

# THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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## LOOKING AHEAD

|     |    |            |  |
|-----|----|------------|--|
| May | 2  | 6:00 p.m.  | Guess Who is Coming to Dinner            |
|     | 3  | 12:15 p.m. | HS Youth Cabinet                         |
|     | 4  | 6:30 p.m.  | Nurture Commission                       |
|     | 5  | 8:00 a.m.  | Timbercrest Breakfast                    |
|     | 6  | 12:30 p.m. | Ladies Birthday Luncheon                 |
|     |    | 8:00 p.m.  | Stewards Commission                      |
|     | 9  | 8:00 a.m.  | <b>Church Clean-up Day</b>               |
|     |    | 1:00 p.m.  | Clown Workshop                           |
|     | 11 |            | Postage increases to .44/oz.             |
|     | 12 | 6:30 a.m.  | Early Breakfast Group                    |
|     |    | 8:00 a.m.  | Retirees' Breakfast                      |
|     |    | 6:30 p.m.  | Witness Commission                       |
|     |    | 7:00 p.m.  | Education Commission                     |
|     | 15 |            | HS Youth Lock-in                         |
|     | 17 |            | Last day of Spring Sunday School classes |
|     |    |            | SCRIP ORDERS DUE                         |
|     | 18 | 7:00 p.m.  | Board (Full)                             |
|     | 20 | 5:30 p.m.  | HS Youth Advisors                        |
|     | 21 |            | Preschool Carnival                       |
|     | 24 |            | <b>SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS</b>            |
|     |    | 9 a.m.     | <b>Sunday School</b>                     |
|     |    | 10 a.m.    | <b>Worship—Membership Sunday</b>         |
|     | 26 | 6:30 a.m.  | Early Breakfast Group                    |
|     | 30 |            | HS Youth Event                           |
|     | 31 |            | <b>HS Youth Sunday</b>                   |
|     |    |            | IHN Week at new facility                 |
|     |    | 2:30 p.m.  | Annual Conference Briefing, Bethany CoB  |

**Congratulations** on the birth of Kinsley Malia to Robin and Gerad Good on April 18. Miles is the big brother. Happy grandparents are Bill and Ev Kilgore.

Pick up a pot of narcissus or tulip bulbs from the table in the north narthex for \$20.00 per pot (our cost). Please note what your check is for or place cash in a marked envelope. Thank you!

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**

**"Chasing cockroaches"**

This text uses a familiar metaphor from the scriptures to describe God's love for us: the metaphor of the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd defends the sheep from the wolves not because he hates the wolves but because she loves the sheep. The Good Shepherd knows the tendencies and the personalities of the sheep in the flock. The Good Shepherd is willing to lay down his life in order to protect the sheep.

In the struggle to overcome the injustice and hatred that threatens and tempts the "flock" of humanity, one civil rights leader expressed that protecting the flock from hateful acts is like "chasing cockroaches." No matter how many we catch, there will always be more. But Jesus invites us to remember a simple lesson for the journey: Love is more powerful than hate. Hate is a here-and-now problem. And resisting it is not for the faint of heart. But Jesus says that the only way to put the hurt on hate is with love.

You are invited to read John 10:11-18 in preparation for this worship service.

Pastor Brian

# THIS WEEK AT BEACON HEIGHTS

## Today

HS Youth at CCS through April 30

## Monday

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Group

## Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Early Breakfast Group

## Wednesday

6:15 p.m. Bell Choir

## Thursday

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Center for  
Congregations Seminar at BH  
12:30 p.m. Spirit Journey Women

## Food Bank

Mary Bosserman  
Mary Jane Coursen  
Tom Coursen

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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Sunday April 19, 2009

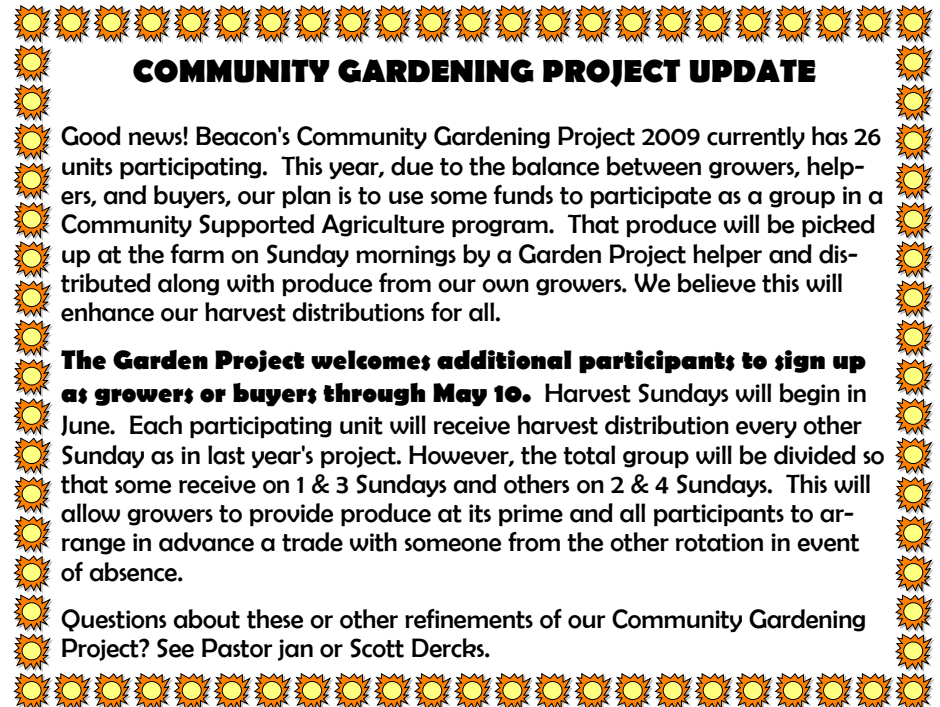
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|---------------------|------------|
| 9:00 Worship        | 81         |
| 10:00 Sunday School | 79         |
| 11:15 Worship       | 75         |
| Adult Offerings     | \$6,504.75 |
| Children's Offering | \$3.00     |
| Matching Grant      | \$300.00   |
| Weekly Budget       | \$7,277.00 |

