

THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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LOOKING AHEAD

July	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
	14	8:00 a.m.	Retirees' Breakfast Group
		6:30 p.m.	Witness Commission
		7:00 p.m.	Education Commission
	17		MS Youth Tin Caps Game
	19		MS Youth Advisors
			SCRIP Orders Due
	21	6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
	27	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next Week

10:00 a.m. Worship

"Lessons from the lost"

We lose things all the time: papers, keys, books, glasses. Sometimes those things are lost for hours; sometimes for days; sometimes for much longer. And if we somehow find those items that have been misplaced, we feel a sense of relief, or vindication, or frustration with ourselves if the location of the lost is obvious. But rarely do we celebrate with the level of extravagance and sheer joy exhibited by the people in Jesus' stories.

It is strange to think that perhaps we are the equivalent of keys and glasses to God. Certainly, we are worth more than mere objects. And yet, the comparison sheds insight upon the utter joy and simplicity in finding something that had been misplaced, for we have known (and perhaps at times have been) ones who are lost, feel lost, in this life.

You are invited to read Luke 15:1-10 in preparation for this worship service.

Pastor Brian

Picture Directory Sitings August 3 and 4



Plans for a new picture directory are under way. Photographs will be taken August 3 and 4 from 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sign-ups begin July 12 at the church and on-line.

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Adult Education—Here's what's coming!

- June 28 Cliff Kindy— The Congo
- July 5 Melissa Bennett and Dean Johnson—
"Heeding God's Call" Peace Conference
in Philadelphia
- July 12 Middle School Youth—2009 Heritage Tour
- July 19 Allison Bryan— Argentina
- July 26 Christina Smith—Education in Afghanistan

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

Annual Conference Continues

Monday

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Food Bank

Mary Whitehead
Susan Harroff
Ben Sollenberger

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 21, 2009

9:00 Sunday School	57
10:00 Worship	115
Adult Offerings	\$4,930 .00
Children's Offering	\$5 .00
Matching Grant	\$1,125.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,277.00



July Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays	7/30 Jade Lehman
7/2 Randy Fry	Jerry Peterson
7/3 Dave Wysong	Matt Sprunger
7/6 Brandi Baker	Charlie Wysong
7/10 Josh Harroff	7/31 Paul Fry-Miller
Edith Smith	
7/13 Craig Smith	Anniversaries
7/15 Kimberly Koczan Flory	7/6 Connie & Jim McGowin
7/16 Andrew Kiracofe	7/8 Lisa & Todd Steele
Jeff Sands	7/11 Marcia & Phil Wright
Shawn Sollenberger	7/15 Leslie & Maurie Sperry
7/17 Luke Sollenberger	7/24 Ryan Hedstrom and
7/21 Asenath Wilson	Joy Struble
7/22 Benjamin Sollenberger	7/30 Amy & Bill Hollenberg
7/23 Barb Thorn	

Transfer of Membership

We send our love and blessings with Mike Smith as he assumes a part-time pastorate at North Winona Church of the Brethren where he has acted as interim pastor for several months. He transfers his membership there as he assumes this new role with that congregation.

Volunteers needed

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

1. Older Adult Planning Team
2. Memorial Receptions and Funeral Dinners

If you are able to help out with any of these very important positions, please contact the office or Lynn Creath directly.

WE NEED YOUR VAN!

The Beacon Heights High School Youth will take an outing to Warren Dunes, Michigan on July 10. We need an extra van (mini or regular size) to transport the youth. May we borrow yours? No high school youth will be driving. You are welcome to come along too and enjoy the day if you'd like. Please let Craig Smith know if you are interested. Thank you!

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.



HOLLENBERGS' GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

All are invited to join us as we celebrate Aaron's graduation from Northrop High School. His open house will feature a sundae bar on **TODAY** from 7:00 p.m. 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

Stephen Ministry



"Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy-burdened, and I will give you rest."

Mathew 11:28

Who...and What...is a Care-Receiver?

A Care-Receiver is a person like:

- Yourself
- A family member
- A neighbor
- A friend
- A co-worker
- A stranger

A Care-Receiver is in a life crisis:

- Hospitalized
- Grieving
- Lonely
- Discouraged
- Dying
- Unemployed
- Homebound or Institutionalized
- Changing homes/moving/relocating
- Loss of job / income
- Convalescing or Rehabilitating
- New parents and Single parents
- Victims of crime/natural disaster/human disaster
- Spiritual crisis
- The list goes on and on...

