



**LOOKING AHEAD**

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
18	6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
23	11:15 a.m.	Presentation of Worship Survey Results
28		MS Youth to Shakespeare in the Park
30		Safe Church Training
31	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Church Picture 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 at <https://www.appointment-plus3.com/ap/beaconheightscobftwaynein/index.php?page=10> 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—August 2nd**

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

**"Clothe Yourselves in What?"**

Sometimes certain events or seasons in life throw us into reflection about our level of contentment or lack thereof. Taken from the lectionary for this Sunday, these two readings from Ecclesiastes and Colossians form a bracket around the human experience of finding meaning and contentment. The ancient wisdom of Ecclesiastes is still fresh today with words of the Teacher spoken at a time when the ancient world was economically very much like our experience. The letter of Paul to the Colossians addresses the church in Colossae where many philosophies were swirling about the small band of early Christians.

Both audiences are trying to identify the 'one thing' needed for a meaningful and happy life. Join me in exploring the words of the Teacher and Paul as we consider our search for meaning today by reading Ecclesiastes 1: 12-14 and 2:1-7; and Colossians 3: 5-17.

Rebecca Harding

## THIS WEEK AT BEACON HEIGHTS

### TODAY

Bicycle ride on River Greenway  
(See Brian Zehr or last week's  
Beacon for details!)

### Monday

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Food Bank

Mary Whitehead

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.

## THE BEACON

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### STATISTICS

Sunday July 19, 2009

9:00 Sunday School	50
10:00 Worship	97
Adult Offerings	\$4,612.00
Children's Offering	\$0 .00
Weekly Budget	\$7,277.00



### CPT Reservist Charged with Littering

A Christian Peacemaker Teams reservist has been charged with littering for leaving water bottles for migrants near the US-Mexico border. On June 1, John Heid and two other people placed three-dozen gallons of water on a migrant trail in Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge near Tucson, Arizona according to a release from CPT. The three were confronted by a US Border Patrol agent "armed with an M-16 assault rifle," and by a Fish and Wildlife officer, and escorted out of the area. "The date (June 1) marked the beginning of the most lethal month of the year in the Tucson Sector of the US-Mexico borderlands," CPT said. "One hundred-degree days become the deadly norm. This year, migrants crossing this desert are dying at a record rate; 89 bodies have been recovered.

(from an article in July 16, 2009 Brethren *Newsline*)



**An Interdenominational  
Service for Peace  
Thursday, August 6  
Growing Bonds of Peace**

**Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki  
7-8:30 p.m. Lakeside Park  
(Pavilion bordering Vermont Ave.)**



# Stephen Ministry



*"Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in everything, by prayer and petition,  
and with thanksgiving, present your requests  
to God."  
Philippians 4:6*

## How do I become a Stephen Minister?

Many people say being a Stephen Minister is a life-changing experience for them. But it is a commitment. First, there are fifty hours of training...like taking a college course for one semester. Then, when you're assigned a Care-Receiver, you'll spend about one hour each week with them. Once a month, you'll attend a continuing education session where you hone your Stephen Minister skills. Sounds like a lot of time, doesn't it? If being a Stephen Minister is important to you, you'll find the time to fit this into your life.

Becoming a Stephen is really a pretty simple process. Contact one of the Stephen Leaders below, and they'll explain more, and get you a Stephen Minister Recruiting Packet. In the packet, you'll learn many more details, and be encouraged to pray about the decision, and to talk it over with your family. Once you've decided Yes!, you'll complete an application process that ensures you, and Beacon Heights, that this is the correct area for you to serve Christ.

**Why not explore being a Stephen Minister now?!**

**Contact a Stephen Leader:**

**Steve Eikenberry**

**Connie McGowin**

**Deb Romary**

**You are invited ... to explore a deeper understanding of membership in the Church of the Brethren**

Beginning Sunday, **September 13, 2009**, Beacon Heights will offer an **"Inquirer's Class."** This class is designed for those interested in learning more about the Church of the Brethren—who we are as a denomination and what we believe and practice as followers of Jesus Christ. The function of the class is two-fold. The primary purpose is to provide information and understanding. A second purpose is as a stepping-stone for those wishing to become active members of our congregation. At the end of the class, we will invite participants to consider making a deeper commitment to the community of faith at Beacon Heights.

**For more information**, you are invited to speak directly to Pastors John or Jan Long or to call the church office (482-8595). The class will meet each Sunday through November 22<sup>nd</sup>, during the Sunday School hour (10:15-11:00 a.m.) in the Choir Room located in the basement on the south side of the church across from the rest-rooms.

Regardless of your reason for attending, you are welcome to join us.

