

THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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

Next Week—September 6th

10:00 a.m. Worship

"Wisdom's Past is Future's Hope"

History was never my strong suit. I simply have had difficulty remembering, and getting excited about, dates and places, events and people from our past. So when it came to planning for this past summer's Heritage Tour for the Middle School Youth, while I was excited about the trip in general, I was a little less than enthusiastic about all the church history! But I came away from that experience transformed. Recognizing wisdom as more than simple knowledge, I believe that by understanding our history we can more fully move forward with hope into the future.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate some Church of the Brethren and Beacon Heights' history as inspiration for a future proclaiming God's justice and peace. You are invited to read Proverbs 24: 13-14 in preparation for this worship service.

Pastor Melissa

Worship will include the dedication of Agatha Fetters!

LOOKING AHEAD

September	8	6:30 p.m.	Witness Commission
		7:00 p.m.	Education Commission
	9	7:00 p.m.	Worship Teams
		12:30 p.m.	Ladies Birthday Luncheon
	13	7:00 p.m.	Choir
		10:00 am.	Fall Worship Schedule Begins Stephen Ministry Class Inquirer's Class Begins
	15	12:30 p.m.	All Church Picnic at Kiracofes'
		6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
	16	8:00 a.m.	Retirees' Breakfast Group
		6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	18-19	7:00 p.m.	Choir
			District Conference-Camp Mack
	19		Benefit Concert for Center for Nonviolence
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	18-19		Benefit Concert for Centers for Nonviolence
		20	Fall Building the Bridge Classes Begin Scrip Orders due
	21	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee
	22	6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
	23	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Choir
	27	12:15 p.m.	Lunch in Fellowship Hall
		1:00 p.m.	Fall Cong. Business Meeting
	28	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Building the Bridge Committee
	30	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Choir

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.

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

Safe Church Training
After worship until 1 p.m.

Monday

6:30 p.m. Nurture Commission
7 p.m. Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Early Breakfast Group

Wednesday

8:00 p.m. Stewards Commission

Next Sunday

Baby Dedication during worship

Food Bank

Mary Bosserman
Brandi Baker
Connie McGowin

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 23, 2009

9:00 Sunday School	45
10:00 Worship	136
Adult Offerings	\$5,510.31
Children's Offering	\$3.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,277.00

Safe Church Training Today

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.

Time and Talent Surveys Available In Hard Copy or On-line

Please take time to either pick up a Time and Talent Survey on the ledge outside the church office OR to fill one out on-line. Be sure that **each adult member of the family** completes a survey by **September 13**. If you would like the link emailed to you, please contact the church office by telephone (482-8595) or send an email (office@beaconheights.net) and we will forward the link to you.

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.



Stephen Ministry

"...the congregation thought this was a good idea. They went ahead and chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit...and six others."
Acts 6:5



Post Taste

At Taste of Stephen Ministry last Sunday, we talked about how the early disciples felt called to preach and teach the Word every day, but recognized a duty to also care for people in need. They solved their problem by choosing Stephen and six others to be lay ministers. That's just what Beacon Heights is doing right now! We're adding to the ranks of 10,000 (yep, ten thousand) other Stephen Ministers who provide spiritual support to people in an immediate or chronic life crisis. We're following in the footsteps of an organization created in 1974 and modeled after scripture in Acts 6.

We've been actively recruiting and now have enough recruits to start our first class. If you've been thinking about becoming a Stephen Minister...if you've been hearing God calling you out...don't wait any longer! Contact a Stephen Leader today! We're starting the interview process for those who have already turned in their applications, and we want to include you.

Remember, this is an organized, structured lay ministry. You'll have lots of support, help, and education to help you properly care for hurting folks. And your Stephen Leaders have a national organization supporting their leadership. You'll learn the correct way to be empathetic and helpful, how to create boundaries so you don't get caught up your care receiver's issues, how to recognize when someone needs professional help, why men serve men and women serve women, and why confidentiality is very important...plus so much more it takes fifty hours of training to teach it all. Your Stephen Leaders have over twenty-five (25) pounds of resources to draw from for teaching and supporting trained Stephen Ministers.

