

November
2017



BRADLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The Bradley Beacon

Our Mission: *To make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*
(Matthew 28:18-20)



The Glory in God's Holy Name

O, give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

(Psalm 105:1-4)

Recently, I was asked if Bradley could host the Ministerial Association's Community Thanksgiving Service. It is something that I would love for us to do, but knew I had to refuse. We already have much going on, and I myself am looking forward to enjoying the visitation of my kids and grandchildren over the Thanksgiving Holiday. But as I pondered this opportunity, the preacher in me had to ask, "If you *were* going to do it, what would you preach on? What would the community need to hear from God through me?" I immediately began to be overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude for this community... I am thankful to be a part of the Greenfield Hancock County area that has happily received me into their midst, and I am especially thankful for you, the Saints of Bradley Church who continue to gracefully sustain me as we look to align with God in ministry to our community.

If I were to preach the Community Thanksgiving Service this year, I would express my deep gratitude for the hospitality that has been extended to Carmen and me over the past three years. Most all of you have played a most significant role in this hospitality, making known the great deeds and wonderful works of God in my life. Sure, there have been trying times. My "prophetic voice" will always poke at the places we've become too comfortable, and your need for stability will always conflict with my calling to initiate what I believe are the changes that will make us more vibrant and vital as a congregation. We can't avoid these issues; we just need to keep doing what we have been faithfully doing... Loving each other through our struggles, and pointing each other toward the cross of Christ!

This Thanksgiving, I thank God for the time we've spent together showing each other and our community "the glory of God's holy name". I hope and pray you will join me in anticipating another exciting and blessed holiday season at the Bradley United Methodist Church where we continue, "Connecting in faith, growing in grace, serving in love and sharing in hope, so that we might become committed followers of Jesus, embracing our community in Christ's name, inspiring hope and purpose in people's lives."

May your heart be always at peace,

Pastor Dave Seifres

Rev. Linda's Corner

Happy People Care for their Bodies!

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Cor. 6:19-20

Like so many folks, I have tried many exercise programs and diets over the years, mostly through trial and error and fits and starts. My history includes the grapefruit diet, the South Beach diet, the soup diet, and the Adkins diet. Now Steve and I are on the *garden diet*. We start our seeds in tiny cups early in March, then plant them in May, and carefully tend our garden patch until we harvest our peppers, lettuce, tomatoes, swiss chard and kale in June and July. We also exercise moderately and find ways to get outdoors as much as possible. Nothing fancy, just simple, and fun.

The scientific research is clear. Taking good care of our physical bodies contributes to our happiness. Of course, we already know all this. Everybody knows we need to get adequate sleep, eat a healthy diet, and get regular exercise. The problem is not a lack of information; it really comes down to a lack of discipline. All my New Year's resolutions and fad diets have never solved my problems. I have discovered that the best way to maintain good health practices is by making them spiritual practices. The Bible teaches us that our bodies are the temple of God. We don't own our bodies; God does. This is the kind of thinking that has helped me practice good health habits. I have found that willpower alone is not enough. Instead, I must see my health as a spiritual priority.

Here at Bradley Church, our all church study has focused us on the book called "The Disciple's Path". We know that we are called to practice spiritual disciplines that include worship, prayer, generosity, fellowship, and small groups for support and growth. We need to add to this list of practices: taking care of our bodies. Not because we love eating broccoli or going to the gym or exercising outdoors. Most of us, including myself, would rather eat chocolate ice cream than eat our broccoli, and most of us would rather sit in our recliners watching our favorite TV program than work our exercise plan. But I have found that to please God, and experience some happiness and a sense of satisfaction of a job well done, I eat my broccoli and go to the gym anyway.

Of course, from time to time, I blow my good intentions. But knowing that caring for my body is an essential part of my faith journey and a part of God's expectations, I recover more quickly and get back on the road of healthy habits. I have decided that when we see that caring for our physical bodies is as important as God's other spiritual disciplines, we are far more likely to be faithful stewards of our bodies.

