Peckville and Bradley Memorial United Methodist Charge Fall 2010 News Letter

From The Pastors' Pen

Greetings in the name of Christ,

Summer has come and is almost gone. This has been anything but a quiet summer. At both churches we have been busy preparing for repairs, getting paperwork done, choosing the contractor, deciding where the funds would come from, adjusting calendars.

We also had a unique spiritual highlight in celebrating the service of ordination at the Williamsport Arts Center, the first ordination service of the Susquehanna Conference. "Except the Lord built the house, they labor in vain that built it."

Sometimes, we are so immersed in construction that we need a word like this one in order to take a breath and reflect. It tells us; it is not you alone who is building. Don't forget: there is another architect at work, and we better make sure that our plans are in line with His.

I invite you to affirm your being an integral part of our buildings – the visible one AND the one that is built in us: "like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house." (1 Peter 2:5).

Have you ever been in such a hurry to get to a store and when you arrive you jump out of the car, hurry up to the store, pull on the handle only to find that sign saying, "Sorry, We're Closed." Sadly, I believe that many have found the same thing with churches and church people over the years. Many come to find out about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, etc., only to feel as if the church is somehow "closed" to them. However the United Methodist Churches in Peckville and Dickson City are just the opposite. They all have the same statement – "open hearts, open minds, open doors – the people of the United Methodist Church." I think these are some of the best ways to reveal the message of Christ to the world; however, I do believe that making a statement is much easier than living it out.

So how do we live the vision of "Open, hearts, Open minds, Open doors?" I believe that it begins with our openness to Jesus Christ.

Open Hearts – Throughout the Bible, people either came to God by opening their hearts to His message of hope and love, or rejected Him by closing their hearts. Because the church is universal, sharing our faith requires us to open our hearts to others who need to know Christ. Opening our hearts to share the

Great News of Jesus requires a genuine love of people that is rooted in our love of Christ.

Open Minds – Even after the disciples had spent time with Jesus, hearing His teaching, saw His miracles, before Jesus ascended into heaven he opened their minds. In Luke the writer states, "Then Jesus opened their minds so they could understand the scriptures." Our minds are so cluttered with so much anymore that it seems we hardly comprehend anything else! In order to truly understand the Bible, we must allow the Holy Spirit to "open our minds." Like Paul's prayer for the church, I also pray, "that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought." This only comes through open minds guided by the Holy Spirit.

Open Doors – Remember the times when it was nothing to leave your doors and windows open and unlocked? Not anymore! Sadly, I believe many of our churches and communities have lost the Greek concept of koinonia or fellowship. Not only are the physical doors of our structure closed, but so is the receptiveness to people and the Christian faith. I believe this is due to Christianity forgetting to be ambassadors of Jesus displaying His heart of love, His mind rooted in the truth of God's word, and His open door policy of forgiveness, fellowship and love. For those already in the ministry of Peckville and Bradley Memorial United Methodist Churches recommit to open hearts, minds and doors for displaying Jesus Christ to others. And for those who are not involved with a church, come test us out to see if we practice what we preach. Remember Jesus said, "Here I am! I stand at the door and Knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me (Rev.3:20). So what is the sign on the door of your life – "Sorry, we are closed" or "Come in, we're open?"

> Blessings, Pastor Sharon and Fred

Sunday School Resumes

Peckville's Sunday school resumed on Sunday September 12th with classes for every age group. Please remember that Sunday School starts at **9:45a.m.** sharp!!

"The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion." John Wesley

Peckville Worship

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

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

Music, Music, Music – Choir rehearsals are starting up Thursday, September 9 at 6:45. Following is an article I read recently that says singing is good for your health, so if you want to be "healthier" come, join in, praising God through music. – Bonny

Did you know the health benefits of Singing? Scientists say singing boosts the immune system. – Singing strengthens the immune system, according to research by scientists at the University of Frankfurt in Germany, published in the latest edition of the U.S. journal of Behavioral Medicine. The scientists tested the blood of people who sang in a professional choir in the city, before and after a 60 minute rehearsal of Mozart's Requiem. They found that concentrations of immunoglobin A – proteins in the immune system which function as antibodies – and hydrocortisone, an anti-stress hormone, increased significantly during the rehearsal. A week later, when they were asked members of the choir to listen to a recording of requiem without singing, they found the composition of their blood did not change significantly. The researchers, who included Hans Guenther Bastian from the Institute of Musical Education at Frankfurt University, concluded singing not only strengthened the immune system, but also notably improved the performer's mood.

