

THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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LOOKING AHEAD

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| March | 15 | | Scrip Orders Due |
| | | 2:30 p.m. | Building Connections Hymn Fest |
| | 16 | 5:30 p.m. | Adult Education Committee |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Board Executive Committee |
| | 17 | 6:30 a.m. | Early Breakfast Group |
| | 18 | 6:15 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| | 22 | 12:15 p.m. | Council Lunch |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | Council |
| | 25 | 6:15 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| | 26 | 12:30 p.m. | Spirit Journey Women |
| | 29 | | IHN Week at New Facility |
| | 30 | 7:00 p.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| | 31 | 6:30 a.m. | Early Breakfast Group |

WANTED: Registrations for Camp Mack

It's time to register for summer camp at Camp Mack! The discount deadline has been moved up, so camp registrations must be turned in to Bill Hollenberg by Sunday, March 15 along with a check for 2/3 of the cost (payable to the church). Beacon Heights will cover the remaining 1/3 of the cost. Check with Bill if you have any questions.



Hymn Fest March 15 at Beacon Heights

Join with folks from other Fort Wayne area Churches of the Brethren (Agape and Lincolnshire) to blend our voices in songs of praise. Sunday, March 15 at 2:30 p.m. right here at Beacon Heights. Following a time of praise and song will be a time for getting acquainted with our guests as we enjoy treats provided by folks from the Agape congregation.

If you have questions regarding Beacon information, please contact the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Adult and Children's Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Next Week

9:00 and 11:15 a.m. Worship
Third Sunday of Lent
"God...human...covenant"

"Not according to plan"

A covenant is a sacred trust, a contract, a promise, a commitment. It is a serious undertaking that two parties enter into with (hopefully) full knowledge of what the covenant means. But there are times where a covenant is broken. Whether it is in big or small ways, or a major or minor covenant that is broken, there is a breakdown in relationship that occurs. In the story of the Israelites worshipping an idol shortly after they were given the Ten Commandments, we find an excellent example of a covenant breakdown. There is anger. There is regret. There is negotiation. There is apology. There is forgiveness. This story causes us to reflect upon what happens when there is a breakdown of the covenants in our lives, how we respond, and what measures we take to heal them.

You are invited to read Exodus 32: 1-8, 15-16, 19 in preparation for this worship service.

Pastor Brian

THIS WEEK AT BEACON HEIGHTS

Today

Daylight Savings Time Begins
12:15 HS Youth Cabinet

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. Retirees' Breakfast Group
6:30 p.m. Witness Commission
7:00 p.m. Education Commission
7:00 p.m. Worship Teams

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Ladies Birthday Luncheon
6:00 p.m. Simple Supper
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday

12:30 p.m. Spirit Journey Women
6:30 p.m. Staff Relations Committee

Friday—Sunday

District Youth Conference

Food Bank

Mary Whitehead
Phyllis Hall
Joan Thompson

Beacon Heights Church believes everyone is a child of God. We welcome all people, of any age, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, family status, socio-economic status, physical ability, mental ability, or place along their faith journey.

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STATISTICS

Sunday March 1, 2009

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| 9:00 Worship | 48 |
| 10:00 Sunday School | 74 |
| 11:15 Worship | 85 |
| Adult Offerings | \$5,969.00 |
| Children's Offering | \$2.00 |
| Food Bank grant match | \$660.00 |
| Weekly Budget | \$6,939.37 |

PART-TIME

MUSIC COORDINATOR

8-10 hours weekly

Including 2-3 hours Sunday mornings.

Keyboard experience desired.

Good organization,
communication skills,
and time flexibility a plus.

Wage negotiable.

Starting date: June 1, 2009

Mail resume to:

Beacon Heights Church
2810 Beacon Street

Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805

or e-mail to: pastorbrian@beaconheights.net

Sign-Up Sheet for the Community Gardening Project

Anyone interested in information and conversation about the Community Gardening Project for 2009 (sponsored by Nurture Commission) is invited to place your name(s) on the sign-up sheet posted on the ledge outside the church office. Gardening Project organizers will contact this list about a planning meeting to take place this month. If you're willing to help organize this project, please speak to Lynn Creath or Scott Dercks.

