

THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

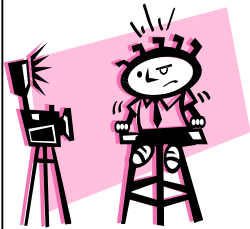
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LOOKING AHEAD

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| July | 21 | 6:30 a.m. | Early Breakfast Group |
| | 27 | 7:00 p.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| August | 3-4 | | Picture Directory Photographs |
| | 4 | 6:30 a.m. | Early Breakfast Group |
| | 7-9 | | HS Youth Canoe Trip |
| | 11 | 8:00 a.m. | Retirees' Breakfast Group |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Witness Commission |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Education Commission |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Worship Teams |
| | 12 | 12:30 p.m. | Ladies Birthday Luncheon |
| | 15 | | MS Youth at Chain o' Lakes |
| | 16 | | Scrip Orders Due |
| | 17 | 7:00 p.m. | Full Board Meeting |

Church Directory – Feed The Need



Sign-up continues today, July 19, for the church directory photo sessions scheduled for Monday, August 3, and Tuesday, August 4 from 2:30 – 8:30 p.m. here at the church. There is no cost to the church or families to be photographed, and each family will receive a free 8x10 portrait and directory. You will be able to view your photographs immediately after being photographed, so plan on 45 minutes for the entire session.

Feed the Need program: Lifetouch Directories will donate \$1 to our food bank for each family portrait taken AND each family that brings an item for our food bank to their photo session will receive a coupon for \$5.00 off a portrait order.

Stop by the table in Fellowship Hall to sign up today, or go on-line beginning next week to sign up. Please note that **families that have five or more persons** should use **two** time slots. If you have questions, call Barb Trout.

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 9:00 a.m.

Next Week—July 26th

10:00 a.m. Worship

"Run faster?"

Reading a good book. Resting in the shade. Swimming in one of many Northern Indiana lakes. Walking along a beach. Hiking a mountain trail. The idealized picture of summer in our minds tends to include many of these images. How does the reality compare? Is summer really that different for us than the rest of the year? Or does it bring more pressures of trying to squeeze in vacation time on top of a consistently busy schedule? Can we make the time to slow down in the midst of lives that push us to instead run faster?

We tend to be frenetic people living in a frenetic world, but Jesus says, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile.' Jesus took time away from the crowds for rest and reflection, before returning to his often harried ministry. Jesus saw the importance of times for renewal. So must we.

You are invited to read Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56 in preparation for this service of worship.

Pastor Brian

THIS WEEK AT BEACON HEIGHTS

Today

MS Youth Advisors
SCRIP Orders Due

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Early Breakfast Group

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 July 12, 2009

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|---------------------|------------|
| 9:00 Sunday School | 77 |
| 10:00 Worship | 121 |
| Adult Offerings | \$6,413.00 |
| Children's Offering | \$1.00 |
| Weekly Budget | \$7,277.00 |



Beacon Heights,

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. We appreciated the cards and shared stories. They helped so much. We also treasure the prayer shawl. We appreciate that David Michael Cripe has been remembered.



Peace,
Katie & Cris Cripe

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.



Stephen Ministry



*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds"
Hebrews*

What's this "Recruiting Packet" all about?

At this very moment, The Stephen Ministry Leaders are aware of more than a dozen folks who would benefit from a Stephen Minister. We need to get this lay ministry started !

Your Stephen Leaders are recruiting now for a large group of Stephen Ministers to be trained this fall/winter. They want to talk to anyone even remotely considering becoming a Stephen Minister, and they have a helpful Recruiting Packet full of useful information to help make an informed decision about becoming a Stephen Minister. You'll find things like:

- A letter of introduction and encouragement
- Stephen Ministry Purpose, Vision, and Values Statement
- A Training Class Schedule and class topic list
- An explanation about why 50 hours of training is necessary
- What your commitment is after you are trained
- An expanded list of Frequently Asked Questions
- A commitment card for you to formally seek application
- An explanation of the application process
- A prayer to help you discern God's calling for you

Why not explore being a Stephen Minister now?!

Contact a Stephen Leader:

Steve Eikenberry

Connie McGowin

Deb Romary

Vincent Village Seeks Volunteer Mentors

Vincent Village announces a new program connecting the families we serve with volunteer mentors. If you or one of your friends or family members is looking for a personal way to make a difference, we want to share this opportunity to directly impact our families' lives for the better.

Low-income families face enormous stresses. The pressure can severely disrupt family life and lead to homelessness. Our Family Promise Mentoring Program is designed to help families overcome these stresses and to prevent homelessness.