Peckville Budget report

Needed for budget for first 8 months of 2010 - \$49,589 Church Offerings for first 8 months of 2010 - \$32,101

Report from the Peckville Finance chairperson

Friends in Christ,

Here we are again at the time of the year when schools are back in session and summer is coming to a close. Hopefully everyone has had a chance to take a vacation and relax from the everyday pressure of life. Our church committees will be meeting soon to

formulate plans for the fall. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact the pastor or myself.

During the summer our church building has undergone some needed repairs. New spot lights and several of the original lights have new bulbs. The old ceiling fans have been replaced with new ones that are operated by remote control. The Sunday School roof has been patched and sealed with tar. Some of the storm windows have been secured and chalked. Also the upper section of the steeple has to be repaired to prevent deterioration.

As you can see, the repairs and needs of our church property continues the same as our homes.

With all these repairs, please keep in mind your contributions to our church and Renovation or Memorial Fund in memory of loved ones. We also ask for your continued prayers for the ministry of our church.

Respectively yours, Bob Elvidge – Finance Chairperson

"When I have money, I get rid of it quickly, lest it find a way into my heart." John Wesley

Peckville Welch Cookies

We will be making welsh cookies on Monday October 11, please have all orders in by Sunday, October 3 and Monday November 8 with orders in Sunday October 31. You can call Bonny at 489-6093.

Bradley Memorial United Methodist Women

Greetings from the Bradley Memorial UMW, After a wonderful evening get together at Tiffany's in June, we decided that we would take the summer off and reconvene at the end of August. Due to some unexpected water runoff into our basement, we are currently looking into estimates to correct the problem. The UMW look forward to being able to defray the cost of the repairs. On September 24, and 25th, we will be having a Welsh Cookie bake, and helping hands will be needed. Please save the date! On October 2, 2010, the fall district meeting for the UMW will be held at Beach Lake UMC, with a luncheon and a program on Eco-Justice will be provided by Rev. Mark and Phyllis Terwilliger. If anyone is interested in attending, please see one of our members for cost and information. As in previous years, we will be

submitting names to be plac3d in the Candle Burning Program book, in memory/honor of parishioners who have made a difference in our church. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer season, and have a beautiful fall. Blessings, UMW

"The Church recruited people who had been starched and ironed before they were washed." John Wesley

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!!

Peckville Food and Fellowship

We are now starting our fourth 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 you calendars now and plan on staying after worship for some great food and even greater fellowship!!

Strengthening Families Program for Parents and Youth 10-14

Are you a parent or caregiver of a 5th or 6th grader? Would you like to learn some additional skills to help your child succeed? If so, then register for the free Strengthening Families program starting in Scranton and Carbondale this fall.

Two sessions will be held for seven weeks beginning on Sunday, October 3 and Thursday October 14. Sessions will be held at the Carbondale Area Schools and the South Scranton Intermediate School. The Carbondale sessions and the Thursday Scranton Sessions will be held from 5:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. The Scranton Sunday session will be held from 3:00 – 5:30p.m. The program is free and includes dinner for the family, prizes for attendance and free child care for younger family members. For more information or to register for this fun, family oriented program, call Karen Thomas, Penn State Cooperative Extension educator, at 963-6842.

Dining with Diabetes

Dining with diabetes is a five week program taught by a Penn State Cooperative Extension registered dietitian and community health educator. The class will help you understand important numbers you need to know, how to plan and prepare healthy meals and ideas on getting more physical activity into your day. Each class includes a food demonstration, recipe tasting, and discussions on managing diabetes. Lab tests are also offered to measure HbA1c and lipid levels. The cost of this program is \$35 for individuals and \$50 for family. If you have type 2 diabetes and would like to register for this class, call Karen Thomas, Penn State Cooperative Extension at 963-6842.

Peckville Flea Market Report

We would like to thank EVERYONE who came out to help and support our endeavor on Saturday, it was a lot of work but also a lot of great fellowship. We were very happy that the weather cooperated and we were able to be outside and visible in the community.

We made a profit of \$912 for the church and the bake sale brought in \$850 for Squeak and Ann Evans

"Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can" John Wesley

AROUND THE SCRANTON DISTRICT

Installation Service

The installation service for the new District Superintendent, Rev. Beth Jones, will be held on Sunday, September 19th at 4:00pm at the Clarks Summit UMC. 1310 Morgan Highway, Clarks Summit, Pa. We anticipate a joyful celebration with Bishop Middleton and many representatives from throughout the district and the conference. We will be including a time for children in the service, Rev Jones will share the message and the service will conclude with Holy Communion. You are invited to remain

A Day Apart

Clergy and Laity are invited to "A day apart" at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center in Clarks Summit, Pa. This is a day we are asking clergy to reserve on their calendars and make it a priority. If you are a lay person, please contact the district office if you plan on coming so we have correct numbers. Clergy, contact office only if you CANNOT attend.