Family Connect with Heather

It is hard to believe, but it has been a year since Family Life's new Sunday School structure has been in place. We expected the Orange curriculum was going to be the best option for us, and it has even exceeded our expectations. I am very thankful for all the leaders, children, and prayers of the church. It would not have been successful without all of you!

If you aren't familiar with Orange or our Sunday School classes, please feel free to stop by any of the classrooms and see what it is all about it. It's not just the new look of the rooms, it's the great leaders and kids in the room!

I love how Orange focuses on moral concepts and building relationships with the children. The main theme of Orange is taking the light of the church (yellow) and the heart of the home (red) to make "orange" possible. So we can't do it without you and your household! Please consider being a part of Family Life's Sunday school program. The kids of Bradley need you to build relationships with them! You are a wonderful influence for their future.

We are always looking for more volunteers to either come alongside our leaders to help, rotate Sundays, or be a substitute. Orange makes leading easy. There is only a little prep time, then a video teaches the main lesson, and then the class enjoys some activities that reinforce the lesson. If you would like to know more about our Sunday school program please let me know. I'd love to have coffee with you, come visit your small group, or meet you at church and share Orange with you!

I want to take a moment and say "Thank you!" for all the donations that have been coming in for Trunk or Treat and children's church snacks! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As I am writing this newsletter, I am excited for the success our Trunk or Treat will be, but I can't wait to thank everyone in advance for their support with your money, time, and donations. It'll be fun to tell you how great it went, but, again, it can't be done without all of us working together! Thank you for your help!

As always please call, text, or email me with any questions.

Blessings,
Heather Cress
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Tom Haines	11/1
Kay Richey	11/1
Kenneth Gilpin	11/2
Brian Smith	11/2
Claire DeVoe	11/5
Martha Stoner	11/5
Thomas Day	11/7
Kim Kile	11/8
Darcy Huber	11/8
Mike Brown	11/10
Kathy Locke	11/10
Dennis Chapman	11/13
Nancy Moore	11/13
Digby Terry	11/14
Ann Vail	11/15
Victoria Eaton	11/17
Amy Groves	11/19
Gerry Smith	11/20
David Johnston	11/21
Pastor Dave Scifres	11/22
Curt Reder	11/24
Ruthie Sparks	11/24
John Wells	11/24
Helen Vitt	11/25
Jan Burt	11/27
Cathleen Huffman	11/27
Peggy Brown	11/28

From the Finance Team

Here is the Financial Report for the Operating Budget as of August 30, 2017

	September 2017
Income:	\$ 23,742
Expenses:	<u>\$ 43,462</u>
Shortfall	<19,720>

	September 2016
Income:	\$ 25,569
Expenses:	<u>40,738</u>
Shortfall	<15,169>

Join Us to Pray in November

Monday November 7 at 10:00 a.m.
 Thursday, November 16 at 1:30 p.m.
 Mark your calendar!

Life is fragile, handle with prayer.



BEARING FRUIT

Council and Pastor Dave have been working for the past three years to develop a vision for Bradley and then create strategies to implement it so we nurture spiritual development and transformation. Jesus directed us all to “Go and make disciples” so we have been and continue to be working on disciple making as something Bradley does more intentionally. Hence, the bigger effort on hospitality, the egg hunt, trunk or treat, the chocolate walk.

November is the month we emphasize stewardship. Without generous giving all of the plans fail for lack of funding. Remember Jesus was more pleased with the widow who gave her mite than with the rich man who only gave a token of vast wealth. We need to tithe on our gross income not what is left over after we plan for the dream house, kitchen remodel, or big trip. Jesus gave it all on the cross, can we not give a 10%?

In Malachi 3, it says “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food for my temple. If you do, said the Lord Almighty, I will open the windows of Heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great that you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you! Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects or disease. Your grapes will not shrivel before they are ripe, then all the nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight.”

