

**Peckville and Bradley Memorial United Methodist Charge
Fall 2009 News Letter**

From The Pastors' Pen

Greetings in the name of Christ,

As we move into the fall, this is our cry as a church: God, take me I hold nothing back. Come, unleash your power use me and us according to the dreams of your heart." Its time to get on board----its going to be an awesome ride!

Do you want to see your church grow? If the answer is yes, let's pull together and make an effort to support God through our churches with our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service. Now that October has rolled around there is plenty of fresh opportunities for us to grow in grace. Being a member of God's church is not only a privilege but a responsibility. Just as you are facing difficult times in this economic crisis, so is the church. Come and help us through the hard times. Do you have any suggestions as to how we can grow? How are we going to meet next year's budget when we aren't meeting this year's expense? Maybe more fundraisers. We need more help; it seems that our present fund raisers fall on the shoulders of just a few people. Will you help?

What is missing? CH__CH

The bible Study, Facing your Giants by Max Lucado could be a real boost for you to be able to cope with the troubles you face. This study is offered on Tuesday nights at 7 PM at the Peckville UMC for both churches.

October 29th will be the first meeting of the Pioneer Club, a program for ages Kindergarten to 6th grade. We will meet on

Thursdays from 4 – 5 PM. More information to follow.

Another date in October to remember is a new UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) program. We will meet once a month beginning October 18th at 6PM.

Autumn has arrived; let's not fall back into our old ways.

The Gospel of Matthew tells us: "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." This scripture passage from the famous sermon on the Mount has inspired many Christians over the centuries to share the Good News in word and deed. Restaurants may brag about being the best kept secret in town, but a church is to light the way with Christ. In the above verses, Jesus, the Light of the World, now also calls us "the light of the world." Jesus said that, "A city on a hill cannot be hid." The same is true for our churches on the hill. We are called to live out a joyous task for God; to be a beacon of hope in a world of struggle.

May THE BEACON continue to reflect heaven's light at Bradley Memorial and Peckville United Methodist Churches.

**Grace be with you,
Pastor Sharon and Fred**

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

Sunday School Resumes

Peckville's Sunday school resumed on Sunday September 13th with classes for every age group. Please remember that Sunday School starts at **9:45a.m.** sharp!!

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

Peckville Worship

Peckville worship returned to 11:00am on Sunday, September 13.

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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've just started 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.

Praise deserves a Sacrifice

Pick the scriptures on almost any page and we find praise wedded to sacrifice. I enjoy praise. It's fun to sing. But I seldom think of sacrifice. Oh, I go to rehearsals when I am tired. Some weekend give way to choir responsibilities. Becoming involved in church

activities motivates me to give money. Sometimes I even give time with my family to do church work. But sacrifice? That word is too strong for the kind of things I do.

Most of the biblical prophets and saints walked roads of toil and torture. Early Christians suffered martyrdom for their faith. On the other hand, I grumble because the rehearsal room gets hot. My sacrifices are small.

Yet even my small offerings praise God.

To often I underestimate the importance of my sacrifices, for instance, the faithfulness I show in attending choir. If I don't go to rehearsal tonight, it will be twice as easy to skip next week. Then I'll soon go only when convenient or when nothing else seems more enticing. When I take my choir commitment casually others will too and I become a bad example.

"You're here every week, aren't you?" Mary asked. "Don't you ever feel tempted to skip choir and stay home?"

"O yes, but a good choir enhances worship and that's important. It deserves a sacrifice."

Maybe this reflects what the writer to the Hebrews meant, "Then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name."

Of course the sacrifice God wants most..... is me.

**Taken from the newsletter of the
Roser Community Church of Anna Maria
Island, Florida**

Roast Beef Dinner

Peckville's annual roast beef dinner will be held

Saturday, November 7, 2008

Serving: Take outs 3:30 to 5:30 PM

Eat in 5 to 6:30 PM

Donation: Adults \$10.00

Children under 12 years \$5.00.

There will be a limited number of tickets at the door.

If you will bake pies or desserts, please contact Bonny at 489-6093.

This is a CHURCH PROJECT, please offer to help for whatever time you have available. This has normally been our only church fund raiser for the year. Please come out and support it!

