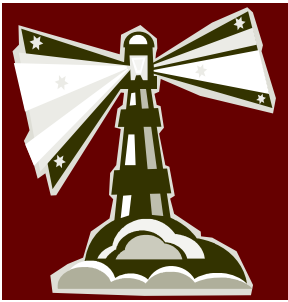


July  
2010



BRADLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**The Bradley Beacon**

"Our Purpose is to grow people to magnify God, become members of Christ and his Body,  
be mature in Christ, minister through Christ, and be in mission with Christ."



**"A PRAYER FOR MY CHILDREN"**

Maybe it is because yesterday was Fathers Day or maybe it is because we have completed two days of Vacation Bible School tonight but for whatever reason, children have been on my mind. No matter how old we get or how old our children get, they are always our children. We will still pray for them, worry about them, love them and many times want to guide them.

It was a delight for me to have my son and daughter call me though both were out of state yesterday and wish me "Happy Father's Day." It was a delight to get hugs from my step-daughters who also wished me a "Happy Father's Day." It is a delight to see children all excited and rambunctious at a Vacation Bible School, singing their songs with all the jumps and movements that go with them. Children give to us fresh reminders about the beauty in this world, hope for tomorrow and the good feeling that there are others who will come after us when we have gone to carry on the good fight. God will be with them just as He has been with us and all the generations that came before we arrived.

For years I have had a prayer sometimes taped to my computer desk or by my bedside or just "in" my computer written by Amy Carmichael that I think is both simple and profound. When my children have been in need or simply in daily devotions I have prayed this prayer many times. I share it with you in hopes it may give you the blessing it has given me.

One last thing...I know we have members who have given a child back to God. My parents did that as well with one of my brothers. I know there is no greater loss in this world than that one great loss. God also gave up a Son. Be encouraged by the promise of a future reunion in a place where it will be as though that loss never even happened.

God bless all parents and all children everywhere.

With you in the Lift,

Pastor Wade

**A PRAYER FOR MY CHILDREN**

Father, hear me, I am praying.  
Hear the words my heart is saying.  
I am praying for my children.  
Keep them from the powers of evil,  
From the secret, hidden peril.  
Father, hear me for my children.  
From the world's hollow gladness,  
From the sting of faithless sadness,  
Father, Father, keep my children.  
Through life's troubled waters steer them.  
Through life's bitter battles cheer them.  
Father, Father, be thou near them.  
And wherever they may abide,  
Bring them Home at eventide.  
(Amy Carmichael.)

# Blood DRIVE

Bradley will once again be hosting a blood drive. Please consider donating blood this year, you may save someone's life! The Blood drive will be held : **Monday July 26 from 3:00-7:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Watch for registration information in upcoming bulletin announcements.

## Church Council Update

By the time you read this, VBS will be complete. Once again we partnered with Greenfield Christian Church. We do this mainly because neither of us have enough children or workers to run a good program alone. It works out very well.

Finance reported people should be reminded to pay their pledges before they go on vacation this summer. Finance participated in the two informational sessions and gave the attendees the history of current financial circumstances. Staff Parish reported starting the process to locate a youth director. Staff Parish also participated in the informational sessions.

Church council discussed generally the goal to start a long range planning process to determine what programming to offer, what changes should be made to worship services, how to grow the church. Nothing definite was established, although it is expected a committee will be named to organize the planning process.

-Lyn O'Neal



### Special Service Time on Sunday, July 4th

**Sunday School 9:00 a.m.**  
**Fellowship Time 10:00 a.m.**  
**Worship Service 10:30 a.m.**

## Faith Promise

Faith Promise met all their goals for the 2009/2010 year thanks to your generous giving.

Recent distribution of Faith Promise funds:

Greater Greenfield Ministerial assoc.	\$1,000.00
Bradley Emergency Fund	500.00
Dixie Ross Foundation	500.00
Love INC	1,000.00
Henderson Settlement	1,000.00
Grace Children's Home, Haiti	1,000.00
Medicine Box	1,000.00
UMCOR International	1,000.00
McCurdy School	1,000.00
Joy in the Harvest, Lowell & Claudia Wertz	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,000.00.</b>

### YOU CAN HELP! LOVE INC

#### FURNITURE MINISTRY INVENTORY

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Full size mattresses & queen size mattress sets. We always need sets but no more full size box springs (we have 4 full size box springs that we have no mattresses for). We can use sofas (we have only 1) and chest of drawers (not the very long heavy dressers with mirrors).

**NOT NEEDED:** We have enough of all kinds of living room chairs as well as recliner chairs, love seats, kitchen tables & chairs, dryers, stoves and full size box springs. We prefer not to accept the very long heavy dressers with mirrors.

Thank you for caring.