THE TIME IS NOW - DON'T DELAY - SIGN UP NOW

Building the Bridge Hour
Classes Listed Below Begin September 20

Home By Another Way by Barbara Brown Taylor
Facilitated by Josh and Raquel Kline

In this selection of new sermons, Barbara Brown Taylor's gift of storytelling brings new life to scripture stories across the church year from Advent to Pentecost. Consider this brief sample: "Once upon a time there were three very wise men who were all minding their own business when a bright star lodged in the right eye of each one, so bright that none of them could tell whether it was burning in the sky or in their own imaginations, but they knew it did not matter all that much. The point was, something beyond them was calling them, and it was a tug they had been waiting for all their lives." This class will explore Taylor's tellings of familiar stories to call us home by another way.

Misquoting Jesus, The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why
by Bart Ehrman.

Facilitated by Terry Dougherty and Dave Wysong

World-renowned biblical scholar Ehrman reveals the truth behind mistakes and changes found throughout the Bible, including:

- The King James Bible was based on inferior manuscripts that in many cases do not accurately represent the meaning of the original text.
- The favorite story of Jesus forgiving the woman caught in adultery (John 8:3-11) does not belong in the Bible.
- Scriptural errors were so common in antiquity that the author of the Book of Revelation threatened damnation to anyone who "adds to" or "takes away" words from the text.

From a *Publishers Weekly* review: "Ehrman's absorbing story and seasoned insights into the challenges of recreating the texts of the New Testament ensure that readers might never read the gospels or Paul's letters the same way again."

Caring Crafts Facilitated by Linda Myers.

Come learn creative ways to show caring and hospitality. Each Sunday we'll create small crafty items that you may wish to give as a caring gesture. We'll do embroidery on paper cards, stamping cards, make some edible gifts, perhaps work with clay, yarn crafts, creative bookmarks, creating gift basket ideas, candles, fabric creations, wreath making. We'll brainstorm creative, thoughtful words to write/say as well. Cost: \$10 for supplies.

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.

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Choir Rehearsals to Begin

Chancel Choir rehearsals begin, 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9th. Chancel Bell Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 16th, 6:00 p.m. Both groups welcome new participants and all are welcome.

Rehearsals are downstairs in the music room.

Transfer of Membership

Wade Bollinger has requested transfer of his letter of membership to Manchester Church of the Brethren.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

9/3 Phil Wright
 94 John Hamer
 Austin Saffer
 9/8 Luke Sprunger
 9/10 Linda Wolf
 Rachel Yoder
 9/11 Sally Jones-Evans
 George McKinney
 9/13 Aria Baker
 Kevin Ricketts
 9/16 Charles Anderson
 Sue Warren
 Helen Waters
 9/17 Beth Goldsmith
 Erin Bowers Wysong
 9/21 Montgomery Fetters
 Andrew Zehr
 9/24 Aiden Baker
 Garrett Spoelhof

9/25 Betty McKinney
 Andrew Roth
 Lamar Yoder
 9/26 Betty Yoder
 9/27 Steve Eikenberry
 9/28 Tom Bosserman
 Sean Harroff
 Jahan Monirian
 9/30 Anne Ott
 Brian Zehr

Anniversaries

9/3 Margie & Terry Dougherty
 Jim & Shari Sousley
 9/4 MaryJane & Tom Coursen
 Nancy & Steve Eikenberry
 9/26 Jeff & Karla Sands