We will gather at 9:00am for refreshments and spend the morning in conversation about our spiritual practices. The afternoon will be spent in silence as we walk the grounds, nap, journal, pray in the chapel or walk the labyrinth.

Mission Central Need Supplies

The following items are needed for UMCOR and Mission Central Kits. The items are used locally(U.S.) and worldwide.

- Ruler
- Child scissors
- 24 count crayons
- Baby sleepers
- Baby blankets
- Soap for health kits
- Blankets or fleece throws

If you have any questions about the supplies, refer calls to Kathy Briner at 717-766-1533.

"I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out."

John Wesley

Laity in the United Methodist Church

The book of discipline of the United Methodist Church states in section 11 under part111 entitled *The ministry of all Christians* states in paragraph #126 *The Ministry of the Laity* - The ministry of the laity flows from a commitment to Christ's outreaching love. Lay members of the UMC are by history and calling, active advocates of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every layperson is called to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20); every lay person is called to be missional. The witness of the laity, their Christ Like examples of everyday living as well as the sharing of their own faith experiences of the Gospel, is the primary evangelistic ministry through which all people will come to know Christ and the UMC will fulfill its mission.

I feel the need to write a little blurb on what it means to be a lay person in the United Methodist church and for those who have heard it before; I hope you will excuse my need to repeat myself. Although I have always considered myself an active member of the body of Christ and have tried to live my faith to the best of my ability I often fall short and have thought, that job is for someone else, it's not my job to bring

people into the body of Christ (that's probably the pastor's job, not entirely), but over the past year I have had a few opportunities that have been teaching me differently. It started in October of last year as worship chairperson I put together the Laity Sunday service at Peckville. After talking it over with Tom and running it by Pastor Sharon we decided to ask a few people to share their faith story of how prayer had impacted their lives. If I remember right there were 4 of us that spoke that day and each of our stories were so different, but each of those stories impacted everyone who was in attendance (for weeks after people spoke of what a wonderful service it was).

Then in January of this year I was asked to represent the Scranton District at convocation in Philadelphia of the Association of conference directors for lay speaking ministries of the United Methodist Church. This was a wonderful weekend of spiritual renewal and a wonderful reminder of how important our faith stories and witness and of course the role of the laity is in the United Methodist Church.

I had an opportunity this past April to share my faith story (although when I finished I feel down the steps and twisted my ankle so I'm sure that's all anyone remembers (2) at the District Praise Day service and listen to the Faith story of a young person, a young man in high school, who stood and told us what had brought him where he was today and were he hopes to go with God's help in the future. So why is it that so many of us have problems with being a living witness for Christ, why is it so many of us have a hard time inviting a friend to come to church with us? The mission Statement of the United Methodist Church is: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The book of Discipline also states that the local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs. How do we make disciples for Jesus Christ? I feel the best way to start is with the way we live our lives, the way we treat others, by being everything we can be, by doing a little more and then by asking what more Lord would you like me to do for you? Sometimes that leads us into places and situations and directions we really don't want to go. (for the record I'm not comfortable with rummage sales – organizing or going to or working them – but that's where I have found myself all this week, and by the time you are reading this it will be over -PRAISE GOD!!) It is what was required of me this past week and so I pushed on through all that rummage. In everything I always go back to Luke 12:48 which tells us "From everyone to

whom much has been given, much is required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more is demanded."

The way I see it as the Laity of the United Methodist Church, God has given and entrusted each and every one of us with sooooo much, how can we possibly sit back and say that is not my responsibility, someone else will do that, call the pastor it's his or her job. The ministry of the Laity flows from a commitment to Christ's outreaching love. Every layperson has been called into ministry to be a witness for Jesus Christ, to bring the good news of God's love and grace to everyone we come in contact with. It's a ministry I try very hard to take seriously. How about you?

Love and Peace, Beth

Tatch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come for miles to watch you burn." John Wesley

Why am I a United Methodist?

Why am I a member of the United Methodist Church? What if someone asked you that question, how would you answer? I guess my first thought would be: Well I guess because my parents, maternal parents, maternal grandparents, both sets of maternal great grandparents, and my Pop's grandparents (my great great grandparents) were on only Methodists but members of Peckville's congregation. Actually my great great grandfather's name was John Wesley Van Wert. You would think that would be enough to be a "dye in the wool" Wesleyan Methodist. But I guess I'm named Thomas for reasons in addition to it being my father's name.