In Grace, Brenda Rodgers, Director  
Love In the Name of Christ of Greater Hancock County

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## CHURCH COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL SESSION

The informational session was opened by moderator Keith Davis. Keith gave a brief explanation of the cart before the horse as being the reason these meetings were needed. Nick Kile, chair of Finance, explained that to understand our current circumstance we needed to go back to December 2007. We had received two (2) anonymous gifts designated for the 2008 operating budget in the total sum of \$44,000.00. Those gifts were not used in 2008 but were held by error in a designated account. In 2008 we had the housing bubble and stock crash. The 2008 finance campaign for the 2009 budget year resulted in pledges of \$276,000.00 which was a massive reduction from the previous year. Our budgeted expenses were \$415,000.00 which resulted in a starting deficit of \$56,000.00 for January 2009. Our budget generally runs 61% staff and benefits, 22% operations and maintenance, 12% apportionments and 5% programs. Rev. Crawford suggested that the associate position could be cut as a way to take care of that deficit. At that time, Finance had already decided that there was no alternative but to cut staff. When it was learned that the 2007 gifts were still available Finance and Church Council decided to go forward on faith that it would work out even though using the entire amount of those gifts would result in a small deficit. The budget limped along in 2009 and when Finance and Church Council began budget preparation for the 2010 calendar year the pledges were \$340,000.00 and budgeted expenditures \$423,000.00. Finance always anticipates that there will be giving above the amount of the pledges so this resulted in a proposed budget that was balanced or perhaps \$2,000.00 in the red. The 2010 budget eliminated the associate pastor position which costs about \$70,000.00 per year with salary, housing, health insurance, pension, etc. The 2010 budget was formulated with the inclusion of a youth director, a visitation pastor and payment of 100% of apportionments with the thought that if giving did not come at the level expected the visitation pastor could be eliminated and apportionments would not be fully paid.

Q- What percentage of apportionments did we pay in 2009?                      A- 50%

Q- Was there any adjustment in apportionments when the North and South Conference Combined?  
A- Only that the apportionment is no longer tied to the number of members.

Nate Day, chairperson of Staff Parish reported how his team was involved in this financial issue and budget development. In Fall of 2008, Nick Kile called and indicated to Nate that we needed to cut the associate pastor position as of January 2009 because of the lack of funding. Clarinda Crawford had offered that her position could be eliminated as a resolution of the budget problem, so Nick and Nate had a phone call with District Superintendent, Bill Keith and discussed this. DS indicated that he could find a position for Clarinda if that needed to happen, that she would be moving in the near future regardless of our financial circumstance. When we realized we had the gift money unspent, we did not eliminate the association position.

Q- Would the youth director be a pastor or a lay person?  
A- We expect it would be someone who was not ordained.

Q- Our church is aging, do we need to develop programs for outsiders or increase the programs which would help attract younger people?  
A- Yes

Reed Tarwater, chairperson of Trustees, spoke about the anticipated sale of the Bluebird parsonage. The request for a housing allowance should be budget neutral and the Trustees recommend selling the house, investing the money. They would propose to use the interest earned, which they expect to be about \$650.00 per month, plus the saved utilities and saved insurance to be applied to a housing allowance.

Q- What if we have to buy a parsonage in the future?

A- We would have to retain 20% from the sale of the parsonage in escrow to be able to purchase a future parsonage if required. Alternatively, we could rent a parsonage. Ideally we would look for future pastors that want the housing allowance rather than the parsonage so we would not go back to the real estate business.

Q- What repairs have been done to the parsonage?

A- Both upstairs bathrooms were redone from the subfloor to the ceiling because of the undetected leak damage, furnace repairs, carpet cleaning, shelving in family room was refinished, sliding glass door replaced, dining room window replaced, light fixtures replaced, painting, landscape work, new shed, a wall which was deteriorated from a bee hive was replaced.

The Church Council will call a church conference to address the sale of the parsonage. The date is July 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Lyn O'Neal (6-16-2010)

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**WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE**

**Wilkinson Church of Christ ordered 35 extra tickets last year hoping to have good seats available for women of other churches who desire to attend this conference. This is a wonderful conference and you will be blessed. Call Tracy McCarty at 765-524-6887 for tickets. Cost is \$89, which includes lunch both days.**

