



# THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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## LOOKING AHEAD

April	19	SCRIP Orders Due
	19—25	Stephen Leaders Training in St. Louis
	20 7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee
	23	PfP Training for Youth Advisors
	24-May 1	Christian Citizenship Seminar—NY and DC
	27 7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	28 6:30 a.m.	Breakfast Group
	29 6:15 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	30 8:00 –5:00 p.m.	Center for Congregations Seminar at BH
	12:30 p.m.	Spirit Journey Women

## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner on May 2 !?

Sign up to attend this Beacon Heights annual spring event. Registration forms are in this week's bulletin. Delicious food, friends new and old! It begins at 6 p.m. Sign up today!



## Volunteers needed

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

1. Older 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.

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**

**"Christ's covenant in action"**

It's a bit redundant. The church that follows Jesus the Christ has often taken seriously the commitment we make to one another as believers. We pray for one another. We serve one another. We support one another. We care for one another. We worship with one another. For the church, the Church of the Brethren, and Beacon Heights church in particular, the covenant of community is a sacred part of who we are and of who we claim ourselves to be. That's a part of our story, our faith, our lifeblood as a people.

And yet in this simple text from the early church, we find one of the first examples of the type of community that Jesus set in motion; a community that seeks to be 'Christ' for one another. In this service, we explore the 'simple' ways that we build upon what Christ and the early church set before us.

You are invited to read Acts 4:32-35 in preparation for this worship service.

Pastor Brian

## THIS WEEK AT BEACON HEIGHTS

### Today

No Sunday School  
10 a.m. MS Youth Easter Breakfast  
Fundraiser

### Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Early Breakfast Group  
8:00 a.m. Retired Men's Breakfast  
Group  
6:30 p.m. Witness Commission  
7:00 p.m. Worship Teams  
7:00 p.m. Education Commission

### Wednesday

5:30 p.m. High School Youth Advisors  
6:15 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Thursday

12:30 p.m. Spirit Journey Women

### Sunday

Scrip orders due

### Food Bank

Mary Bosserman  
Barb Thorn  
Joyce Jordan

STATISTICS	
Sunday April 5, 2009	
9:00 Worship	68
10:00 Sunday School	99
11:15 Worship	99
Adult Offerings	\$6,647.00
Children's Offering	\$4.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,277.00

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.

## THE BEACON

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**April 17-18 & 24-25, 2009**

### Training in Mediation & Restorative Justice

Open to all community members who live in Lima, Bluffton, and the surrounding area! Offered at Bluffton University's Marbeck Center.

Friday, April 17 and 24 : 6:00 p.m. -8:30p.m.;  
Saturday, April 18 and 25: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.;  
Cost: \$100

Sign up with Trainer Janet Mitchell, J.D.  
Bluffton University Mediation Coordinator  
419-358-3068 [mitchellj@bluffton.edu](mailto:mitchellj@bluffton.edu)

Spend two weekends having fun and learning valuable mediation skills. Space is limited!!

### Aikido for Peace

On Monday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m., Indiana Center for Middle East Peace will host Jamie Zimron, co-founder of the Salaam Shalom Aikido Peace Project. She is a Class A LPGA professional, 5th degree Aikido Black Belt, and Sports Psychologist. She travels regularly to the Middle East to bring Israelis and Arabs together through Aikido non-violent conflict resolution practice. She is a recognized leader in bringing holistic principles of peaceful empowerment to the general public through innovative sports and life instruction.

The Center is located at First Presbyterian Church, 300 West Wayne.

### Confronting Violence: Exploring the Use and Abuse of Power and Privilege

Friday, Saturday & Sunday April 24, 25 & 26  
Plymouth Church 501 W. Berry St.

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock.