**Music Coordinator Update**

A search committee comprised of Tom Bever, Lynn Creath, Pastor Brian Flory, and Tim Roth has been meeting since the beginning of the year to search and conduct interviews for a new 11:15 music coordinator. Over the spring and summer, we have talked with several persons about the position and have interviewed several different candidates. Final interviews are coming in August. It is our goal to have the new person in place before the end of that month. Please continue to keep the committee and the candidates in your prayers as we discern the best fit for our new band coordinator.

**From New Community Project**

**Shopping for a better world?**

**Put NCP's enviro-friendly tote bag on your list!**

Every year five trillion plastic bags are used by global consumers at a huge environmental and aesthetic cost. And while seeming more "natural," paper bags aren't any better--in fact, they're worse! Not only is paper-making one of the most polluting manufacturing processes, paper bags require nearly seven times as much energy to create and recycle as the plastic variety.

Tired of being boxed in this bag? Have we got a deal for you! Spurred on by the request of a congregation wanting to help its members to go green when they go shopping, NCP developed a cool tote bag. From an energy standpoint, using our canvas bag is 14 times better than plastic without factoring in the littering, landfill, recycling, and foreign oil dependence issues with plastic bags. Canvas bags are also 39 times better than paper, at least from an energy standpoint. This number is conservative, since it assumes that a canvas bag is used 500 times over its lifetime. Made of recycled cotton and plastic, the sturdy bag has amazing capacity. In fact, when tried out in the NCP test kitchen, it held a 2-liter Diet Dr. Pepper, box of whole wheat Ritz crackers, dozen free range eggs, jar of peanut butter, container of cottage cheese, jar of spaghetti sauce, 24 oz. bag of salted peanuts, box of veggie burgers, bag of bite-size shredded wheat (frosted), and a tin of Fair Trade cocoa—with room to spare!

Be the talk of the check-out line with this attractive and educational tote bag! Available from NCP for \$7 plus mailing cost.

**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.

## 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](mailto:ckilgore@vincentvillage.org) or at 456-4172, ext. 230.

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

- **TODAY** Christina Smith—Education in Afghanistan
- **Aug. 2** Jabani Adzibiya—Nigeria and the church

## PRESCHOOL

### REGISTRATION OPEN

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

## August Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

8/2 Ann Becker  
8/6 Joyce Jordan  
8/7 Marie Frantz  
8/8 Sheila Dick  
Bill Hollenberg  
8/12 Don Jordan  
8/13 Beth Heironimus  
8/14 Bob Coplen  
8/16 Carrie Hart  
Kyla Zehr  
8/17 Leland Harding  
Maurie Sperry  
8/18 Tom Coursen  
Kelly Townsend  
8/26 Ryan Hedstrom  
8/27 Sharon Heitz  
8/28 Erin Zehr  
8/30 Steve Myers  
8/31 Dave Lindquist  
Jim McGowin  
Linda Weybright

### Anniversaries

8/1 Dave & Mary Wysong  
8/4 Lois & Vic Guess  
8/6 Carol & Dave Lindquist  
8/7 Ruth Ann & Tom Bever  
8/8 Linda & Tim Weybright  
8/10 Jeremy & Shannon Simmons  
8/14 Dave Faulkner & Ann Waters  
Deverl & Mary Whitehead  
8/16 Barry & Donna Belknap  
8/18 Dale & Maxine Neher  
8/19 Rachel & Sean Harroff  
Betty & Lamar Yoder  
8/20 Bill & Elaine Forsythe  
Joan & Larry Thompson  
8/23 LeeAnn & Mike Smith  
8/25 Dennis Dix & Ronda Mendenhall  
8/28 Jennifer & Paul Spoelhof  
8/30 Betty & George McKinney  
8/31 Gary & Sally Evans  
Dean & Marie Frantz

# YOUTH

## High School

### CANOE TRIP

August 7-9

Turkey Run State Park, Rockville, IN

*For incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders, recent graduates,  
and everyone in-between!*

### REGISTRATIONS DUE TODAY !!

**Cost per youth: \$75\*.**

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

You should have received an email last week  
with all the information from Pastor Melissa.  
If you did not receive this email or want a paper copy,  
see Anne Ott, Jeremy, or Shannon **TODAY**.

**Questions?** Call Jeremy or Shannon.

\*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.

# NEWS

## Middle School

August 15

Picnic at Chain O' Lakes State Park

Who's invited?  
All who are entering  
6th through 9th grades  
this fall...and your families!



**We'll provide hamburgers, veggie burgers,  
the fixin's, and drinks.**

**You're invited to bring a dish to share.**

We'll have activities planned from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
but you are welcome to stay at the park  
as long as you like.

Please RSVP to the church office or  
Pastor Melissa **by August 5**.

IF you'd like to carpool, please indicate that  
(with how many will be going) in your RSVP.

Watch the **Beacon** on **August 9th** for the location  
of where we'll meet in the park.