## Safe Schools Proposal Support

Today in the fellowship hall, you are invited to sign a proposal to create a "safe schools" program within the FWCS district and to add sexual orientation to their non-discrimination policy. Please talk with one of the pastors if you have any questions.

## Timbercrest Breakfast at Beacon Heights Tuesday, May 5

YOU ARE INVITED for a continental breakfast and fellowship time with folks from Timbercrest Retirement Community on Tuesday morning, May 5, from 8 am to 9:20 am. A group of about 25-30 residents will take a F. W. church tour with the first stop to be at Beacon Heights for a continental breakfast, a brief tour of our church, and a time of fellowship.



## COMMUNITY GARDENING PROJECT UPDATE

Good news! Beacon's Community Gardening Project 2009 currently has 26 units participating. This year, due to the balance between growers, helpers, and buyers, our plan is to use some funds to participate as a group in a Community Supported Agriculture program. That produce will be picked up at the farm on Sunday mornings by a Garden Project helper and distributed along with produce from our own growers. We believe this will enhance our harvest distributions for all.

**The Garden Project welcomes additional participants to sign up as growers or buyers through May 10.** Harvest Sundays will begin in June. Each participating unit will receive harvest distribution every other Sunday as in last year's project. However, the total group will be divided so that some receive on 1 & 3 Sundays and others on 2 & 4 Sundays. This will allow growers to provide produce at its prime and all participants to arrange in advance a trade with someone from the other rotation in event of absence.

Questions about these or other refinements of our Community Gardening Project? See Pastor Jan or Scott Dercks.

## Membership Transfer

Joe and Charlotte Schafer have requested a transfer of membership to the Agape Church of the Brethren.

**POVERTY: A TIME FOR SHARING**

**an interfaith religion special, will be broadcast TONIGHT on CBS** Poverty in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and how American religions serve the poor is the subject of **POVERTY: A TIME FOR SHARING** which cites the work of Protestant, Catholic, and Mennonite Christians, Jews, and Muslims—all responding to immediate need and empowering indigenous peoples.

The special is produced with the cooperation of the National Council of Churches, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, The Islamic Society of North America, and The Union for Reform Judaism and the New York Board of Rabbis. Support the Church of the Brethren's Global Food Crisis Fund, which fights hunger in the United States and in other countries or send \$10.00 to New Community Project to purchase mosquito netting to prevent the spread of malaria.

**The Landscape and Beautification Team can still use volunteers.**

This is a team to be made up of people who like to do various kinds of lawn and/or landscaping work, and those who would be happy to pull some weeds, plant some flowers, do some mulching, but can't always make it when there is a stated event. You could even declare a certain area of shrubs will be yours to attend to (maybe even one particular tree or bush!). Contact Leland Harding or Phil Wright if interested.

**May Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

5/2 Carla Kilgore  
5/5 Tim Weybright  
5/6 Jessica Creath  
Reggie Harding  
5/7 Andrew Sprunger  
5/10 Brian Myers  
Sam Wysong  
5/11 Andy Pinkham  
5/12 LeAnn Gerber  
5/13 Steve Keim  
Doug Speakman  
Deverl Whitehead

5/15 Lois Guess  
5/24 Cheryl Coplen  
5/25 Caleb Lane  
5/27 David Mitchell-Dix

**Anniversaries**

5/11 Jan & John Long  
5/16 James & Sara Lane  
5/17 Sheila & Ron Dick  
5/19 Leland & Rebecca Harding  
5/24 Matthew & Tamara Cummins  
5/27 Gerad & Robin Good  
5/31 Kathy & Paul Fry-Miller

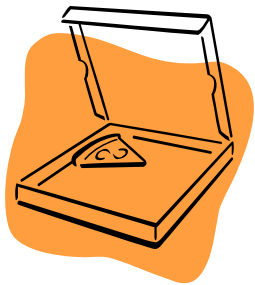
# YOUTH

## High School

Lock-in at the church!



7 p.m. May 15  
through  
8:30 a.m. May 16



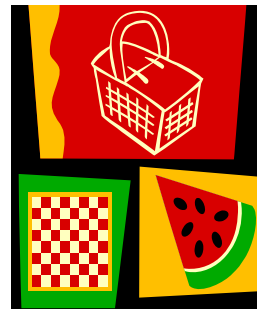
Bring: \$5 for bowling  
and pizza  
Games and Movies  
Sleeping stuff

# NEWS

## Middle School

Saturday, May 30

Lunch and Games at Shoaff Park



10a.m. - 2p.m.  
(drop off and pick up  
directly at park)

Invite mentors, friends, or family!

Bring: a yummy sack lunch  
your best kickball leg and  
frisbee throwing arm!



In case of rain, go to the church.