



LOOKING AHEAD

August	31	6:30 p.m.	Nurture Commission
		7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
September	2	7:00 p.m.	Choir
		8:00 p.m.	Stewards Commission
	8	6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
		6:30 p.m.	Witness Commission
		7:00 p.m.	Education Commission
		7:00 p.m.	Worship Teams
	9	12:30 p.m.	Ladies Birthday Luncheon
		7:00 p.m.	Choir
	13		Fall Worship Schedule Begins
		10:00 am.	Stephen Ministry Adult Ed Class
			Inquirer's Class Begins
		12:30 p.m.	All Church Picnic at Kiracofes'
	15	8:00 a.m.	Retirees' Breakfast Group
	16	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	18-19		District Conference-Camp Mack
	19		MS Youth Hayride at Fetters'
			Benefit Concert for Centers for Nonviolence

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

Next Week—August 30th

10:00 a.m. Worship

"Open Wide!"

Christian mystic Mechtild of Magdeburg (who lived in the 1200's) wrote "How should one live? Live, Welcoming to all." Today, we find ourselves often distracted as we encounter persons...in any relationship, if there's one thing we can assume, it's the reality of interruption. Whether such disruptions come by e-mail, text message, or cell phone, we find ourselves balancing multiple communications and relationships and tasks at any given time.

Current research shows that doing more than one thing at a time, or switching back and forth between tasks hampers our focus and our learning abilities. Doubt it? Try googling "multi-tasking study" and see what you find. It seems that the amazing powers of the human brain, when focused on one thing, are not fully available for others. So how do we open our arms wide in welcome in the face of the multitude of tasks and relationships that require balancing each day?

Join us next week as we explore the concepts of focus and availability as they relate to living our faith. You are invited to read Psalm 81:8-10 and Luke 18:15-17 in preparation for worship.

Pastor Jan

Next week we will collect Two Cents a Meal Offerings for Global Food Crisis Fund. There will also be an opportunity for anointing during the worship service.

Worship Survey Results Presentation TODAY

11:15 a.m. to noon In the South Classroom

Join us for a review of the worship survey results and a time for questions and answers. We'll see you there!

Have you locked your church door lately?



Please check if your committee/group/ etc. are the last ones here in the church building, and if so, please lock the door on your way out. It would be very sad if vandalism or theft occurred because of forgetfulness. It's great to have such a nice building: let's safeguard it to the best of our ability.

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

11:15 a.m. Presentation of worship
survey results
Noon Stephen Ministry Intro. and
Brunch

Friday

6:30 p.m. MS Youth to
Shakespeare in the Park

Next Sunday

Safe Church Training
After worship until 1 p.m.

Food Bank

Mary Whitehead
MaryJane and Tom Coursen

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 August 16, 2009

9:00 Sunday School	79
10:00 Worship	138
Adult Offerings	\$6,660.00
Children's Offering	\$0.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,277.00

Breakfast at Beacon Heights, September 6

Come for breakfast and fellowship time on September 6. Our adult Sunday School that day will be a time of visiting with each other. This will be a Pot Luck Finger Food Breakfast. Bring a favorite breakfast snack and join us around 9:00. Beverages provided.

Real Men Wear Women's Shoes

WHY? To raise awareness about sexualized violence and to raise money for the Fort Wayne Women's Bureau. Paul Spoelhof and Dean Johnson are putting together a Beacon Heights team for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes on September 12 at 9am. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes asks men to literally walk one mile in women's high-heeled shoes in order to demonstrate that men are willing and able to be courageous partners with women in making the world a safer place. Sexualized violence is epidemic. Someone you know, someone you care about, has been or may become the victim of sexual violence. It may be your mother, your sister, your friend, your girlfriend, your wife, your co-worker, or your daughter. Join us in creating a team and getting sponsors, contact Dean or Paul. You may also register and download a pledge form at http://www.womensbureau.com/Walker_SignUp. Shoes are provided and you are asked to raise a minimum of \$30.



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Stephen Ministry



“A Taste of Stephen Ministry”

An Informative Hour

At Noon Today

(Following the Worship Survey Presentation)

Brunch served

Hear about the vision, values, and purpose of this lay ministry at Beacon Heights. Learn why 50 hours of training is required to become a Stephen Minister. Through God’s love in action, Stephen Ministry will multiply the work of ministry in our midst. Come hear how this ministry will enhance your faith and relationship with God.