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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 the church newsletter arrives in our homes the fall weather is here, the students are back in school and church activities will resume. Hopefully we all have enjoyed the summer with vacations, day trips, swimming, or just relaxing in the shade.

Soon the reality of the colder weather of winter will set in. Several church committees have been busy setting dates for the coming months. Some of these are highlighted in this newsletter. The choir has started practicing music for fall and the Christmas season.

As we resume the church activities let us remember our pledges and financial support also. Our church has always been known as a community church, so come to church and invite a friend also.

Respectively yours,
Bob Elvidge – Finance

Chairperson

Knowing Scripture is of little benefit until it is practiced.

Peckville Welch Cookies

We will be making welsh cookies on Monday November 9, please have all orders in by Sunday, November 1. You can call Bonny at 489-5093.

A word from the Bradley Memorial Chairman of the Administrative Council

It's the first days of fall, the leaves are turning color, the temperatures are starting to dip and we all know what comes next. There is a bright ray of sunshine though and it is shining on Bradley Memorial.

Our weekly Sunday attendance now averages around 25 per service and there are always upwards of 10 regulars absent on any Sunday. We recently welcomed two new members into the congregation and I know we can all encourage current members to attend and also seek new members. An average attendance of 40 per service would be wonderful.

This year we took on a major project, a new main roof, which entailed a substantial loan. We also contracted for a new basement door which was delivered and painted and now awaits installation. Another smaller project was installing ceramic tile on the basement bathroom floor, a welcome improvement. The furnace room door was also altered so that it now

opens completely. With a little paint touch up the basement will be in great shape.

Another project we began was confirming our membership. As our original membership book came up missing a few years ago, it was decided to use the charge mailing list to contact those listed. We also included a flyer seeking donations and pledges to pay off our new roof loan. The returns of the membership letters are far from complete; however a few weeks ago we received a generous donation anonymously which allowed us to pay off the roof loan in full. We have also received many donations of time, talent and merchandise as well as cash which is greatly appreciated.

Most recently it was discovered that our organ was failing and could not be repaired due to its age. Again the Lord looked over us and pointed to a sister church in New York State that gave us their organ, which is much newer than ours. We have disposed of our old organ, picked up our new organ and will be having it installed in the near future.

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our sanctuary, we must praise the Lord for the work that is done to preserve this building. We must also pray to our Savior for our congregation and its growth.

God Bless You!

Norm Barrett

Chairman Administrative Council

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

**Bradley Memorial United Methodist
Women**

Autumn Greetings from the UMW.

We enjoyed having the summer off, after a wonderful night of food and fellowship at Stirna's restaurant in June.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our Thanks for all of the wonderful, an positive things happening at Bradley Memorial. The basement is now totally painted, and we are awaiting the installation of the new door for the kitchen entrance. The bathroom has been painted, and the tile floor has been installed. What a beautiful difference. All it needs is just a "pinch" of a woman's touch with a picture, etc. and we will be in great shape. We are in the process of installing a new "used" organ that was given to us by a church in New York State. Thank Heaven for our United Methodist brothers and sisters. We had a tremendous turn out for our very successful Welsh Cookie bake, and already have orders for our next one. We would like to thank all of those who came out to support Bradley. UMW would like to thank our EXTREMELY generous benefactor for the donation to the roof fund. We will be honoring two members from Bradley Memorial, and also lighting a candle in memory of Lenny Hoeffner at the upcoming District UMW meeting to be held in Tompkinsville on October 17. Along with these members, we will fulfill 4 of the 5 points of the UMW star by our pledge to mission, and our calendar profits will go the district fund. We wish you a wonderful Fall season, and look forward to many more great things happening at Bradley Memorial. God Bless.

Nancy McLain, President,
UMW, and all members.

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

A special thank you at Bradley Memorial

A special “thank You” goes out to Norm Barrett for all the skilled work he has, and is continuing to do in the church. Recently Norm finished installing a new ceramic tile floor in the downstairs bathroom, which replaces the old linoleum covering. A great improvement. He is also preparing the finish coating on two steel doors and will then be installing them, one to the furnace room and one for the rear exit. Norm also recently spearheaded the repainting of the downstairs meeting room. Nice work, Norm, and nice work to all those who helped!!!