**STAY TUNED! Next week:
How to become a Stephen Minister**

From New Community Project

Papula is a women-owned and run Fair Trade organization making paper products from organic materials and waste paper. Plus, the shop employs disabled persons, single mothers, widows, and people with HIV as craft persons in a society where there are very few opportunities and even less assistance for such folks.

The products themselves are made from natural materials such as banana bark, elephant grass and pineapple leaves, as well as from waste paper. The cards and albums are decorated with traditional African images. Great as gifts or for one's own use!

Items and Pricing:

Greeting or Christmas cards (with envelopes):

\$2 each or 10 for \$17.50

Small notebook/diary (4"x7"): \$5.00

Medium notebook/diary (9"x6"): \$7.00

Large notebook/diary (9"x12"): \$12.00

Single frame (4x6, 5x7 or 9x12): \$6.00

Double frame (for 4x6 or 5x7): \$8.00

Triple frame (for 4x6 or 5x7): \$14.00

Writing set (folder with stationary and envelopes): \$5.00

Guest book (9"x12"): \$6.00

Pencil/pen holder for desk: \$5.00

Scribble box (box with small slips of paper for notes): \$4.00

Large album (12"x18"):
\$20.00

Send orders to:

New Community Project
718 Wilder Street
Elgin IL 60123



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.

UPCOMING BICYCLE RIDES

The next BICYCLE ride is scheduled for **Sunday, July 26**. We will leave after church and ride the River Greenway from Johnny Appleseed Park to Moser Park in New Haven. Bring a picnic lunch which will be carried for you to Moser Park. Drinks will be provided at the park.

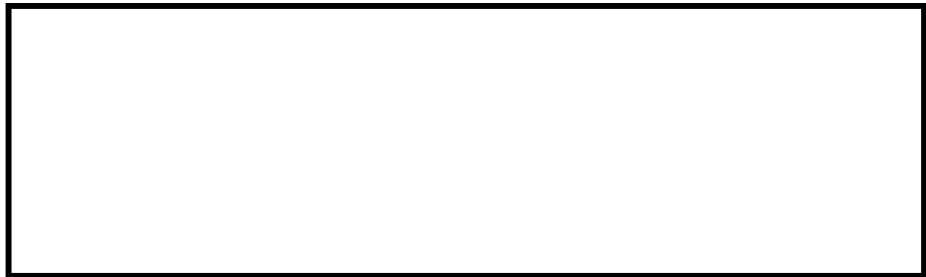


Also, keep **Saturday, August 15** open for a ride on the Monon trail in Indianapolis.

Ways to Serve

Church Board, Church Clerk, Conference Delegates

The Nominating Committee has started the process of discerning the slate (to be presented at Fall Council Meeting) for Church Board members, Church Clerk, and Annual Conference delegates. Recognizing that we are a small committee and cannot know all of the members well, we invite input from the wider congregation regarding members who have skills and interest in serving the Church in one of these significant ways. If you know of a member of our congregation who has the skills for serving in one of these capacities, or if you feel called, please contact one of the nominating committee members as soon as possible. Any names submitted will be considered by the committee as it continues the discernment processes. Nominating committee members are: Mark Beck, Ethel Klopfenstein, Susan Harroff, and Pastor Jan Long.



Mustard Seed Takes Donations *Extra furniture, kitchen items, and linens!*

Your neighbors are in dire need of your extra furniture, kitchen items, and linens! Fire and flood victims, veterans, domestic violence victims, the elderly, and the handicapped need *the basics in setting up their households*. They are referred by non-profits, including the Red Cross, Vincent House, CANI, SCAN, schools and churches, and here is what they need:

BED AND BATHROOM: Mattress sets, bed frames, dressers, linens, blankets, bath towels

LIVING ROOM: Couches, chairs, end/coffee tables, lamps, recliners (not desks)

KITCHEN: Tables and chairs, towels, pots and pans, dishes, utensils, silverware, cups, bake-ware, and small appliances

Look around your house for any of these items and recycle them for a good cause. If your donations are in working order and free of stains and rips, call 471-5802 for pick up/drop off, or email director@mustardseedfortwayne.com. Volunteers are needed as well. To make a tax-deductible donation, write to "Mustard Seed Furniture Bank," 5429 Keystone Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

YOUTH

High School

NEWS

Middle School

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



We're going
to
the **DUNES**

(the Warren Dunes, that is)

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Friday July 10th

Watch your email this week and next
week's Beacon for details.

Sunday July 12

Middle School Youth will report
on the Heritage Tour
for the Adult Sunday School Class.

**We'll be planning during
Sunday School
this week and next.**



On July 12, plan to be at the church