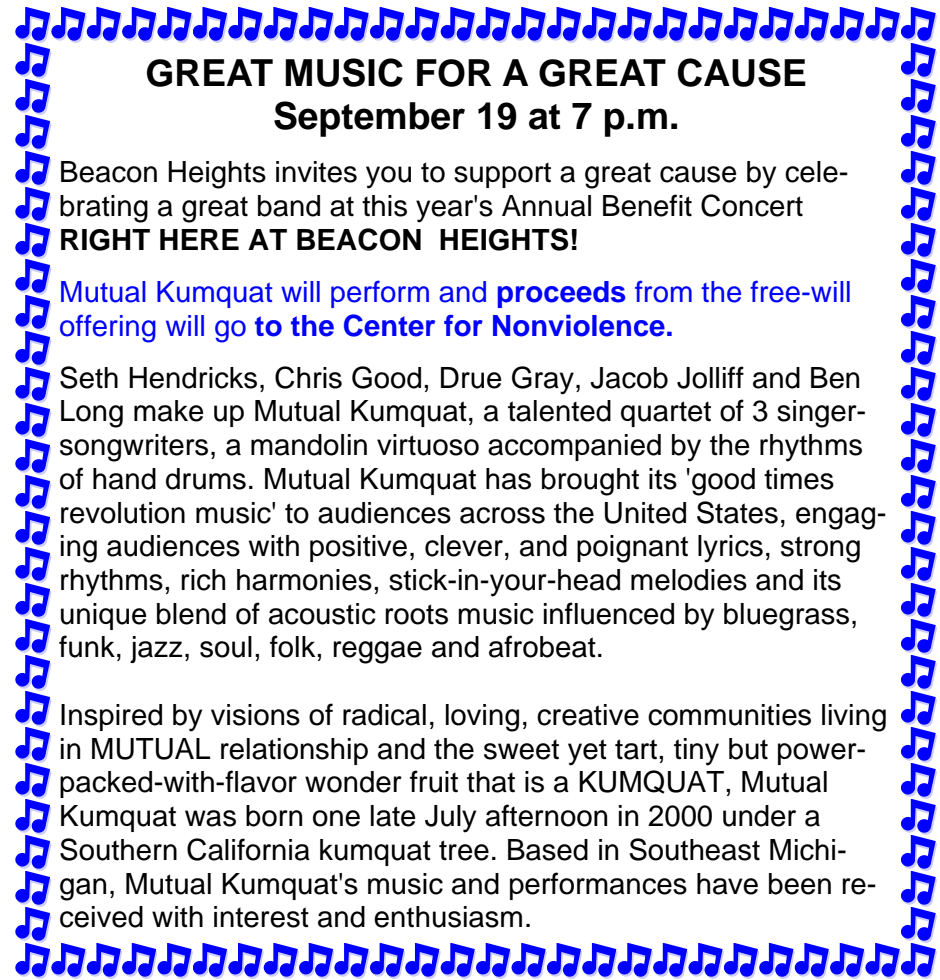
Fry-Miller Wedding Card Shower

Congratulations to Sara Barrows and Eric Fry-Miller, son of Paul and Kathy Fry-Miller, who were married at Paul and Kathy's home on August 22. You are invited to "SHOWER THE NEWLY WEDS WITH CARDS".

Building the Bridge Hour – cont'd This Class Begins September 13

Inquirer's Class Facilitated by Pastor John Long
Text: *Let Our Joys be Known* by Richard Gardner and Kenneth Shaffer

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. **For more information**, speak directly to Pastors John or Jan Long or to call the church office (482-8595). All are welcome.



GREAT MUSIC FOR A GREAT CAUSE September 19 at 7 p.m.

Beacon Heights invites you to support a great cause by celebrating a great band at this year's Annual Benefit Concert **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 its '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.

YOUTH

High School

NEWS

Middle 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.



Next Event
September 19

Mutual Kumquat Concert*
at Beacon Heights

Watch next week's Beacon
for more details.

*Please note this event is a change from the previously advertised event at the Fetters' home. We will go to the Fetters' sometime in early November. Thank you for your flexibility as we work to support other church events!