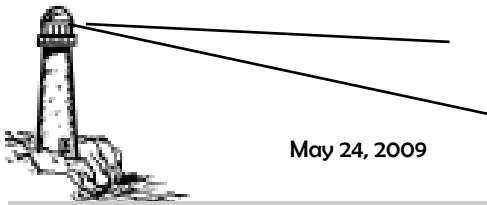


<u>LOOKING AHEAD</u>			
May	31	10 a.m.	HS Youth Sunday MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE IHN Week at new facility
		2:30 p.m.	Annual Conference Briefing, Bethany CoB



May 24, 2009

**MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTIONS  
DUE NEXT SUNDAY !!!**

**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**  
Adult and Children's Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

**Calling all Children's, Youth and Adult  
Sunday School Teachers  
from Summer 2008-Spring 2009**

If you taught a Sunday School Class, youth or adult, this past year (Summer 08 through Spring 09) you are invited to attend a light breakfast in your honor on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9am in the parlor hosted by the Education Commission.



**Next Week**

**10:00 a.m. Worship**

**"Pray Peace, Speak Peace, Live Peace"  
High School Youth Sunday in Celebration of Pentecost**

Sometimes working for peace feels as varied as the languages and tongues of Pentecost. When someone says they are a "peacemaker," it is difficult to know whether or not they care about the environment or international peace or interpersonal peace. It is difficult to know if they are non-violent or if they are in support of UN peacekeeping troops. That term does not even tell us if they believe in peace from a religious or secular perspective. Peacemakers may all want peace but their values and hopes, methods and goals for peace may be quite varied. A woman known as "Peace Pilgrim" walked more than 25,000 miles across the country spreading a message of peace saying, "One little person, giving all of her time to peace, makes news. Many people, giving some of their time, can make history."

Next Sunday, as we celebrate Pentecost with communion, the youth will also lead us in a celebration of the many ways of peace as they share readings, dramas, and reflections. Please read Acts 2: 1-4, Psalm 104: 1-6, & Romans 8: 22-25 in preparation for worship.

Pastor Melissa

Please see the announcement bulletin board for several opportunities to be a witness for LGBT justice at this year's Annual Conference, including participating in a luncheon, a picture project, and "mobile witness booths", being organized by Carrie Fry-Miller, Kaleidoscope Coordinator, Brethren Mennonite Council. You can reach Carrie at 612-343-2060 or [bmc@bmclgbt.org](mailto:bmc@bmclgbt.org)

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

Two cents a meal offerings will be collected next week and everyone is invited to **wear red for Pentecost!**

# THIS WEEK AT BEACON HEIGHTS

## TODAY

Membership Sunday

## Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Early Breakfast Group

## Saturday

MS Youth Event

## Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Youth Sunday

2:30 p.m. Annual Conference

Briefing at Bethany CoB

IHN week begins

## Food Bank

Mary Bosserman

Brandi Baker

Barb Thorn

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 May 17, 2009

9:00 Worship	63
10:00 Sunday School	77
11:15 Worship	89
Adult Offerings	\$5,231.00
Children's Offering	\$1.80
Matching Grant	\$150.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,277.00

## 11:15 Music Coordinator Search Committee update:

Since the beginning of January 2009, a search committee has been working to find a successor for Joyce Fry to serve as music coordinator of the 11:15 worship service. We have spoken to numerous persons, but have not yet found the musician who we feel has the ability to serve in this position. Please continue to keep the search committee process in your prayers. If you have questions or a potential candidate to recommend, we invite you to contact one of the members of the committee: Pastor Brian Flory, Tom Bever, Lynn Creath, or Tim Roth. Thank you for your

## 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>.

### Three Rivers Labyrinth Gathering

**June 19-20 at Trinity Episcopal Church 611 W. Berry**

This Gathering will serve as an excellent introduction to the labyrinth for anyone desiring to learn more about its use as a spiritual and meditative tool. The Gathering will offer experienced labyrinth users and facilitators fresh ideas and strategies for continued work with the labyrinth.

Cost is \$35 per registrant and includes all sessions and lunch. If interested, please contact Anne Ott at the Beacon Heights church office; a group of five or more attending can save \$11 per registrant.

Pick up a brochure on the table in the north entry.

### Introducing our newest members

**Marilyn Barlag** has worked in therapeutic foster care developing and supervising placements for special needs children. She enjoys reading and playing the piano.

**Reggie James Harding** is an 8th grader at Black Hawk Middle School. He is an excellent artist. He loves football and baseball, and hopes to play at Snider next year. He is the brother of John and Alex, the son of Rebecca and Leland Harding, and is the grandson of The Rev. Canon Dale Mekeel and the late Jean Mekeel and Martha and Roland Harding.

**Beth Heironimus** is the marketing and design specialist at United Way of Allen County. She loves reading and good conversation, and spends her spare time repairing things that her dog has destroyed.

**Sharon Lee** is employed at McDonald's and attends Brown Mackie College where she is studying medical billing. Her hobbies including crocheting, knitting, quilting, sewing, and biking.

### Thank you for your expressions of sympathy and support

Thank you for your kind words, cards, thoughts and prayers as we grieve the passing of Steve's father, Bill Myers. It's wonderful to be a part of such a caring community. - Steve and Linda Myers

### Sympathy

We extend sympathy to Linda and Tim Weybright following the death of Linda's mother, Mary Mencer, on May 14.

Please remember Scott Dercks and his family at the death of his grandmother, Myra Dercks on May 12.

