

# THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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

<u>LOOKING AHEAD</u>			
June	28	4-7:30 p.m.	HS Youth Picture Party
	29	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
July	1	8:00 p.m.	Stewards Commission
	7	6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
	8	12:30 p.m.	Ladies Birthday Luncheon
	10		HS Youth trip to the Dunes
	13	6:30 p.m.	Nurture Commission

### Equal Exchange Coffee Anyone?



Our first day of coffee sales was a hit! More coffee will be ordered and can even be special ordered (whole bean, ground, and several varieties of roasts). Fair trade coffee allows you to enjoy your coffee and know that the grower has received a fair wage for her/his labor while you receive an excellent product. Talk about a fair trade! Talk to Paul Spoelhof in the fellowship hall after Sunday school or worship for more information.

### Birthday Luncheon

All women are invited to carpool from the church on Wednesday, July 8, at 10:30 to go to Goshen to visit Esther Deal at Greencroft. The group will eat lunch at 12:30 at the Juniper, the 3-story apartment complex.

After lunch we will go to the Old Bag Factory. Please RSVP by Sunday, July 5, to Donna Lesh if you plan to go.

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 \* **REMINDER - Called Council Meeting TODAY** \*  
 \* There will be a called council meeting TODAY in the church \*  
 \* sanctuary immediately following 10 a.m. worship to consider \*  
 \* the licensing of Rebecca Harding. \*  
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If you have questions regarding Beacon information, please contact the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

### Next Week

10:00 a.m. Worship  
Annual Conference Sunday

**"God's word embodies all things old and new"**

The theme scripture for Annual Conference this year is taken from one of Paul's letters to the Corinthians. It is believed that the two letters that our Bibles contain are actually a compilation of multiple letters from the apostle to this often troubled body of faith. In this text, Paul encourages his readers to focus upon a God who works transformation through the old, through what has been, to create something new. This theme is common in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures and it remains important to us in our personal lives of faith. When we face struggles and times of trouble, God often brings a new path into our midst, which helps us to continue on our journeys.

**On this Annual Conference Sunday, you are invited to bring a favorite scripture, reflect upon its importance in your life, and share your reflections during the worship service.**

You are also invited to read 2 Corinthians 5:16-20 and Revelation 21:3-5 in preparation for worship.

Pastor Brian

**THIS WEEK AT  
BEACON HEIGHTS**

**TODAY**

SCRIP Orders Due

**Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. Early Breakfast Group

**Friday**

Annual Conference in San Diego  
June 26-30

**Next Sunday**

4-7:30 p.m. High School Youth Party

**Food Bank**

Mary Bosserman  
Barb and Mark Beck

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 June 14, 2009

9:00 Sunday School	66
10:00 Worship	143
Adult Offerings	\$7,341.00
Children's Offering	\$5.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,277.00

**Calling all Middle School and  
High School Youth  
and Young Adults!**

A few young adults and I got together to write a statement primarily in response to Standing Committee's *A Statement on Confession and Commitment*. Our Statement, *A Call to Confession, Commitment and Action*, can be viewed at BMC's website [bmclgbt.org](http://bmclgbt.org), and is open to be signed by any middle school and high school youth and young adult (35 and younger). If you want to sign it, please send me an e-mail ([bmc@bmclgbt.org](mailto:bmc@bmclgbt.org)) with your first and last name, congregation (if applicable), and district. Also, please pass this information along to any Brethren youth or young adults who may be willing to sign. We are trying to get as many youth and young adults as we can to join us before Annual Conference!

