



FROM THE PASTORS PEN



Exhaustion. Movie stars, politicians, physicians, clergy, newspaper professionals, computer workers seem especially susceptible. We often read where they come to the end of their robe and are forced in hospitalization. In the case of high-profile people, press releases say "Suffering from exhaustion."

I used to think that this exhaustion stuff was silly. After all, movie stars, physicians, clergy, editors working themselves to death? Come on now. How can they? They're not exactly laying the Trans-continental pipeline or doing roof work under the scorching sun. What could be easier than acting in front of cameras, prescribing medicine, preparing sermons and arranging newspaper layouts?

I'll let you in on a little secret. Just because sweat drops don't bead on the brow doesn't mean that professionals don't work and work very hard. I've long ago concluded that aching minds are harder to quiet than aching muscles. And that's precisely the tool these people use and over-use more than any other.

Unfortunately, sometimes the tool of cognition breaks.

I talked to two professionals this week who had it happen. A psychologist and cleric. Both had to seek professional treatment in an in-patient institution for their problems—problems of a whipped spirit and unraveled mind.

Listen. The next time you're watching TV, enjoying a movie, reading the newspaper, visiting your family physician, or listening to a sermon, and are tempted to think, "You call this work?" think about it again. Think about our Lord and how the pressures of life reached a point where he said, "Father, if it be possible that this cup pass from me," and helping angels came and ministered renewal. Oh, God, might we all share that renewal THIS EASTER SEASON, 2014.



BECAUSE

Because it rains when we wish it wouldn't,
Because men do what they often shouldn't,
Because crops fail, and plans go wrong-
Some of us grumble all day long.
But somehow, in spite of the care and doubt,
It seems at last that things work out.

Because we lose where we hoped to gain,
Because we suffer a little pain,
Because we must work when we'd like to play-
Some of us whimper along life's way.
But somehow, as day always follows the night,
Most of our troubles work out all right.

Because we cannot forever smile,
Because we must trudge in the dust awhile,
Because we think that the way is long-
Some of us whimper that life's all wrong.
But somehow we live and our sky grows bright,
And everything seems to work out all right.

So bend to your trouble and meet your care,
For the clouds must break, and the sky grow fair.

Let the rain come down, as it must and will,
But keep on working and hoping still.
For in spite of the grumblers who stand about,
Somehow, it seems, all things work out.

Blessings, Marla



Dear Friends,

Once again we are in the Lenten season. The Ministerium is in the midst of conducting joint worship services at area churches. The offerings received go directly to the Mid Valley Bread Basket in Jessup to aid the needy. Lent is a time for reflection and renewal, and to remember the journey that Christ made and ended with the crucifixion and His resurrection on Easter Sunday. We will be returning upstairs in April for our worship services. It truly was a cold and snowy winter.

The Easter season also gives us the opportunity to remember our loved ones with donations to the Renovation Fund, the Organ Fund, Scholarship and Memorial Funds. We may also purchase Easter plants in honor or in memory of loved ones. Let us be mindful of the many blessings we have and to be generous of the needs of others. We appreciate your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Respectfully yours,
Bob Elvidge
Finance Chairperson



There will be a hoagie sale at the PUMC on April 5th. Please contact Bob Elvidge 903-3108 or Paul Lucas 489-4082 to place your orders.



April 17th

Maundy Thursday

Service at Peckville UMC at 7pm

April 18th

Good Friday Service

Blakely Baptist Church 12-3pm



April 20th

Easter Sunrise Service

First United Presbyterian 6:30am



ROAST BEEF DINNER

TAKE OUT ONLY, on Sat., April 26th, from 3:30 to 5:30PM. Cakes and help will be needed for this dinner. See Bonny 489-6093 or Bob Elvidge 903-3108 for tickets @ \$12. per dinner. Please call Fran if you are able to bake. 489-0301



Good Friday Service
Bradley Memorial United
Methodist Church
7PM



EASTER MEMORIALS

Peckville's Easter Memorials and honorium should be in by Sunday April 13th. (Palm Sunday). Gifts and information should be given to the following people.