Small changes in Worship Service

Out of a recent meeting it was brought to the Pastor’s attention that there is a feeling in both churches that maybe our services are losing a sense of real worship. In order to try and correct this need there are a couple of small changes being implemented in our services. First our announcements will come before the Prelude, this way when our organist starts to play we can prepare ourselves for an attitude of worship. Second we are going to try using small cards as you enter the sanctuary to write down your prayer requests, this is out of a need of Pastor Sharon not always being able to hear what is being said. She will have the requests in her hand and will be able to read them to the congregation; she will also ask if there are any other prayer requests. Please be patient with us as we try to make our Worship services meaningful for all. Thank You.

Pioneer Club

Calling all children from Kindergarten to 6th grade!! Starting Thursday, October 29th at the Peckville United Methodist The Pioneer Club will meet each Thursday from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

Pioneer Club provides weekly club programs for boys and girls that help make Christ Lord in every aspect of life. Club members grow socially, physically, intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually through skill-building activities, projects, games, singing, Scripture memory, and bible study.

This is a program designed for the small church which provides discipleship and outreach to children. It helps children build healthy relationships and rewarding relationships with each other, Christian Adults, and ultimately, Jesus Christ.

This is an open program available to all community children so spread the word about this exciting new program which will help to enhance everything your children learns in Sunday school.

For more information please feel free to call Tracy Greely at 489-0166.

Pastor’s 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!!

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

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship will hold an organization meeting on Sunday, October 18th at 6:00pm. The plan at this point is to meet once a month at the Peckville United Methodist Church. Please encourage your youth to come and bring a friend. Thank You.

Bread Basket Walk

Breadbasket walk will be held Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Mellow Park Peckville at 9am to noon. Please consider walking or supporting someone who is for this great cause. Forms may be found in the back of both Peckville and Bradley Memorial.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at the Blakely Baptist Church at 7:00pm on November 26, 2009.

Peckville Food and Fellowship

We are now starting our third year of our Food and Fellowship Sunday's. We are so pleased that it has been a huge success and we will be continuing the 3rd Sunday of each month. So mark your calendars now and plan on staying after worship for some great food and even greater fellowship!!

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

Philippines: Typhoon Ketsana Response

(Please pardon this repeat of last night, but the link to the UMCOR page did not work.)

On Sunday, September 27, Typhoon Ketsana unleashed its power on the island of Luzon in the Philippines. Hours of heavy rains caused flashfloods and landslides. Homes were washed away and many people were forced to flee to rooftops for safety. Nearly half a million people have been displaced and 246 people are

reported dead. Manila, Muntinlup and Taguig regions were hardest hit. BBC news reports indicated that 80 percent of Manila is underwater.

UMCOR Philippines is working with its local partners including Action by Churches Together (ACT) and the National Council of Churches to provide relief to those affected by Typhoon Ketsana. The agencies are in the beginning stages of assessing the damage.

Your gifts are urgently needed to assist affected families. Please support this relief effort by giving to **Philippines Emergency, UMCOR Advance #240235**. If this link does not work, type the following link in your browser.

<http://secure.gbgm-umc.org/donations/umcor/donate.cfm?code=240235&id=3018639>

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

Sky Lake Winter Retreat

Sky Lake winter retreat will be held January 29 – 31, 2010. Price for the weekend. Ages 12-adult- \$84 – children 3 -11- \$42 for more info contact Ron Lucas at 383-1611.

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
10/18– food and fellowship Sunday
10/18 – UMYF meeting at 6:00pm
10/29 – Pioneer club at 4:00pm
11/7 – Roast beef dinner
11/1 – welsh cookie orders in
11/9 – welsh cookies made
11/15 – food and fellowship Sunday
11/25 – Thanksgiving eve service
Blakely Baptist Church at 7:00pm

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

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

Pastor Sharon is in her home office mornings Monday thru Thursday The phone number at the parsonage is 489-0713 and rings in her home. She can also be reached at home anytime at 282-0104.

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 15th century, radio and television in the 20th century, Christians in the 21st 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.



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.

A Hoagie sale will be held on October 31 at Peckville to benefit Marla Marrazzo. For orders call Ron Lucas at 383-1611.

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