



THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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<u>LOOKING AHEAD</u>			
April	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

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

Sign up TODAY for Guess Who is 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!



Next Week

9:00 and 11:15 a.m. Worship

**"Multiplying compassion:
Which comes first, the chicken or the egg"**

Recently we have learned about a new beginning for our congregation. With the initiative of our church board and the assistance of a Lilly Endowment matching grant, we are organizing a Stephen Ministry. Individuals will receive training and develop their skills and gifts for care-giving – for bringing a presence of Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, depressed, ill, or experiencing other stresses in life. Three of our members travel to St. Louis this day to attend a one-week Stephen Leaders' training.

In conjunction with this new beginning, we will consider a story from Jesus' ministry which helps us to recognize that loving others in Jesus' name is a way of life and being for all who are God's children. In addition, we will see how special gifts for care-giving may serve others within and beyond the congregation. As Beacon Heights supports and equips more persons for this ministry of care, Christ's love will multiply the compassion that goes out from us in ever greater and more effective ways.

In preparation for our thinking together about care-giving next week, you are invited to read Mark 2: 1-12, and to ponder how you have given and received care in the difficult moments of your own life.

Pastor Jan



Tulip; and Narcissus Bulb; Available

Did you see the beautiful red tulips and narcissus on the worship center Easter Sunday? The pots each contain 8-10 bulbs which you are welcome to buy, take home, and provide with a new home after worship on April 19. The pots are available for \$20.00 each (our cost). Please mark your check or envelope containing cash accordingly. Thank you.



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

THIS WEEK AT BEACON HEIGHTS

Today

Scrip Orders Due

Monday

7:00 p.m. Executive Committee

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. GO Committee

7:00 p.m. Nurture Commission

Thursday

Evening Persistence for Peace

Friday

HS Youth leave for Christian
Citizenship Seminar in NY & DC

Food Bank

Mary Bosserman
Barb Thorn
Joyce Jordan

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 April 12, 2009

9:00 Worship	125
10:00 Sunday School	160
11:15 Worship	174
Adult Offerings	\$7,432.00
Children's Offering	\$4.00
Matching Grant	\$75.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,277.00

Aikido for Peace April 20

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 OR
fort-wayne.quaker.org/

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.

Annual Conference Information

Questions about this year's business?

The delegates to this summer's denominational Annual Conference, Dave Wysong and Carla Kilgore, would like to hear your thoughts, ideas, and concerns regarding the business coming to this year's Conference. They will be available after church on June 7, or feel free to contact them anytime. The new business for conference is listed at:

<http://www.cobannualconference.org/sandiego/business.html>.

Online Conference Schedule

The Annual Conference schedule for San Diego is online at <http://www.cobannualconference.org/sandiego/schedule.html>. To find out about meal events, insight session, worship and more! Just click on the link above or copy and paste it into your browser. Please do not hesitate to call the Annual Conference office if you have other questions (800-688-5186).

Become a "Friend of Timbercrest"

For little more than the price of a soft drink or a cup of coffee, you could become a "Friends of Timbercrest" member. Your membership will help with programs at our Church of the Brethren Senior Living Community in North Manchester. An annual membership is \$3 and a lifetime membership is \$40. Checks should be made payable to "Friends of Timbercrest." Place money in the Timbercrest box on the church office counter or give to Mary Whitehead, Timbercrest representative, by April 19.

A point worth pondering.....

A political cartoon from the *Chattanooga (TN) Free Press* recently listed the following: "If you spent a million dollars a day...every single day since Jesus was born...you still wouldn't have spent as much...as Congress did on the Stimulus Bill. Now, let's quadruple that amount...and we'll have the cost of the Iraq War."*

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YOUTH

High School

NEWS

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.

**Bring a sack lunch! We'll gather after
worship to eat together and go downtown.
Return to church by 4 p.m**

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