We extend sympathy to Alice and William Martin (John Long's sister), and his niece Brenda and Matt Johannas, and the family at the accidental death of Brenda and Matt's 14-year-old son, Austin.

## Stephen Ministry

Confidentiality is like  
**REALLY, REALLY important!!!**



And God said, "Let there be light." The first three chapters of Genesis are filled with words God spoke as our Earth...and we...were created. God showed us how important and powerful words can be. Stephen Ministry understands the relationship between a Stephen Minister and a Care Receiver to be Holy, and promises to keep that confidential.

Protecting confidentiality is important to a Care Receiver's healing. A Care Receiver needs to feel comfortable sharing intimate and painful details of their life crisis...they need to know what they say in confidence stays in confidence...period!

Here's what the Stephen Series training manual says about keeping relationships confidential: "*All communications between caregivers and care receivers, all observations or impressions that caregivers gather about their care receivers, and all records about care receivers must remain confidential, unless the care receiver gives the caregiver his or her permission to share them.*" That's it...no exceptions except one. If the caregiver is absolutely convinced physical harm is imminent, appropriate action must be taken which then may possibly cause a breach in confidentiality.

You can trust your Stephen Ministry Team...Confidentiality is Watch Word Number One!

**STAY TUNED! Next week: Beacon Heights Stephen Ministry and greater Fort Wayne**

## Nykki (Keim), Matt and Miriam Boersma going to Papua New Guinea!

This June, Nykki, Matt and Miriam will head to Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in the highlands of Papua New Guinea for a one-month mission trip. This rural hospital provides much-needed medical care to the indigenous people of the highlands. Nykki looks forward to the opportunity to use the training she's received in her primary care-obstetrics fellowship. Matt will begin seminary study with this experience and help with the computers at the hospital. Nykki and Matt hope that Miriam, 2-1/2, will absorb the spirit of service that calls them to go.

They ask you to pray for them for strength and spiritual growth while on this trip. They are being sponsored by World Medical Missions. If you feel called, donations can be sent to them, Attn: Ann Snider, P. O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607. The account is #003790. They'll keep a blog at <http://png-09.blogspot.com>. Please feel free to follow them in spirit! (Nykki, who grew up at Beacon Heights, is the daughter of Ruth Ann and Tom Bever and Steve Keim.)

### Turn in Rainbow Scarves Today

All rainbow scarves being created for Annual Conference as requested by the Womaen's Caucus project need to be turned in by **today!** Womaen's Caucus is asking for folks to knit and crochet as many rainbow scarves for Conference as possible. These scarves will be given free to conference-goers wanting to show their support for GLBT persons in the church and for a change to the language of the Human Sexuality paper. Supporters are asked to wear their scarves throughout Conference as a show of support.



### Christian Peacemaker Teams Need Our Help

CPT may need to suspend and scale back compelling peacemaking work because funds are low. CPTers have drastically reduced expenses. Some have offered to work full time without pay or with deep cuts to very modest subsistence stipends. But transportation, rent, equipment, Internet to send out the news...these we cannot access without funds. Can you help fill the gap? You can donate online at <http://www.cpt.org/participate/donate> or send your checks to CPT/P.O. Box 6508/Chicago, IL 60680.

### Next IHN Week

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> IHN week will begin May 31. This time St. Jude Catholic Church will take care of the first 3 evenings. Beacon Heights' volunteers are needed for suppers and activities on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of that week. The sign-up poster will be at the table in the fellowship hall after all services on Sundays and will be posted near the drinking fountain in the north narthex. God bless you as you help. Questions? Call Ethel Klopfenstein or Kyla Zehr.

**Joys and Concerns from May 17, 2009**

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**You're Invited to a Service Project**

At this summer's Annual Conference, the Committee on Interchurch Relations would like to highlight Beacon Heights' relationship with Afghan exchange students and Afghan families in Fort Wayne by creating a short video. AT THE SAME TIME, the Aseel family is moving into a new home at 2929 Kentucky and could use some help turning a front yard parking lot into a lawn.

We will combine **filming and working** on **Tuesday evening, May 26 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Aseel's house and welcome any workers from Beacon Heights to help. We could use a small garden tractor with a blade, shovels and steel rakes...anything that would assist in adding seed to sod over a large area. *If you'd like to help with this project over Memorial Day weekend, please contact Terry Dougherty.* Filming for the video will happen on Tuesday evening.

**Something missing in your life?**

Why not look for it in the fellowship hall on the table for lost and found items? You are invited to pick up your missing belongings and take them home. Items still here after worship May 31 will be donated to charity.



**You are invited...**



...to a reception as we mark Sam's graduation from high school. Come celebrate achievement and transition with us on Sunday, May 31 from 2-5 p.m. here at Beacon Heights.

John and Anne Ott

...to a graduation party for Heather Alyse Closson on Saturday, May 30 from 1-4 p.m.

# YOUTH

## High School

PRAY PEACE,  
SPEAK PEACE,  
LIVE PEACE



High School Youth Sunday  
May 31st

### Rehearsal/Planning/Set-up Times

- Sunday May 24: During Sunday School
- Wed., May 27: 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday May 31: 8:00 a.m.

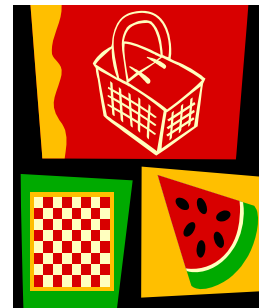
After worship, May 31, plan to share together in a celebration lunch (at a yet-to-be-determined location)!

# 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!

Meet in the parking area directly to the left  
of the entrance.