A mentor is trained to offer both practical and emotional support by helping to:

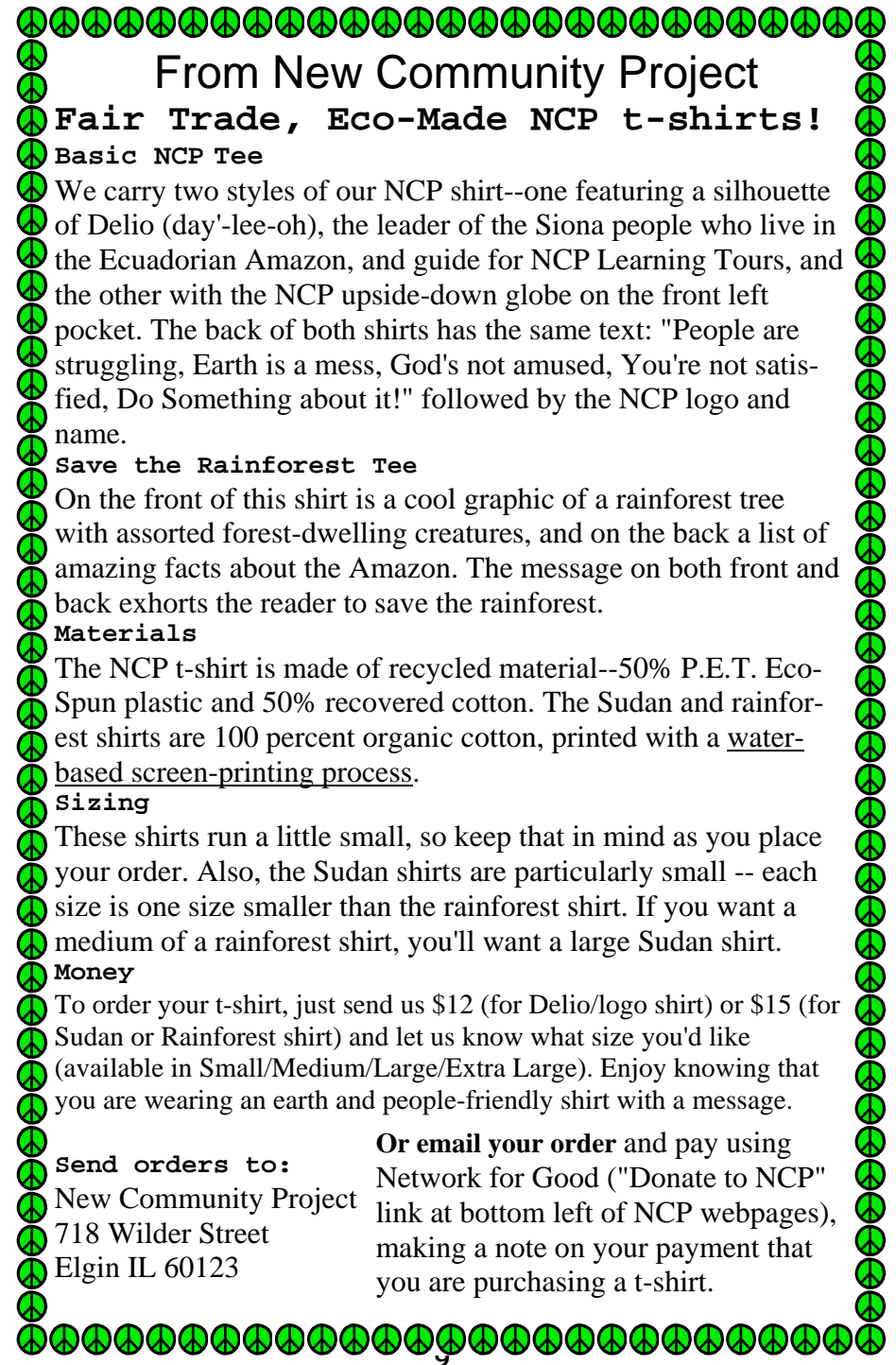
- recognize and appreciate the family's unique strengths
- define and set goals and action steps
- encourage family members to take action toward their goals
- review progress regularly
- provide a link to the larger community by identifying and locating community resources
- celebrate each achievement along the way

We are looking for mentors with gifts of time, caring, and an interest in people to commit to getting together with a family regularly for at least one year to offer support, affirmation, and guidance as that family looks to build a better future. The estimated time commitment is about 10 hours/month.

On August 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., we will offer the first training to be a part of the Family Promise Mentoring Program. This training will provide the background information and specific tools needed to form and maintain meaningful mentor relationships. We are very excited that Ellen Latimore, the national trainer for Family Promise, will do this first training.

We hope you will consider sharing with others this exciting new program to help families move forward on the journey to self-sufficiency, and maybe even join in yourself! This is one program where each person who gets involved will have the opportunity to really connect with another person.

To get involved, please contact Carla Kilgore, Program Director, at ckilgore@vincentvillage.org or at 456-4172, ext. 230.



From New Community Project

Fair Trade, Eco-Made NCP t-shirts!

