**