## Emergency Telephone Numbers

You are sad.....	call John 14
You have sinned.....	call Psalm 51
You are facing danger.....	call Psalm 91
When you worry.....	call Matthew 6:19-34
People have failed you.....	call Psalm 27
It feels as though God is far from you.....	call Psalm 139
Your faith needs stimulation.....	call Hebrews 11
You are alone and scared.....	call Psalm 23
You are hurt and critical.....	call 1 Corinthians 13
You wonder about Christianity .....	call 2 Corinthians 5:15-18
You feel like an outcast.....	call Romans 8:31-39
You are seeking peace.....	call Matthew 11:25-30
It feels as if the world is bigger than God.....	call Psalm 90
You need Christian assurance.....	call Romans 8:1-30
You are leaving home for a trip.....	call Psalm 121
You require courage for a task .....	call Joshua 1
Inflation and investments are hogging your thoughts .....	call Mark 10:17-31
You are depressed.....	call Psalm 27
Your bank account is empty.....	call Psalm 37
You lose faith in mankind.....	call 1 Corinthians 13
It looks like people are unfriendly.....	call John 15
You are losing hope.....	call Psalm 126
You feel the world is small compared to you.....	call Psalm 19
You want to be fruitful.....	call John 15

### Alternate Numbers

For dealing with fear.....	call Psalm 34:7
For security.....	call Psalm 121:3
For assurance.....	call Mark 8:35
For reassurance.....	call, Psalm 145:18

**All of these numbers may be phoned directly**

No operator assistance is necessary

All lines to Heaven are available 24 hours a day

**FEED YOUR FAITH AND DOUBT WILL STARVE TO DEATH**



“With much appreciation to all friends and relatives, those who said comforting words, sent a card, called, sent food, sent flowers and sent to charities in Ray’s name. Special thanks for the wonderful lunch by Bradley Church. May God richly bless each one.”

Norma Williams  
 Mr. & Mrs. Don Willard  
 Mr. & Mrs. Rex Drudge  
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Watson

“Dear Bradley Family,  
 Thank you very much for the recognition and the new Bible. This summer I plan on doing a self-study with it. It’s really nice. Thanks again for the send-off and I wish you all well!”

Bianca Russellburg

“Thank you to John & Diana Wells for the beautiful altar flowers on Mother’s Day. Thanks for the prayers for Jason and the thoughtfulness of the Bradley Church family.”

Gary, Jackie & Jason Casto

“Thank you for the altar flowers that were delivered to our house, food, cards, visits, and thoughts and prayers that were extended on behalf of our beloved mother, Mary Francis Spurling, who passed away May 12 in Lakeland, Florida. And a special thanks to Rev. Clarinda Crawford for officiating the service on May 17.”

Roger & Deanna Griffin

“I can’t begin to express how shocked I was to see the financial gift from the church. Thank you to all the individuals who contributed to it, as well as, all the extra gifts I received from families and friends of Bradley. The signed picture of me at VBS with Tegan will hang proudly on my wall at future appointments and I can tell all that ask, "It was a gift from my family at Bradley, and, yes, that's me, not a boy." (\*laugh\*) My time with you holds many wonderful memories and I will cherish my stole (from the Jim Dandy crew) and all the pictures and items I have received as cheerful reminders of my time in ministry with you. I wish you much joy and success in continuing to share the love of God in Greenfield and beyond.”

Peace, Clarinda

The Deadline for the August  
 Newsletter is  
 Thursday, July 15

## July Birthdays

Natalie Huber	7/1	David Kiser	7/18	Mort Williams	7/24
Kyle Vail	7/3	Brittany Nigh	7/19	Anita Workman	7/24
Jordan Kohne	7/7	Lucy Morelock	7/21	Kendra Moore	7/25
Danessa Molinder	7/8	Cory Book	7/22	Chase Sturm	7/26
Dennis Hoover	7/9	Marge Brammer	7/23	Mal Griner	7/27
Edy Ballard	7/15	Brenda Eaton	7/23	Michael Theurer	7/27
Larry McCarty	7/16	Bill Wrchota	7/23	Della Benefiel	7/28
Elijah Baker	7/17	Pastor Wade Compton	7/24		
Scott Davis	7/17	Laura Theurer	7/24		
Bill Griffing	7/18				

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### Sunday Worship Services

8:30 A.M. Blended Worship  
Service (interpreted for the  
deaf)

9:30 A.M. Fellowship/  
Gathering Time

10:00 A.M. Connection @  
Bradley Contemporary  
Worship Service

10:00 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship  
Service

### How to Reach Us

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Preschool Email: preschool@bradleyumc.org

Senior Pastor:.....Rev. Wade Compton  
Associate Pastor:.....Rev. Janeen Gill  
Administrative Secretary:.....Sandy Yavor

Office Hours:..... Monday-Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm, 1:00-4:30pm

Music Coordinator:.....Dr. Christina G. Lamb  
Financial Secretary:.....Marijane Renfro  
Treasurer:.....Sandi Sparks  
Preschool Director:.....Jan Burt

Deadlines: Bulletin Announcement—12:00 p.m. Thursday  
Newsletter Information— the 15th of the month for the following month's  
issue.