

**Peckville and Bradley Memorial United Methodist Charge  
Fall 2011 News Letter**

**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 rope and are forced into hospitalization. In 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 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, 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 a 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 a newspaper, visiting your family physician, or listening to a sermon, and are tempted to think, "You call this work?" 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 same renewal.

By the Rev. Michael Shambora.

*\*Lord, make me humble, and when I am humble, don't let me know it.\**

**Hoagie Sale to benefit flood victims  
Saturday October 8, 2011  
\$5.00**

**Pickup between 9:00am and 10:00am  
Peckville United Methodist Church  
Place orders with Ron Lucas at  
383-1611 or 406-8409**

**Help in making them on Friday evening or  
Saturday Morning will be greatly  
appreciated.**

**Sunday School Resumes**

Peckville's Sunday school resumed on Sunday October 16th with classes for every age group. Please remember that Sunday School starts at **9:45a.m.**

**Bake Sale**

**To benefit flood relief**

**On Saturday, October 22 at 10:00am the Peckville UMC will hold a bake sale to benefit the flood relief for victims of the recent flooding. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!! We need people to bake, people to help the day of the sale and of course people to buy! If you can bake or help the day of the sale please call Beth (383-2119) Maureen (489-8042) or Fran (489-0301). Weather permitting we will hold the sale outside.**

*\*The Scriptures are shallow enough for a babe to come and drink without fear of drowning,*

*and deep enough for theologians to swim in without ever reaching the bottom. -St. Jerome\**

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*\*Never take on more work than you have time to pray about.\**

**A word from Peckville's Director of Music  
Come Join The choir!!!**

We have many empty chairs in the choir loft. Wouldn't you like to fill one of them? There are many in our congregation who would be a real asset to the choir. If you cannot be there every rehearsal or every Sunday, it is not a problem. We rehearse anthems weeks in advance. In fact, we will be starting our Christmas Cantata. If you don't feel you can sing every Sunday, please join us on Thursdays at 6:45 and come for Cantata rehearsal. Come and serve your Lord by singing praises to Him.

**Roast Beef Dinner**

**Peckville's annual EAT IN ONLY roast beef dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:00P.M. Pre-reserve tickets \$10 – Adult and \$5 – Child.**

**Limited tickets at the door -\$12 adult and \$6 – child**

**For information please call 489-6093 or 489-8042.**

**Help will be needed for the dining room. If you will make a dessert, please call Fran at 489-0301 or Maureen at 489-8042**

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*\*We can do no great things; only small things with great love. -Mother Teresa\**

**Report from the Peckville Finance  
chairperson**

As this letter is written, most of us are adjusting to the end of summer season. Most have taken vacations and schools are back in session. In July we welcomed our new pastor, Rev. Michael Shambora to our church. He has adjusted very well to new surroundings and has been very inspirational. Please come on Sunday mornings for our worship service.

We have been in the new Susquehanna Conference for one year now and the transition seems to have been smooth.

Our parsonage, which has been empty for over 10 years is now on the market for sale. It is a spacious home with plenty of room for the new owner's plans. There are several appliances and chairs that will be available to anyone in need in our congregation or to flood victims in the Wyoming Valley.

The recent series of storms that affected the East Coast states has been devastating. Our church conference has set up a drive to help the people in need. Donations can be made directly to the Susquehanna flood relief fund and placed in the offering plates or mailed directly to the Conference. The address is included in this newsletter. We have no control over natural disasters but we can offer our gifts and prayers to those affected. Please consider a gift to those in need.

Respectively yours,  
Bob Elvidge – Finance

Chairperson

*\*Knowing Scripture is of little benefit until it is practiced.\**

**Charge Conference**

**We are scheduled for our annual charge conference on Monday Evening, October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Dunmore UMC at 7:00pm.**

**Everyone who is a member of the Peckville and Bradley Memorial churches has a vote**

**at charge conference. Please plan on attending.**

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### **Peckville Welch Cookies**

We will be making welsh cookies on Monday October 10. Orders should be in by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

*\*The faith in our hearts should always be visible in our lives.\**

### **Bradley Memorial United Methodist Women**

Greetings and Happy Fall from the Bradley Memorial UMW. We are pleased to have welcomed Rev. Michael Shambora to Bradley Memorial. On July 3, we held an informal "get to know each other" at 8A.M. before church, and each of those assembled wore a name tag, so he could "begin to know us" and recognize us by name. Donuts, croissants and pastries were served, along with coffee, Tea, and Juice for the children. We have been EXTREMELY blessed at Bradley with an anonymous donation for the scraping and painting of our tower and our UM flame. Additionally, we are EXTREMELY blessed by the generous gift for the work to be done on our roof b from Bob and Isabelle Keegan. Words cannot express our Thanks for these wonderful gifts, that we may continue to be an asset to the community of Lincoln Street, and Dickson city. On September 23 and 24, we gathered together to make 423 dozen Welsh Cookies. I wish to extend my sincere Thanks to all of those who gave up their days off, and came out to help with the huge undertaking. We are looking forward to the fall season, and the beautiful colors we hope to see. May God continue to bless Bradley Memorial with health, prosperity, and most of all FAITH.