Just like a child learning to walk our parents choose our initial direction. When we are a little older we start to choose our own direction, but our family keeps an eye on us and steers us from time to time. But when we are adults we choose our own direction and take the path we see for ourselves. It is the same with our Christian life journey also. Or at least it should be. If you are an adult and are only a member of a Methodist Church because "that's where I have gone since I was a kid" you may be a member of a denomination whose theology you don't agree with. I would hope we have all made informed decisions regarding how we practice our faith.

I would have to say that my discerning how to practice my faith started in my late teens or early twenties. I have to admit it didn't start out as an exercise in deciding what denomination I thought I should belong to. It really began with a question. What is the true nature of God? I didn't actually sit and write down that question, but looking back that is what I was questioning. So the journey began and still I travel a questioning road. Here are some of my questions and the answers as I know them at this point. For nothing is permanent except for God's love.

Question: If all good things come from God where do bad things come from? If bad things come from Satan, then he is God's opposite and god of "the bad things" and God's equal, right?

An answer I have found: All things come from God, nothing comes from satan. If you put "all things" into perspective of the cosmos or the universe what is perceived by we humans as bad does not hold much significance in all of God's creation. Take death for example. In our limited human view we are in real pain after a loved one's death. But in the view of the cosmos it is passing from one realm to another but still within God's creation. All things come from God.

Question: Ok, so all things come from God. Then why is there sickness, murder, war, suicide? If God is in control why is God controlling things like this? If God is all controlling and God already knows what is going to happen, then God must already have it planned out who is saved and who is not saved. If this is true then it doesn't matter what we do, it's already decided.

An answer I have found: In Protestantism (Methodists are protestant but only one branch of the Church family tree from Rome) there is generally two schools of theology dating back to the 5th century but really came into form in the 15th and 16th centuries. On one hand is the Calvinists or Reformed tradition such as Baptist, Presbyterians, and I believe

Congregationalists. On the other hand is the Armenian or Wesleyan tradition represented by the Methodists, Episcopalians and others. There are the Calvinist Methodists denominations that take their theology from George Whitefield who was an evangelist and contemporary of John Wesley. The two disagreed on that point but were good friends.

In the Calvinist tradition God is in absolute control of the world events natural and human. This leads to predestination, and a micro managing God, even down to who is saved and who is not. It seems to me that the mega churches of today are of this thought. This is a theology that would be familiar to the Puritans of very early America. In the Armenian or Wesleyan tradition God is not a micro managing God who orchestrates absolutely everything. Methodists don't believe that God has an absolute reason for everything. As Methodists we believe that this God who loves us enough to have free will, even enough free will to reject the love that God unyielding extends to give us salvation. God will never revoke this free will and invites all, not just a predestined few share in His love and grace through Jesus Christ.

I have read somewhere that Grace does need tragedy to exist but you will find it there. Don't assume that because God uses something to reveal His grace that He caused it. Think of God as the conductor rather than an organist. An organist presses a key or pedal which releases a valve to move the air through the pipe to make music. A conductor has the score they know the knowledge of what the music is to sound like, but the individuals sitting in the choir or orchestra can choose to follow or not.

Question: Will doing good things bring me salvation and earn me a place in heaven?

An answer I have found: Salvation is a gift. Gifts cannot be earned, only accepted or refused. Salvation is already mine and my place is already prepared in Heaven. I just need to accept it. As Methodists doing good works should be a response to knowing salvation not a means to attain it. We fully agree with the letter of James that "faith without works is dead".

A Wesleyan saying is:
Do all the good you can,
By whatever means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

Methodists have always been social activists. Wesley's followers fought against child labor, pushed for prison reform, helped those in "debtor's prison", clothed and feed the poor and those on the edge of society. Years ago I read where many historians credit the Methodist movement in England with averting a bloody revolution by the lower classes in England as had happened in France in the late 1700's.If a person is physically hungry trying to feed his soul is an exercise in futility, or if a woman is in a situation of abuse no healing words will suffice until physical hurting stops. Make no mistake about it Methodism was and is a liberal church attended by conservatives. Just my observation.

Question: What is it that Methodist's believe?

An answer I have found: We believe in the Holy Trinity; father, Son and Holy Spirit. Other than some basic theological differences I mentioned earlier, Methodism is more about what is in your heart than what is in your head. We are non-creedal, meaning that members do not have to subscribe to a laundry list of specific rules. Although we use creeds to express our beliefs and we have our "Articles of Religion" While we are no less concerned with the content of what we believe our energy is focused on how our hearts responds to the Good News and that our heart will follow in belief. The return of Jesus is looked forward to with great anticipation, but as Methodists how I live out my faith in my daily life within my community is of paramount importance. If we spend all our energy on where we spend eternity, we miss the point of a Christian life that is to be the hands and face of Christ to a world of brokenness and in need of healing. Christianity is not a solitary religion.