Memorial Fund

-Bill Llewellyn
489-6106

Organ & Renovation

-Sue Lucas or Sue Snyder

Warring Fendick Scholarship Fund

-Sue Lucas or Sue Snyder
489-4082----383-2052

Music Fund

-Bonny Taylor
489-6093

Flowers

-Bob Elvidge
903-3108

(To insure your memorial or honorium will be in the booklet please have them in by April 13th.)

Lighthouses of the Lackawanna

Mid-Valley

They are everywhere. Why Peckville has at least eight of them! Well maybe not actual lighthouses. But shouldn't churches function similarly to lighthouses? They are structures, both in a physical and organizational sense. With actual lighthouses all the activity inside is to support the primary objective of the lighthouse. That objective is to shine a light out to sea to guide and warn ships. If a lighthouse doesn't cast its light out, then it is not fulfilling its primary objective. Oh it may look pretty but it is not benefiting anyone out at sea. It is somewhat the same for churches. The activity of a church on the inside must work to focus its energy to the sea of sick, poor, hungry and hurting of its community and the world. A lighthouse casts its light out focused, but in an indiscriminate fashion, not judging who receives it, or expecting anything in return. The workers in the lighthouse are like members of the church. We are here to support each other in doing the work of the church. When we got our job in this lighthouse (joined the church) we promised to "faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our PRAYERS, our PRESENCE, our GIFTS, our SERVICE, and our WITNESS". Working together we can shine a bright light out into our community. Not expecting to get more members, but to minister to a world in need. In the workplace most of us receive a yearly review, how would yours or mine go if we sat down with the boss to review this last year?

42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, **43** I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

45 "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

Matthew 25:42-45

◇ Tom Taylor



BROOMS

Spring is just around the corner. In need for a new broom? The PUMC choir has brooms for sale for \$12. Please help support your choir. Who knows, maybe it is a magic broom and you can sing while you sweep! The choir will rub off on you!

Spring Brunch

Spring Brunch at Wesley Village on Sunday, April 6 from 10 AM to 2 PM Donation \$12.00.

For info, please contact Bonny Taylor (570-489-6093).





GRADUATES: Please contact Marla if there is someone graduating this year. 362-4260, secretary @peckville umc.org



Bradley Memorial UMC will have Easter flowers for sale

\$ 10.00/plant Available are Lilies ; Tulips (Yellow, White, Red & Pink); and Hyacinths (White, Pink, Blue). All orders are due **NO LATER** than March 23 to Pat. Please specify if in Honor of or Memory of.

Thank you .



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| 4/5 | Hoagies |
| 4/6 | Wesley Lunch |
| 4/12 | Welsh Cookies |
| 4/13 | at Bradley |
| 4/17 | Holy Thursday
Tenebrae Service PUMC 7pm |
| 4/18 | Good Friday 12-3pm
Blakely Baptist Church |
| 4/20 | Easter Sunrise Svc 6:30am
First United Presbyterian |
| 4/20 | Easter Service
BUMC 9am
PUMC 11am |
| 4/26 | Red Door Café
Lunch 12 noon |
| 4/26 | Roast Beef Dinner |

District Lay Servant Ministries for Spring Lay Academy - "Equipping God's People" will meet at PUMC on Saturdays, April 12 & 26 from 9 AM to 3 PM.



If you have not already done so, please join our email list. We do mail out quite a bit of newsletters, so if you prefer to have your newsletter sooner or would like to see the church save on postage, won't you please consider the church reaching you by email. Please remember that your e-mail will be used only for church mailings.



PUMC ON THE WEB!

www.peckvilleumc.org can keep you up to date on what is going on in the Peckville and Bradley United Methodist Churches.



FACEBOOK

Please **LIKE** our page so can see photos and church activities as they arise.

sometimes you will
never know the true
value of a moment
until it becomes a
memory.

Because hospitals no longer call Pastor as it interferes with patient privacy, the Pastor asks the family of anyone in the hospital to please call him.

Rev. Shambora may be reached at

570-371-8123

Please send an email or call with a message to Marla as to who may need to be in our community of prayer and for announcements needed for the bulletin by Wednesday evening. Thank you. (I would like to start a good news section of the bulletin if anyone has some joy to spread. Wellness, weddings, graduations, upcoming births, b-days, etc.)

Email-secretary@peckvilleumc.org

Phone: 876-5357

362-4260

Happy Easter