Questions? Contact Steve Eikenberry Connie McGowin or 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, speak directly to Pastors John or Jan Long or to call the church office (482-8595). The class will meet each Sunday through November 22nd, 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 restrooms. Regardless of your reason for attending, you are welcome to join us.

Safe Church Training

Sunday, August 30th

Following worship until 1:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided.

For all those who work with children or youth at Beacon Heights but have not completed the training.

(This is a part of the Safe Church Process put in place by the Education Commission in 2007. If you would like to know more about the Safe Church Process OR need to check whether you have already completed a training, please contact the church office.)

PLEASE RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, August 26 so we have an accurate count for the meal.

All are welcome!

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



Gather 12:30 p.m.

Eat at 1 p.m.

Dave and Sandy Kiracofe's

(Maps will be available.)

Bring: Dish to share, lawn chairs, yard games.

Meat, Drink, Table Service provided.

Can You Usher at District Conference?

District Conference needs 4 to 6 ushers for Friday evening and Saturday, Sept. 18 and 19. If you're interested, willing, and available, please call Ellen Smith at Walnut Church of the Brethren, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. 1 p.m. at 574-892-5349.

We missed you....



If you were not able to have a photo taken last week, we still want to include you in the church picture directory. *Lifetouch* will be taking photos at Trinity English Lutheran Church in downtown Fort Wayne later in August. Call Tim Robison at 483-9390 to ask about available time slots at Trinity and see Barb Trout or check with the church office for the paperwork you will need to take.

Please schedule your photo as soon as possible.



UNITY WALK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

9:30 a.m. — 11:00 A.M.

Meet at Courthouse Green

End at Headwater Park

[1] bring water to mingle with the waters of the other faiths;

[2] bring a canned good or two to share with the Associated Churches Neighborhood Food Pantries;

[3] dress in traditional, indigenous religious dress. We have the parade permit and are excited about showing our commitment to celebrate our religious diversity.

Contact Michael Spath (Lmspath@msn.com) for more information.

SHOW ME THE NUMBERS !!

FOR THE FOOD BANK, THAT IS

During the month of July 2009, the Beacon Heights Food Bank provided meals for 117 families (319 individuals) and an estimated total of 4,785 meals. Of the 117, there were 19 new families. Thank you again for your continuing support of this ministry!

PRESCHOOL

REGISTRATION OPEN!

CONTACT THE PRESCHOOL AT 483-7244

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD

(TODDLER THROUGH FIVE YEARS OLD).

GREAT MUSIC FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Beacon Heights invites you to support a great cause by celebrating a great band at this year's Annual Benefit Concert, at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19th RIGHT HERE AT BEACON HEIGHTS!

Mutual Kumquat will perform and **proceeds** from the free-will offering will go to the **Center for Nonviolence**.

Seth Hendricks, Chris Good, Drue Gray, Jacob Jolliff and Ben Long make up Mutual Kumquat, a talented quartet of 3 singer-songwriters, a mandolin virtuoso accompanied by the rhythms of hand drums. Mutual Kumquat has brought it's 'good times revolution music' to audiences across the United States, engaging audiences with positive, clever, and poignant lyrics, strong rhythms, rich harmonies, stick-in-your-head melodies and its unique blend of acoustic roots music influenced by bluegrass, funk, jazz, soul, folk, reggae and afrobeat.

Inspired by visions of radical, loving, creative communities living in MUTUAL relationship and the sweet yet tart, tiny but power-packed-with-flavor wonder fruit that is a KUMQUAT, Mutual Kumquat was born one late July afternoon in 2000 under a Southern California kumquat tree. Based in Southeast Michigan, Mutual Kumquat's music and performances have been received with interest and enthusiasm.

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 flyer on Peace Bulletin Board at the south entrance.

YOUTH

High School

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

This is an awesome gathering in Colorado of 4,000 youth

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 2010
JULY 17-22

from across the denomination/country. Please be sure to reserve these dates and participate in our big event for the year.

Watch the Beacon for more information about NYC and fundraisers in the future.

NEWS

Middle School

Much Ado about Nothing

Friday, August 28

Shakespeare from the Heart

at Franke Park

6:30 p.m. Picnic

7:30 p.m. Show starts



All MS Youth are invited to share in a picnic and show. Megan and Sam are involved with the production so we have the possibility of seeing all the backstage "action"!



**BRING: YOUR OWN SACK SUPPER,
LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET, BUG SPRAY**

Drop off and pick up directly at the park.