Other reasons I am Methodist:

Holy Communion: In addition to communion being a memorial and remembrance of Christ's suffering and death, Methodists believe it is a means of grace by which Christ is truly present with us during that time even though His physical body is with God in heaven. This is a mystery that the Methodist church cannot explain but is real. (Not to be confused with transubstantiation.)

Did you know John Wesley insisted on weekly communion? In America this was not possible due to the lack of ordained elders. Holy Communion was celebrated normally only once a quarter as the ordained elder or authorized Lay Preacher "circuit Rider" made his circuit. The circuits were designed so that an ordained preacher could visit each change four times a year for Baptisms, Marriages, and communion.

The Rible: United Methodists believe that the Rible is

The Bible: United Methodists believe that the Bible is God's Word. We believe that the Bible is the primary authority for our faith and practice.

I'm not sure where the notion came from that the United Methodist preachers don't preach from the bible. When was the last time you didn't hear a sermon refer back to one of the scriptures read during the service? Is it because preachers use examples from everyday life? Jesus, Paul and the Apostles used illustrations of fishing, farming and getting water from a well. That was everyday life in Biblical times. I don't get denominations that seem to think they are the first Christian to read the bible. We Christians today stand on the shoulder of saints that have gone on before us. Methodists build of that multitude of

prayerful study and interpretation. As in Wesley's Quadrilateral: Interpretation start with Scripture as seen through Tradition, Experience, and Reason. **Liturgy:** I like the fact that the United Methodist Church is considered a Liturgical church, but also has the flexibility to have simple meaningful worship around a campfire. I have been in large city United Methodist churches where there is always a procession with a crucifer, acolytes, and someone carrying the Gospel. The first time I saw a procession of this type was a predominantly African American United Methodist Church in Washington D.C. about 1971. Also we celebrate significant days in the life of the Church: Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day and Christ the King Sunday to name a few. This is liturgical but just as meaningful is to sit around a campfire on a clear summer evening at Sky Lake, worshipping with guitar music, scripture and prayer with a moment of quiet reflection only to be accompanied by the sounds of a night forest; insects, owls, and the creaking of trees in a gentle breeze. This and everything in between is worship in the United Methodist church, including seldom used means of worship such as ashes, anointing oils, and incense. All of which can be found in the United Methodist Book of Worship.

Now I didn't write this article to say if you are not completely onboard with Wesleyan theology that you need to find another denomination or id you agree with Wesley and are not now a member of a Wesleyan church that you need to switch denominations. After all, that would not be very Wesleyan. As John Wesley once said, "If we cannot think alike, can we not love alike?" This was just my ramblings to understand why Methodists do things the way we do. Hopefully I have somewhat accurately described some point of Methodism. There are enough Methodist Clergy that receive this newsletter that I hope I will be told if I am wrong on any of my points.

How about you? What are your reasons for being a United Methodist? Are you attending a church that you understand what it means to be a member? Have you taken the time to learn more about Christ and how this denomination of His Church responds to His Good News? Or did you stop learning about the church when you were thirteen years old and "joined"? Does what you became a part of as a thirteen year old still hold true today? Peckville UMC associate Lay Leader, Tom Taylor

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.
John Wesley

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

9/11 – Susquehanna Conference in Williamsport

9/12 - Car Show @ Wesley Village

9/19 – Food and Fellowship after worship @ Peckville

9/19 – District Superintendent, Rev. Beth Jones installed @ Clarks Summit UMC 9/21 – Scranton District Committee on Ordained Ministry will meet @ Peckville UMC 9:00am to 3:00pm.

10/3 – World Communion Sunday

10/3 - Welsh Cookie order in at Peckville

10/11 - Welsh Cookies made @ Peckville

10/17- food and fellowship Sunday

10/31 – welsh cookie orders in

11/4 – Administrative Board meeting @

Peckville 8:00pm

11/6 - Roast beef dinner

10/31 – welsh cookie orders in

11/8 – welsh cookies made

11/17 - Charge Conference @ Peckville

UMC @ 6:30pm/ SPPRC @6:00pm

11/21 - food and fellowship Sunday

11/25 – Thanksgiving eve service to be

announced where

11/28 – 1st Sunday of Advent

You can reach the charge secretary at 383-2119 or by e-mail at edt1157@yahoo.com

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 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

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.

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.