Basic NCP Tee

We carry two styles of our NCP shirt--one featuring a silhouette of Delio (day'-lee-oh), the leader of the Siona people who live in the Ecuadorian Amazon, and guide for NCP Learning Tours, and the other with the NCP upside-down globe on the front left pocket. The back of both shirts has the same text: "People are struggling, Earth is a mess, God's not amused, You're not satisfied, Do Something about it!" followed by the NCP logo and name.

Save the Rainforest Tee

On the front of this shirt is a cool graphic of a rainforest tree with assorted forest-dwelling creatures, and on the back a list of amazing facts about the Amazon. The message on both front and back exhorts the reader to save the rainforest.

Materials

The NCP t-shirt is made of recycled material--50% P.E.T. Eco-Spun plastic and 50% recovered cotton. The Sudan and rainforest shirts are 100 percent organic cotton, printed with a water-based screen-printing process.

Sizing

These shirts run a little small, so keep that in mind as you place your order. Also, the Sudan shirts are particularly small -- each size is one size smaller than the rainforest shirt. If you want a medium of a rainforest shirt, you'll want a large Sudan shirt.

Money

To order your t-shirt, just send us \$12 (for Delio/logo shirt) or \$15 (for Sudan or Rainforest shirt) and let us know what size you'd like (available in Small/Medium/Large/Extra Large). Enjoy knowing that you are wearing an earth and people-friendly shirt with a message.

Send orders to:
New Community Project
718 Wilder Street
Elgin IL 60123

Or email your order and pay using Network for Good ("Donate to NCP" link at bottom left of NCP webpages), making a note on your payment that you are purchasing a t-shirt.

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, please contact the office or Lynn Creath directly.

A Portal into Women's Wisdom

Sophia's Portico, a not-for-profit feminine spirituality center, is pleased to announce the publication of the book *A Portal into Women's Wisdom*. It features 43 women and offers a way to contribute to the collective wisdom of society. Each woman is pictured along with a "bit of wisdom" she has gleaned during her life's journey. The age span of the women is 28 years of age to 86 years of age.

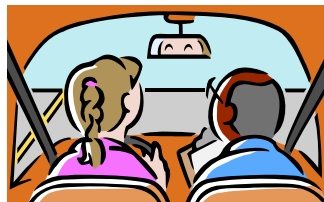
Copies of the book will be donated to the Allen County Public Library, The History Center, and the Indiana Historical Society/ Women's Collection in Indianapolis.

The publication release event is scheduled for August 22 at the Allen County Public Library from 10am – 12 noon. This event will introduce the book to the general public and offer an opportunity to meet the women. Copies of the book will be on sale for \$15. The book is published by Sophia's Portico, Inc. Configurations, Inc., printed and assembled the book. Bonnie Manning was the photographer. The use of local talent was deliberate.

For further information contact Marge White at 482-7402.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED

Members or attendees of Beacon Heights occasionally need help with transportation to Church, to a medical appointment, to a significant event, etc. If you are willing to sometimes provide needed transportation for someone in our congregation, please contact Bill Kilgore.



Adult Education—Here's what's coming!

TODAY Allison Bryan— Argentina
July 26 Christina Smith—Education in Afghanistan
August 2 Brad Bohrer—The Sudan

CPT Christian Peacemaker Congress X September 17-20 Illif School of Theology Denver, Colorado

Featuring workshops, panel discussions, public witness, connection time, and celebration. **See the flyer on the Peace Bulletin Board** at the south entrance for more information.

Ways to Serve

Church Board and Church Clerk

The Nominating Committee continues to seek people willing to serve as Church Board members or Church Clerk. Recognizing that we are a small committee and cannot know all members well, we invite input from the wider congregation regarding those 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.

**PRESCHOOL
REGISTRATION OPEN
CONTACT THE PRESCHOOL AT 483-7244
TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD
(TODDLER THROUGH FIVE YEARS OLD).**

YOUTH

High School

CANOE TRIP

August 7-9

Turkey Run State Park, Rockville, IN

*For incoming 9th graders, recent graduates,
and everyone in-between!*

This week, you should have received an email
with all the information from Pastor Melissa.

If you did not receive this email or
want paper copies,
please see Pastor Melissa **TODAY**.

Cost per youth: \$75*.

**Make checks payable to Beacon Heights Church.
Please return your registration and check to
Shannon or Jeremy Simmons by July 26.**

Questions? Call Pastor Melissa at 482-8595.

**We make every effort to keep the cost of the canoe trip low for youth families.
We do not want cost to keep any youth from attending the canoe trip therefore
we have scholarships available. Please talk with Pastor Melissa about receiving a
scholarship.*

NEWS

Middle School

Mark Your Calendars!

**August 15—Take me to the
lakes! Chain o' Lakes
For youth and their families
10 a.m.—2 p.m.**



**August 28—Take me to the play!
Shakespeare from the Heart
Much Ado About Nothing
Picnic and Show 6:30 p.m.**

**September 19—Take me to the
hayride at the Fetters?! Anyone
have a banjo or guitar?
Harmonica? Bring it!**