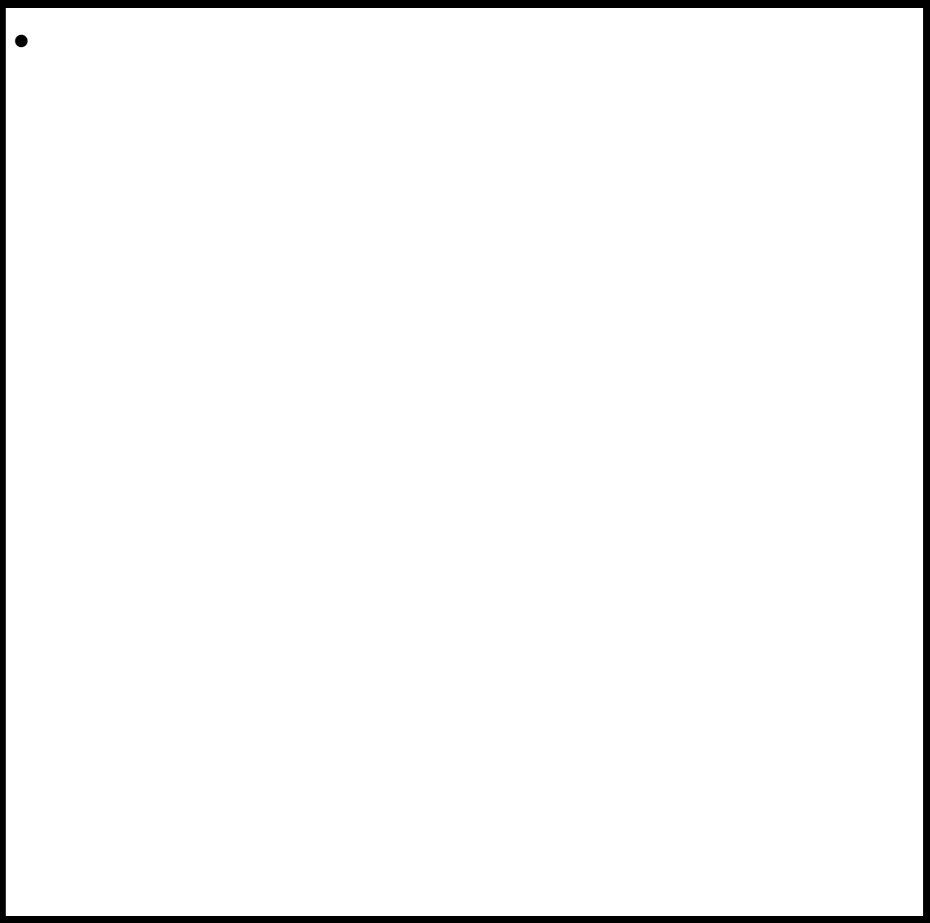
We are working to have this statement officially recognized by the Annual Conference Staff, the Standing Committee, and by Annual Conference itself. We plan to have copies readily available during the conference and to have this statement read at a microphone during the appropriate business session.

It is time to step up and show the church what kind of leadership it has created...for such a time as this!

With hope and courage,

Carrie Fry-Miller

**Copies of the statement are available  
on the table in the north entry.**



### HOLLENBERGS' GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

All are invited to join us as we celebrate Aaron's graduation. His open house will feature a sundae bar on **Sunday, June 28** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at our home. Please join us as we celebrate this milestone and prepare for the next phase of his life.

Amy and Bill Hollenberg

### Adult Education—Here's what's coming!

- June 21 Congregational Survey Follow-up—Rebecca Harding
- June 28 The Congo— Cliff Kindy
- July 5 "Heeding God's Call" Peace Conference -  
Melissa Bennett and Dean Johnson

## Stephen Ministry

*"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*



*Galatians 6:2*

### WHAT DO STEPHEN MINISTERS DO?

Stephen Ministers (also called *Caregivers*) are lay folks who are selected, trained, and supervised by BH Stephen Leaders to provide effective, one-to-one Christian care to others.

Stephen Ministers are well trained to provide Christian care to people in need. They receive 50 hours of initial training and, after they begin providing care, they engage in monthly continuing education to further enhance their caregiving skills. Stephen Ministers typically make a two-year commitment.

### STEPHEN MINISTERS:

LISTEN

PRAY

ENCOURAGE

CARE

VISIT FAITHFULLY

BRING CHRIST'S LOVE TO OTHERS

**Stay Tuned Next Week:  
Who and what are care receivers?**

# YOUTH

High School

## Picture Party

Sunday, June 28

4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Drop off and pick up  
at church.



Supper will be provided.

Please RSVP to Shannon and Jeremy

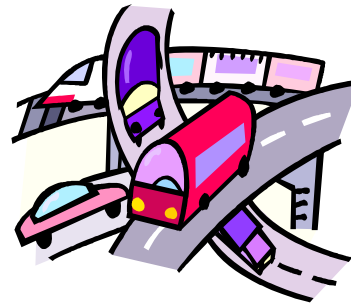


by **NEXT SUNDAY**  
(June 21)

# NEWS

Middle School

## SUMMER EVENTS



JUNE 14-21

HERITAGE TOUR

July 12

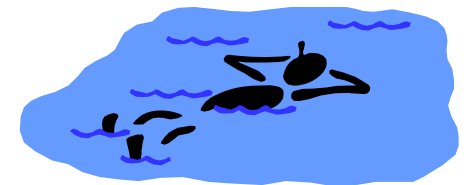
Heritage Tour Report  
for Adult Sunday School

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Friday July 17 Tin Caps Game

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SATURDAY  
AUGUST 15  
FAMILY DAY AT  
CHAIN O' LAKES



Shakespeare

Friday, August 28  
Shakespeare in the Park