For information:

[www.plymouthfw.org/specialevents\\_parry.asp](http://www.plymouthfw.org/specialevents_parry.asp) OR  
[fort-wayne.quaker.org/](http://fort-wayne.quaker.org/)

### **Joys and Concerns from April 5, 2009**

- Kathy Fry-Miller gave thanks for the good Children's Disaster Services Training workshop held at Beacon Heights this past weekend. She welcomed Judy Bezon, Associate Director of Children's Disaster Services from our church's general board, and gave thanks for Phyllis Hall, who cooked and took care of participants.
- Ethel Klopfenstein gave thanks for all who helped with Interfaith Hospitality Network. It took some adjusting to get used to the new place, but all went well.
- Anne Ott expressed appreciation for the woven palms Scott Dercks created.
- Esther Deal, previous long-time member, gave thanks to be in worship with us today. She enjoys worship at a Mennonite church in Goshen and happy to be living at Greencroft.
- Terry Dougherty asked for prayers for the family of his co-worker Bob Mitchell, whose wife is dying from cancer. They have 6 children. He also asked for prayers for the Afghan refugees who have lost jobs in this economy. One family with several kids working along with the dad have pooled their resources and are buying a house.
- John Wagoner gave thanks for the drum-making class he and Betsy attended this weekend at Camp Mack, and for the ministries of Camp Mack.

### **Homeward Bound Walk on April 26**

On April 26, you have the opportunity to walk in this year's Homeward Bound walk in honor of those seeking a place to call home. Last year there were hundreds of walkers out on a beautiful spring day. You can check it out online at [www.homewardboundindiana.org](http://www.homewardboundindiana.org). You can choose what shelters to support with your efforts, and there are many great shelters in Fort Wayne that could use your help. The High School Youth will be walking to raise money for Vincent Village if you would like to sponsor any of them.

Carla Kilgore

### **Flourishing Congregations Matching Grant**

In 2008 the church Board applied for and received a grant of \$6000 to pay for two projects. First, we'll be training for and starting a Stephens Ministry. This is a one-on-one care-giving ministry for folks in our faith community. Secondly, we will bring in a consultant to look over our facilities and processes to see how we can "green-up" our church building. The grant of \$6000 is given as a matching grant. We need to raise funds to complete the planned projects. There is now a "Giving Tree" in the fellowship hall. You may see it as only a few twigs, but we can bring it to life by adding leaves. Each leaf will represent \$100 in donations for this grant.

The Board welcomes your questions and invites you to give generously to these enriching programs. Donations may be placed in the designated envelopes or noted in the memo line of your check "Matching Grant".

- Dave Wysong, Board Chair

### **Palm Sunday Worship Participants**

Many people work together each week to create and participate in our worship services. Thanks to those who participated in the "human tableau" during both services on Palm Sunday: Tom Bosserman, Vivienne Faulkner, Carla Kilgore, Connie McGowin, Britanie Revel, and Paul Spoelhof. Leslie Sperry created costumes for the dramatic monologue written and given by Pastor Brian. We also thank Leland Harding for ordering palms and Scott Dercks for weaving the palm "spats" into beautiful objects of remembrance.

Copies of Pastor Brian's dramatic monologue are available on the ledge outside the church office.

**Thank You IHN Volunteers** Many thanks to the wonderful Beacon Heights volunteers who helped with our recent Interfaith Hospitality Network project. Things were quite different but everybody made a wonderful adjustment and the guests voiced many thank you's.

Ethel Klopfenstein and Kyla Zehr, IHN Coordinators

# YOUTH NEWS

High School Middle School

## HOMeward BOUND

### INDIANA'S WALK TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND FIGHT HOMELESSNESS



Sunday, April 26 at Headwaters Park

Registration, Food, Family Activities from Noon to 1 p.m.

Walk kicks off at 2 p.m.

Walkers return to Headwaters Park for awards 3:30 p.m.

FUNDS RAISED HELP HOMELESS CITIZENS WITH SHELTER,  
FOOD AND OTHER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE NEEDS.

**If you are interested in walking,  
talk to Pastor Melissa  
by Friday, April 17.**

*Participating agencies include  
IHN (which Beacon Heights  
hosts and supports), Vincent  
Village (where Carla Kilgore  
works), Habitat for Humanity  
and others!*