



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
		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	6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
		8:00 a.m.	Retirees' Breakfast Group
		6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	16	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	18-19		District Conference-Camp Mack
	19		MS Youth Hayride at Fetters'
			Benefit Concert for Centers for Nonviolence
	20		Fall Adult Ed Classes Begin
			Scrip Orders due
	21	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee
	22	6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
		6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	23	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
	29	6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
	30	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Choir

**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.

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 10:00 a.m.**

Next Week—September 13th

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Worship

"Welcome back"

Why is hospitality so important to Jesus? Part of the reason is because he recognizes the need and the potentially to reach out to the many physically and spiritually maligned and neglected people in his society. He knows that hospitality, while often not the impetus that creates healing moments of faith and body, is often the foundation for these miracles. He also understands another important thing: that he himself is very dependent upon the hospitality of the people that he visits and that his presence creates many more opportunities to extend holy hospitality to those who have come to see him. As we mark a transition with the return to the regular worship schedule and annual picnic, we explore a text that challenges us in our homes and our daily living.

The Beacon Heights clown ministry will appear at the 9:00 service, with a scripture choral reading featured for 11:15. You are invited to read Luke 14: 1-14 in preparation for this worship experience.

Pastor Brian

THIS WEEK AT BEACON HEIGHTS

Today

Baby Dedication during worship

Monday

Office closed for Labor Day

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Witness Commission

7:00 p.m. Education Commission

7:00 p.m. Worship Teams

Wednesday

12.30 p.m. Ladies Birthday

Luncheon at Ruby Tuesdays

7:00 p.m. Choir

Next Sunday

Fall Schedule Begins

10 a.m. Stephen Ministry Class

10 a.m. Inquirer's Class begins

12:30 p.m. All-Church Picnic (p. 9)

Food Bank

Mary Bosserman

Susan Harroff

Sandy Kiracofe

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 30, 2009

9:00 Sunday School	55
10:00 Worship	138
Adult Offerings	\$5,616.00
Children's Offering	\$0.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,277.00

Interfaith Hospitality Network October, 7-10
Beacon Heights will assist at the IHN facility the week of October 4-11. St. Jude Church will cover several nights with Beacon Heights covering October 7,8, 9, and 10. We need people to prepare and bring evening meals, people to spend time playing or reading with children, and items to donate to the center. Please stop by the sign up table to see how you can help this wonderful ministry! Contact Kyla Zehr with questions.

Hold the date - November 20-21

Beacon Heights Men's Retreat at Camp Mack

Help us to share a sense of oneness within our congregation. Topic and registration details to come! Cost is \$45.00/person **BUT** don't let the price hold you back! See John or Jan Long for scholarships. Limited to 20 Men. RSVP to the church office if interested.

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 or 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 coworker, 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



Taste of Class Next Week!

Maybe you've been thinking about becoming a Stephen Minister, but aren't sure about that fifty hours of class stuff. Next Sunday, September 13, Adult Sunday School will be hosted by your Stephen Leaders. We'll offer a sample of the educational materials Stephen Ministry recruits will be studying later this fall.

Plan to attend Taste of Class

Next Sunday...

Adult Sunday School at 10AM...

Stephen Ministry curriculum sample...

Could help you decide....

B there or B square :-)

Building the Bridge Hour



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 20th** to participate in Building the Bridge at 10 am. Come and choose to participate in one of 3 small groups, each with a different focus, but all with the same purpose of facilitating connectedness and community among 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worshipers. Join the building crew for Building the Bridge Hour each Sunday from September 20th to November 22nd at 10a.m. See what the Bridge Hour project planners have for you:

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

In this selection of new sermons, Barbara Brown Taylor walks us through the church year, from the expectancy of Advent to the fires of Pentecost and beyond. Taylor's first trade book was met with widespread critical acclaim, including the New York Times, USA Today, Publishers Weekly and NPR's Fresh Air. In 1997 Taylor delivered the distinguished Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale and in 2001 joined the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary as adjunct professor of Christian spirituality. An editor-at-large and columnist for The Christian Century, Taylor writes regularly for a number for theological journals.

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 *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."

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.

Breakfast at Beacon Heights This Sunday

Come for breakfast and fellowship at 9 a.m. 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 to share and join us around 9:00. Beverages provided.

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.

MUTUAL KUMQUAT CONCERT

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 it's 'good times revolution music' to audiences across the United States, engaging audiences with positive, poignant lyrics, 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.

Ladies Birthday Luncheon

The Ladies Birthday Luncheon will be at Ruby Tuesdays, Sept. 9 at 12:30 p.m. Please call Jeanne Lavalley if you plan to attend.



Thank you from the Hamers: “Since John's hernia sack was smaller than the surgeon originally projected, the time John was in surgery under anesthesia was also less than projected. For this we are grateful. Our hearts are filled with gratitude also for the anointing for both of us by Pastor Melissa, for Pastor John’s visit at the hospital, and for all your prayers and concerns expressed. Please continue to pray for both of us as John requires a lot of rest for continuing recovering and healing. Also continued prayers for healing for Esther's wounds are very much appreciated. Thank you.”

Building the Bridge Hour – cont'd

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.

Note: 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.

Northern Indiana District Women's Retreat



Come and attend the Northern Indiana District Women's Camp Retreat on October 9-10 at Becker Lodge at Camp Mack. The theme of the retreat is ³Balancing Life Thru Spiritual Wellness.² Friday night registration is at 6:30 pm. There will be testimony and singing with Lydia Njeri of Goshen who had special music at the Spring Rally. You may participate in scrap-booking or quilting, with a quilting lesson for first-timers. Bring a 12² hoop and a thimble to fit your middle finger; thread and squares will be furnished at a \$5 charge. We welcome experienced quilters too. The finished pieces will be assembled in a quilt and will be taken to the Camp Mack Festival next year. Saturday morning registration is at 8:45, featured Saturday will be Dr. Rosalie McBride, OB/GYN. Early registration by Thursday, September 10, cost is around \$45-\$68, depending on where you stay.

YOUTH

High School

**Mark your calendars
for these all-church* events:**

September 13

**Fall Picnic at the Kiracofe's
12:30 gather, 1:00 lunch**

September 19 - 7:00 p.m.
Mutual Kumquat concert at Beacon Heights
(This will benefit the Center for Nonviolence.
Visit <http://www.mutualkumquat.com/>
to learn more about the band.)

September 27

Church Council meeting

Come be a part of decisions made in your congregation.

**October 4 - evening
Love Feast**

*Note from Pastor Melissa: I PROMISE we will get some youth specific activities planned soon. Come to SS on September 13 to talk about this fall's Sunday school and activities. Thank you for your patience!

NEWS

Middle School



**Next Event
September 19**

**Mutual Kumquat Concert*
at Beacon Heights**

5:00 p.m. SUPPER
**Come to the church for a pizza-making
extravaganza!**

7:00 P.M. CONCERT
**VISIT [HTTP://WWW.MUTUALKUMQUAT.COM/](http://www.mutualkumquat.com/)
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BAND.**