

Together We Build . . .  
Together We Grow . . .

Moving into our  
third century of  
Christian service

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church





## Our Tradition

*Nehemiah 2:18*

*"God sends no churches from the skies; out of hearts must they arise."  
"Then they said 'Come, let us start building.' So they committed themselves to the common good."*



*Sanctuary and old Educational Building*

Imagine the charming setting of Pewee Valley in the 1860's. In that rural village a group of people, eager to share the traditions of Presbyterian worship, established Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church and dedicated our present sanctuary on November 21, 1867.



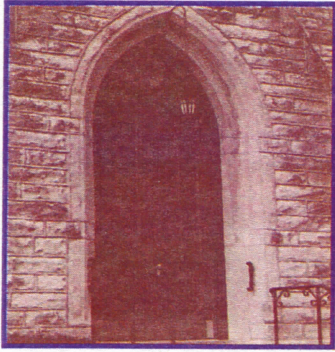
As we grew into the 1900's our expanding church family created the need for additional classroom and fellowship space. In 1954 we opened our Educational Building.

In 1996, now part of the fastest-growing county in Kentucky, Pewee Valley Presbyterian built a 23,000 sq. ft. Family Life and Educational Center. The entire community now benefits from our active programs in recreation, fitness and fellowship, as well as a full-time Christian-based Child Development Center.



*Interior of Sanctuary 1950's*





## Our Mission

*Corinthians 3:10, 11*  
*"According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation and another man is building upon it. For no other foundation can lay than that which is Jesus Christ."*

Our vision has always been the lifeblood of our church. Never wanting to become static in a rapidly-changing world, we have met the needs of our growing community while remaining loyal to our mission, as adopted by the congregation of Pewee Valley Presbyterian church, stating:

### Mission Statement

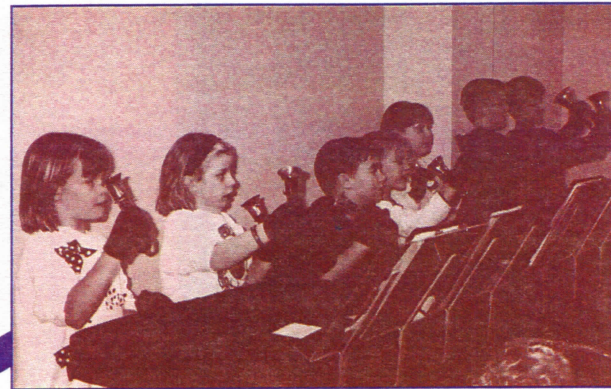
"Affirming the teaching of the reformed tradition as expressed in the confessions of our church, we believe that our mission in the present context is to build the ministry of Christ by worship of God, invitation to membership, to love and encourage one another, Christian education, service to those in need in our own community, the nation and the world, and affirmation of our connection to the universal church through our denominations and ecumenical cooperation."

Now, as we enter the next century, our vision must direct us:

- † To offer a strong presence of Presbyterian faith, with worship, programs and facilities in place to lead the service of God and his community.
- † To complete the funding of our Family Life and Educational Center.
- † To plan and build new worship space.

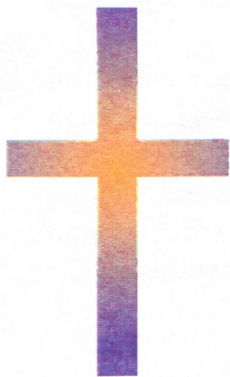
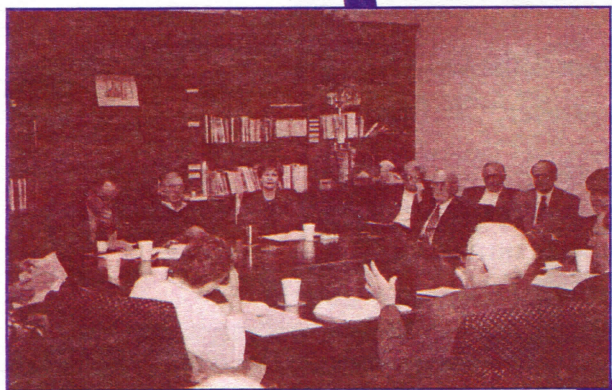


# Our Vision



Our Family Life and Educational Center at Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church and the Christian service have constantly expanded to meet new challenges. Now we must meet the challenge of providing additional space for the shared worship of