A Children's Disaster Services Level 1 Workshop

has just been scheduled for:

April 3 & 4, 2009

5:00 p.m. Friday – 7:30 p.m. Saturday

Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren

2810 Beacon Street

Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Local coordinator: Donna Belknap - 260-483-7244

You are invited to attend if you would have a passion for working with children and supporting children following disasters. Please help us promote this training by encouraging others to attend whom you know will be good child care givers and should be part of this ministry to children.

To reserve your place in the training, complete and return this registration form:

Registration for Children's Disaster Services Level I Workshop

Workshop Location: _____

Workshop Dates: _____

\$45 enclosed for early registration (postmarked 3 week prior to the workshop)

\$55 enclosed for late registration (postmarked less than 3 week prior to the workshop)

\$25 enclosed for retraining (I am a certified child care volunteer)

Name: _____ Occupation: _____

(Last) (First)

Mailing Address:

(Street/ PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

(Cell) _____ E-mail _____

Please complete the registration form and a check payable to Children's Disaster Services. Mail them to:

Children's Disaster Services,

601 Main St. PO Box 188

New Windsor, MD 21776

For this training to be held, there must be at least ten people registered two weeks prior to the training date.

Thank you so much for your heart and passion for children!!

PEACE RALLY MARCH 21

While we face the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, the U.S. continues to maintain troops Iraq and Afghanistan, and to support other nations with weapons.

President Obama has promised CHANGE. Let's keep that in mind as we work to CHANGE the war-making policies of the past decades.

Please join us for a united protest to oppose continuing U.S. wars abroad and wars on the poor and uninsured here at home. Make your own signs, or use one of theirs.

Saturday, March 21, 2009
12 noon SHARP: assemble for a rally and march
COURTHOUSE GREEN,
Downtown Fort Wayne, Indiana

Volunteers needed

The Nurture commission is looking for volunteers in the following areas:

1. Adult Planning Team
2. Memorial Receptions and Funeral Dinners
3. Child Care Coordinator

If you are able to help out with any of these very important positions, please contact the office or Lynn Creath directly.

Are you one of those who provided food for Mart and Rollie Norton following her hospital stay? Dishes are waiting to be reclaimed in the church kitchen.

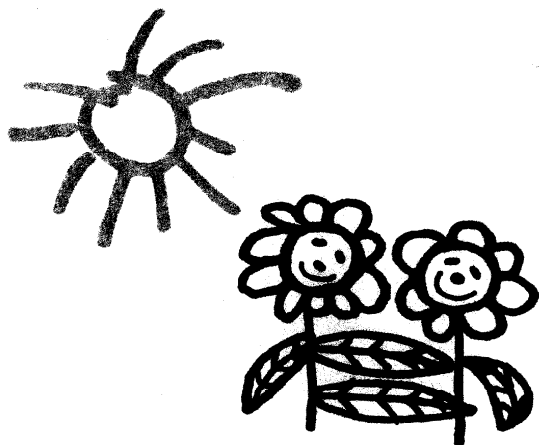
Preschool Taking Registrations

We have had many inquiries about enrollment for the Fall. Forms are available on the bulletin board in the north entry. Feel free to take extras for family or friends.

Beacon Heights Preschool

Ages 1 to 5

Nationally accredited by the NAEYC



2810 Beacon Street ▪ Fort Wayne, Indiana
46805 ▪ (260) 483-7244

Joys and Concerns cont'd

- Steve Crain shared his joy at seeing today's worship center, saying, as one of his undergraduate students might, "That worship center rocks." He thanked Scott Dercks for his creativity in designing it.
- Kyla Zehr shared two opportunities to serve in our community: Wellspring, an inner city ministry that would welcome anyone wanting to prepare a meal, or do something with children after school; and Interfaith Hospitality Network.
- Scott Dercks encouraged people to consider being part of our Community Gardening Project as either a grower or buyer.
- Joyce Fry asked for prayers for her son-in-law, James Lane's mother, who was just diagnosed with breast cancer and will have a

It's IHN Time Again

Sunday, March 29, we'll begin our next time of volunteering for the IHN Homeless Program. Now the clients are permanently housed at the new facility at 2925 E. State Blvd. (one block east of Beacon). We will no longer need van drivers, or overnight volunteers. We do need cooks and activity helpers and donated items. St. Jude Church has offered to take three days that week due to it being spring break for schools. We will only be responsible for Sunday through Thursday. Instructions about the changes in volunteering are posted next to the sign-up poster in the north entry and will be available at a table at the rear of the church after services. Thank you for all your Christ-like love and care. Any questions call Ethel Klopfenstein 489-5654 or Kyla Zehr 637-1907.