For many years we have budgeted on faith that enough would come in to cover and it mostly has. I ask that you be more aggressive both in your prayerfulness and your giving. The harvest is great and we need to support it.

When we had our capital campaign some years back to redo the sanctuary and major building repairs, I recall Dr. Smith saying, “The Lord was getting his new truck.” Maybe there are expenses in your life that need to be reconsidered so your gift to God comes first. Pray about it.

God loves you and so do I. Lyn O’Neal

Upcoming Events in December at Bradley

Watch your bulletin for more info on these events:

December 3—Crossroads Brass Band Concert
 4 p.m.

December 9—Indy Adult Show Choir 7 p.m.

December 17—Cantata 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

December 17—Greenfield Community Choir
 Concert 6:30 p.m.

December 16—Cookie Walk 10-noon

December 24—830 & 11 a.m. services

December 24—Candlelight services at 7 & 11 p.m.



Thanks for Giving Brunch Given by the UMW for all Ladies of Bradley

All women of Bradley are invited to our “Thanks for Giving” luncheon on Saturday, November 18 at 11:30 a.m. We will be entertained by the Dulcimer Connection.

Invitations will be handed out before the start of service on November 5th & 12th, but you don’t need to wait for that invitation to call the church office with your RSVP. Signup sheets are also available at the back of the sanctuary.



Cookie Walk— December 16 10 a.m.—noon

It’s almost that time of year! We will need your help with donations of home baked goods—cookies, candies, chex mix, etc. Start pulling out your favorite Christmas goody recipes and watch for more details.

SCHOOL RELIEF KITS THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated items for the UMCOR school relief kits. Your generosity provided supplies for 50 kits. A special thank you to the Tuesday morning crafters who sorted, cut and sewed fabric into those 50 bags.

Sometimes we send out a reminder about a special event or service to those on our email list. If you would like to be included in these, please send your email information to the office at info@bradleyumc.org. We promise not to clutter your inbox!



HILLTOPPERS

The Hilltoppers will meet on Thursday, November 9 and 11:30 a.m. at Bamboo Gardens in Greenfield. Contact Bob and Kathy McCorkle 317-446.4136



United Methodist Women

BIBS—THE BET- TER INDY BABIES PANTRY

The BIBS Pantry provides free basic-care items for newborn babies. The pantry was established in 1991 in response to the high infant mortality rate in Marion County—one of the highest in the nation. University Heights UMW sponsors the BIBS Pantry in cooperation with Methodist Hospital’s HealthNet Better Indy Babies Program. Our UMW would like to help stock the BIBS Pantry. There will be a box outside the office to receive any of the following items: Onesies, Sleepers and Outfits in size 0-3 months; newborn diapers; baby wipes; wash cloths; bibs; receiving blankets; burp cloths. We will accept donations until Nov. 19. There is a box outside the office.



Don’t forget to turn your clocks back by one hour on Saturday night, November 4.

Do we have your current information?

It will soon be time to mail out year end information. If you move or change your phone number, please notify the church office. Many times we aren’t aware of a change of address until the newsletter is returned to us because it is undeliverable with a fee to pay for the return. Please take a moment to email us or call if you have any change in your mailing address, email address or phone number. Thank you!

Chili Supper and Movie Night at Mt. Lebanon UMC

Saturday, November 4th
5:30 p.m.—Chili Supper
6:30 p.m.—”The Shack” movie

Thank you to all who participated at serving or eating at September's Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen. 58 people were served bringing \$275.95 in contributions. This will help the soup kitchen provide future meals and needed repairs and improvements to their building. We will be serving again in early 2018. Thank you for being an example of Serving in Love!

Community Service Day - Saturday, November 11 - Veteran's Day

Clear your calendar from 8:30 am - noon. We plan on working outside in at least one of Greenfield's Veteran's Park and perhaps other places associated with Veterans. We'll also have a few people work in the garden area of James Whitcomb Riley's Home. But wait! If we have LOTS of you folks to participate, we could do so much more! There are always needs within our community to help with yard clean up. Watch for sign up sheets. What a glorious day it will be to Serve in Love!!