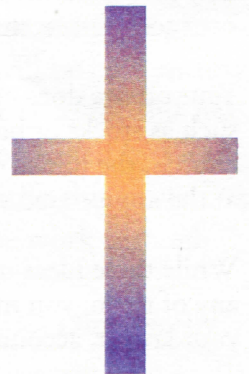
- † Accommodate our congregations
- † Facilitate expanded musical and other expressions of worship
- † Provide adequate facilities for special events such as baptisms, weddings and funerals







*We now find  
ourselves at a  
defining moment...*





*“Our  
defining  
moment...”*

## Our Commitment

*Deuteronomy 16:17;*

*“Each person is to  
bring and give as he is  
able in proportion to  
the blessing that the  
Lord our God has  
given him.”*

Today we face the challenge, much as our founders did, of building additional worship space. The path to realize our vision includes:

- † Satisfying our current financial obligation for the Family Life and Educational Center, and
- † Creating a monetary foundation for additional worship space.

We hope to accomplish this by our church families committing to a three-year pledge. This pledge is in addition to our normal giving which goes to continuing and growing operating expense. We know this will mean some sacrifice, as others before us have done.

To help you determine what your level of giving may be, we have provided the table below. To reach our goal, every member is asked to give prayerful consideration to pledging 4% of total household income each year for three years. Whatever the level of your gift, it is gratefully received.

Family Income	Three Year Pledge @4%	Annual Contribution	Monthly Contribution	Weekly Contribution
\$20,000	\$2400	\$800	\$67	\$16
\$30,000	\$3600	\$1200	\$100	\$24
\$40,000	\$4800	\$1600	\$133	\$31
\$50,000	\$6000	\$2000	\$167	\$39
\$60,000	\$7200	\$2400	\$200	\$47
\$70,000	\$8400	\$2800	\$233	\$54
\$80,000	\$9600	\$3200	\$267	\$62
\$100,000	\$12,000	\$4,000	\$334	\$77

## Alternative Giving Suggestions

Many of you who intend to support the Building Fund Campaign may want to pledge more than you can comfortably give from income. You may have unique financial or tax considerations that could affect your pledge. You may own some assets that you may want to donate to the church.

Your pledge does not have to be paid in cash. Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church will accept special contributions such as stocks or bonds and real property. Where assets have increased in value, by making a gift of them to the church, the donor can avoid payment of capital gains tax on the assets and receive a charitable deduction for the gift at the appreciated value. This can be a real tax savings which can be passed on to the church.

While these ideas may facilitate your pledge, we emphasize that they are offered only as ideas. If you are interested in any of them, you may want not only to discuss them further with the campaign committee but seek the advice of your lawyer, accountant or banker.





## Our Celebration

Corinthians 8: 3-4;

*"They voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints."*

### Congregational Dinner

6:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 25, 1999

Oldham County Community & Convention Center

### Commitment Sunday

March 28, 1999

## A Message From Our Pastor

The public worship of God has been the most vital expression of faith for the community of God's people through the ages. As our congregation gathers in worship every Sunday, we recall with profound gratitude the grace of God in Christ for us. Also, we remember with deep appreciation the tradition of worship handed down to us in the congregation through generations who have worshipped at Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church. The old adage describes our grateful spirit well, "We stand on the shoulders of those who have come before us."

Having enjoyed the privilege of worship in Pewee Valley for over 132 years, this congregation and its spiritual ancestors have laid a strong foundation for the present and future of Christian worship in this place. Now, the congregation looks toward a new challenge. It is to provide worship space for a growing congregation and a growing community all about us. While we will always use our present sanctuary for the worship of God, it has become apparent that this lovely worship space will not accommodate the increasing membership and the visitors of the church. This is a good kind of problem for us to have. It is as though Christ is saying, "well done, good and faithful servants, you have been faithful in a few things, I will give you charge of many things." (Matthew 25:21)

The challenge we face can be stated in negative and positive terms. Negatively, we will be turning people away from the church, if we do not plan for and build new worship space. Positively, we will be committing to growth in membership and service, if we do plan for and build new worship space. The time for this has arrived. It is not something that is "off in the future." The hour has come, and we are being called by God to respond. I urge the officers, members, and friends of the congregation to step forward into this new opportunity. Join me in committing to make new worship space the goal toward which we work through this capital fund campaign.

Dick Neelly



# Session Members

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