**Nancy McLain, UMW**

*\*Change your prayers sometimes. Wake up in the morning and say, "God, what can I do for you today?!"\**

### **Peckville Food and Fellowship**

**We are so pleased that our food and fellowship has been a huge success and we will be continuing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. So mark your calendars now and plan on staying after worship for some great food and even greater fellowship!!**

*\*Blessed are they who expect nothing, For they shall never be disappointed. -Alexander Pope\**

### **Bible Study**

**Please remember we have a weekly Bible Study every Tuesday evening 7:00pm at the Peckville UMC. We would love for you to join us!! Please note for the month of October and the First week of November we will be meeting on Wednesdays.**

*\*God cares for the lost, the last, and the least. Our mission is the same.\**

### **Scranton District News**

**Redistricting news**

**Sunday, October 30,2011**

**2:30pm at East Benton UMC**

**This is an opportunity for conversation with the District Superintendents regarding changes in district lines and new leadership roles on the district. Please join us**

## **Flood news**

### **FEMA facts and figures**

**Within the boundary of the Susquehanna Conference, FEMA reports that 18,417 households have applied for recovery assistance. The number of households that have been awarded the maximum of \$30,000 so far is 265.**

**These statistics cover the following counties: Adams, Bradford, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Luzerne, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Union, Wyoming and York.**

### **Special needs for Cleanup Operations**

**Scrub brushes**

**One and two gallon buckets**

**Rubber gloves**

**Drop these off at mission central HUB or UM churches.**

**Call Larry Siikanen at 570-898-8710 to arrange pick-up**

**Doug Sivers, Disaster Relief Coordinator can be reached at 607-725-3086 or e-mail [dsivers@susumc.org](mailto:dsivers@susumc.org)**

### **To make a donation**

**You can put your donation in the offering plate marked Flood relief or you may mail directly to:**

**Susquehanna Conference**

**Attn: Finance Office**

**P.O. Box 2053 Mechanicsburg, Pa 17055**

**Write in memo line Susquehanna Flood relief Fund# 63660**

**Or contribute to UMCOR by mailing checks to above address:**

**Write in memo line: U.S. Disaster Response #901670-Hurricanes 2011**

### **Flood relief in Susquehanna County**

**We have received word that there is a great need for teams and individuals to help in the Great Bend/Susquehanna/Lanesboro areas of our district. Please contact the district office at 570-344-8313 or Doug Sivers, NE disaster relief coordinator at 607-725-3086. Help is needed for hands on clean out of houses directly.**

### **Christianity after Religion**

**The Hawley UMC is pleased to be able to bring one of our leading writers and thinkers on mainline church ministry, Diana Butler Bass, to this area of Northeast Pa on Saturday, Nov. 5 and 6. There will be a series of discussions over the weekend – 2 on Saturday morning, and 1 early afternoon. Then again she will be offering a final discussion on Sunday afternoon. In addition, Dr. Butler Bass will be preaching the 2 services at Hawley UMC Sunday Morning.**

**Costs for the weekend are \$90 for the weekend, \$75 for the Saturday events; \$25 for the Sunday session only. Lunch is included on Saturday.**

**Registration deadline is October 16.**

**For more info: [www.hawleyumc.org](http://www.hawleyumc.org)**

*\*God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone,  
but on trees, and flowers, and clouds, and stars.  
-Martin Luther\**

*\*If we take time for prayer, we will find time  
for all the other things needing our attention.\**

### **Calendar of Events**

**Sunday worship every week:  
Bradley Memorial – 9:00am  
Peckville – Sunday School – 9:45,  
worship at 11:00am.  
Every Tuesday Bible Study's held at  
Peckville UMC 7:00pm.  
Peckville choir Thursday's at 6:45  
10/8 – Hoagie sale - Peckville  
10/10 – Peckville welsh cookie bake  
10/16– food and fellowship Sunday  
10/17 – Charge conference at the  
Dunmore UMC.  
10/22 – Bake sale - Peckville  
11/5 – Roast beef dinner**

*\*God wants us to have faith more than in our  
souls; God wants us to have it in our shoes.\**

You can reach the charge secretary at 383-  
2119 or by e-mail at [edt1157@yahoo.com](mailto:edt1157@yahoo.com)

*\*The church is the church only when it exists for  
others. -Dietrich Bonhoeffer\**

*\*The closer we come to God, the more we realize  
our distance.\**

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

*\*Next to the Word of God, the noble art of  
music is the greatest treasure in the world. -  
Martin Luther\**

*\*Joy is the best proof of having a relationship  
with God.\**

*\*We can preach a better sermon with our life  
than with our lips. -Oliver Goldsmith  
[adpated]\**

*\*If we cannot pray when the sun shines, we  
will not know how to pray when the clouds  
come.\**

The Internet or World Wide Web has become a  
technology that needs to be exploited by  
Christians in the spreading of the Gospel. Just  
as Gutenberg's  
printing press in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, radio and  
television in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Christians in the  
21<sup>st</sup> century can use this medium to spread the  
Good News.

WWW.PECKVILLEUMC.ORG can be a  
very useful portal to the global United  
Methodist Church.

Keep up to date on what is going on in the  
Peckville United Methodist Church, the  
Peckville and Bradley Memorial Charge, the  
Wyoming Conference, and the United  
Methodist Church in general.



If you would receive the newsletter in this way please send your e-mail to Beth Taylor at [edt1157@yahoo.com](mailto:edt1157@yahoo.com) and please put church e-mail in subject bar. Thank You Beth.

### The Web Page Contains

- Church / Charge Information:
- The church bulletin is posted weekly
- Local Church news
- Local Church calendar
- Information about our church
- As well as service times and directions for those who are looking for a church
- District and Conference Information
- Link to our Wyoming Conference
- Link to the Sky Lake Conference Center
- Coming soon links to other local churches
- The General United Methodist Church
- Link to WWW.UMC.ORG
- From here there are link to a wealth of information about the United Methodist Church and its resources.

### Peckville UMC has a Face book page!!

We are still trying to compile an e-mail list to send as many newsletters as possible this way because the price of postage for mailing it is so expensive. Your e-mail will be used for the newsletter only and occasionally other important information pertaining to your church. We will also use a blind copy to send out the newsletter so your e-mail will be safe.