Men's Breakfast-March 10

All retired and other interested men are invited to breakfast the second Tuesday of each month. The group meets at Richard's Restaurant on Washington Center Road at 8:00 A.M. Tuesday, March 10, is the next gathering. Come join the group for food and fellowship.



•Joys and Concerns from March 1, 2009

- Margie Runkle gave thanks for the anonymous donor of the Lenten devotional guide book, *May the Road Rise*, written by our former pastor, Guy Wampler. She is enjoying it very much.
- Mart Norton is glad to be back at church and gave thanks for all the cards, phone calls and food as well as visits from Pastor Jan. Their son will drive with them to Florida this week where they will stay for the month of March. She gave thanks to be back on her feet and home.
- Ethel Klopfenstein asked for prayers for the IHN program, starting to work with the homeless in their new facility. Because of the economy they have not yet been able to get everything they had hoped for. Sign-ups for Beacon Heights' folks to help with our next turn will start today. Our week is March 29-April 4. Ethel also gave thanks for God's strength and help as she has been going to the hospital every 8 hours for an IV infusion of antibiotics for a thumb bone infection. She has 2 weeks of IV treatment to go.
- Todd Steele gave thanks for David Radcliffe, from New Community Project, who gave presentations this past Friday to students at Towles Montesorri and Franke Park Elementary school about caring for creation and the world.
- Carol Lindquist gave thanks for all that is, and all that's coming, as her family is helping daughter Anne cope with a difficult pregnancy. She was delighted to discover many family members on her doorstep Friday evening, an unexpected pleasure, especially as her grandson Aiden excitedly told her this morning, "Me Ma, Me Ma, the sun is coming!"
- Marilyn Barlag shared how proud she was of her adopted son Daniel's graduation this past Thursday as he received his GED, and how special the ceremony at the Scottish Rite Auditorium was as each graduate shared a personal story of their journey.
- Pastor Jan gave thanks to be back among the congregation and for the support and grace shown to Pastor John and herself in recent weeks.
- Janet Mitchell shared her joy at seeing a best friend from high school here at worship, Kathy Stevens, with her granddaughter.

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Update from the Treasurer

The Stewards Commission has chosen Pro Fed Credit Union for Beacon Heights' primary financial transactions. ProFed offers reduced fees and several on-line advantages. Payroll can now be done on-line with direct deposit to employee accounts. Bills can also be paid on-line. Checks will be mailed directly from ProFed to payees – including individuals. This will be the preferred way I will handle distributions. It saves preparation time, check and postage costs and time to mail the payments. We can still write checks as needed.

Since Beacon Heights is a member at the ProFed, anyone in our congregation is welcome to open an individual account. Several at Beacon Heights are already members and highly recommend Pro Fed. The February newsletter from Pro Fed is available in the church office.

If you have questions or suggestion regarding the church's financial process or the treasurer's report, feel welcome to contact me.

Mary Wysong (484-4740, wysong81@gmail.com)

The LADIES' BIRTHDAY LUNCH will be at Hall's Triangle Park Restaurant on Wednesday, March 11, at 12:30 p.m. Please call Lois Guess (485,7472) preferably by Monday, March 9, if you plan to attend.

Correction from last week's Beacon: Tim Weybright was also on the disaster relief ministry trip in Chalmette, Louisiana. Thanks for your hard work, Tim.

Sympathy

We extend sympathy to Sharon Lee following the death of her husband, Terry, this week. There will be a memorial service for him at Beacon Heights on Saturday, March 14 at 11 a.m. Sharon has been a regular visitor at Beacon Heights and has participated in the Inquirer's Class.

YOUTH

High School

Cabinet Meeting **TODAY**
(We'll finish by 1 p.m.)

Tuesday, March 17
St. Patty's Day Party 



5:30-7:00 p.m.
at the church

*Dress in your most creative
green fashion.
Bring a green snack or dessert
to share.*

NEWS

Middle School

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, March 13
7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at the church

**Share your interests,
talents, and excitement!**
**Talk with your advisors and
sign up in the MS Youth classroom.**

Sunday, April 12 Easter Sunday
Breakfast Fundraiser
This may include Saturday prep.



Saturday, May 30
10:00a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Games & Picnic at Shoaff Park