Upcoming Events -

11/8/17 - Landing Supper - prepare meal and serve meal

12/13/17 - Landing Supper - prepare meal and serve meal

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again, Bradley UMC will participate in Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 146 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries and territories. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Shoeboxes will be available in the library beginning November 1 and returned to the library no later than Sunday, November 12. Please note - there is a \$9 donation per box requested by Samaritan's Purse to help cover shipping costs.

For more information, see Sue True or Julie Rogers.

Sign-up to be a Congregational Network Member

What do you do if you are admitted to the hospital and need support? Years ago, prior to HIPAA, it was not at all unusual for a hospital representative to ask you if you wanted clergy to be notified. Pastor Dave said in the 3 years that he has been at Bradley; he has never been contacted by the hospital. There are times when a patient may be alone or so ill; they are not able to reach out to notify a church representative. Spiritual support can help patients face chronic illness, suffering and loss by offering social supports and prayer.

To address this need for support, Hancock Health and local congregational leaders developed the Congregational Network. There is a relationship between the Hancock Health system and local churches to commit to holistic health and wellness: mind, body and spirit. Hancock County currently has 17 churches and 468 individual members in the Congregational Network. Bradley UMC recently became a Congregational Network Church.

Individual membership is voluntary and confidential. Members are identified in the electronic medical record upon hospital admission and will be contacted by a Hancock Health Navigator, who will notify the Church Liaison. Information is restricted to those who have the need or reason to know and only with your permission. Only general information is released, but you may choose to share more or request that your church representatives not be notified. Authorization may be revoked at any time. The Congregational Network allows church ministry to become part of the patient's care team and provide support.

Kathy Locke is the liaison between Bradley UMC and Hancock Health. If you would like to enroll, would like more information or have questions, please contact her at 317-313-8606. Kathy is also available to present to small groups or committees that are interested. We hope you will consider signing up to provide the extra layer of love when you need it most.



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NOVEMBER 12 is the last day to order Poinsettias for Christmas. The flowers will be displayed on Christmas Eve. The cost is **\$10.00 this year** for a 6 1/2 inch pot. **Please make checks payable to Bradley UMC.** If you choose to pay by cash, please enclose it in an envelope. Your cash or check should indicate that it is for "**Poinsettias**" and accompany this form. **We ask that you pick-up your Poinsettia after the 11:00 Christmas Eve service.**

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Phone _____ Number of Poinsettias Wanted _____

Color Wanted (____ Red) (____ White) (____ Pink)

Amount Enclosed _____

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Given By _____

I Would Like My Plant Delivered to a Shut-In _____ (Please note, we have very few shut-ins and we encourage you to take your plant and give it to a neighbor or loved one instead).

I Will Pick Up My Poinsettia Myself _____

I Will Deliver Poinsettias to the Shut-Ins _____

DO All the good you can by all the means 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.

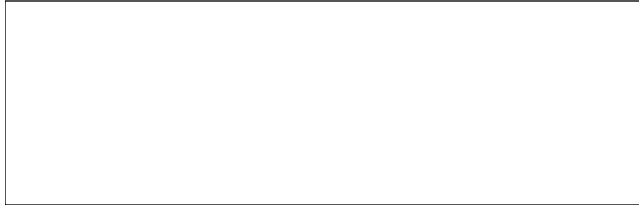
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Sunday Worship Schedule

The Beacon Café is open from
8:00—11:00 a.m.
8:30 A.M. Traditional Worship Service
9:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 a.m.—Fellowship in Cafe
11:00 A.M. Blended Worship Service

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Music Ministries Team Leader.....Heather Pechin-Myers
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Financial Secretary:.....Bob McCorkle
Interpreter.....Zach Evans
Preschool Director:..... Kathy Vahle
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Office Hours:..... Monday-Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm, 1:00-4:00pm

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