



LOOKING AHEAD

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| September | 15 | 6:30 a.m. | Early Breakfast Group |
| | 16 | 6:00 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Choir |
| | 18-19 | | District Conference-Camp Mack |
| | 19 | 7:00 p.m. | Mutual Kumquat 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 |
| | | 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 |

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE
Adult and Children's Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Next Week—September 20th

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

"The words we speak"

We are told that words are only words. But words carry great power, in a positive and negative way. In our larger culture and politics right now, there is tremendous debate over whether and how to reform health care in the country. But when we listen to the words being spoken, how much of it is constructive and how much is destructive, fear-infused hatred. Words matter, because the tone and their intent matter. The Apostle James spoke about "taming the tongue," his phrase for watching the words we say, not only because he knew of the destructive power of words, but also because he knew the positive value of them would carry greater weight if each one was meticulously considered. We cannot tame the tongue completely. In this service, however, we can explore the ways in which our words carry impact in the church, as a church, in our homes, and in the world.

We will also commemorate International Day of Prayer for Peace in worship, with a special litany at 9:00 and a participatory Roll of Remembrance at 11:15. You are invited to read James 3:1-6 and to ponder ways to promote peace in our words as we prepare for this worship experience.

Pastor Brian

YWCA Diversity Dialogue

A continuing discussion on Hate Crimes and Hate Groups

Where: YWCA, 1610 Spy Run Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN. 46805

When: September 23, 2009

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Subjects include:

- Organized Hate Groups, their identifiers and ideologies
- The prevalence of hate-motivated crimes including those towards persons of color, immigrants, and the LGBT community
- The coded hate language of the media and politics
- Key legislation for the prevention of hate crimes
- How to get involved in movements to end hate crimes
- We encourage you to RSVP so that adequate seating is provided.

Contact Sue Hiatt at 260.424.4908 ext. 254, or shiatt@ywcaerew.org.

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

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)

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Early Breakfast Group

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Choir

Friday-Saturday

District Conference, Camp Mack

Next Sunday

Fall Building the Bridge classes begin
Scrip Orders Due

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 September 6, 2009

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| 9:00 Sunday School | 88 |
| 10:00 Worship | 115 |
| Adult Offerings | \$4,996.00 |
| Children's Offering | \$0.00 |
| Weekly Budget | \$7,277.00 |

BETHANY SEMINARY SNAPSHOT – FALL 2009

At the beginning of its 105th academic year, Bethany Seminary has reason to be enthused. More than thirty new students are expected to enroll this year, which includes the largest number of degree-seeking students in the last ten years. More important, their depth of personal faith, character, and academic ability will enrich both the Bethany community and the wider church. Bethany's faculty is now fully staffed, having welcomed Dr. Steven Schweitzer as associate professor and academic dean and Malinda Berry as instructor in theological studies and director of the MA program. Together they bring experience in classroom instruction, ministry, and volunteer service leadership.

One way that Bethany strives to keep the door of communication open is through its Web site: www.bethanyseminary.edu. Visitors will find information on all degree and Academy programs, employees and trustees, new initiatives in student recruitment, the journal *Brethren Life & Thought*, and community life. Complete issues of Bethany publications and all press releases are available as is a new collection of Webcasts, allowing those at a distance to view special events and presentations. All are invited to visit us there!

All at Bethany Seminary are grateful to be in partnership with congregations like yours, calling and preparing men and women to serve the church and upholding the deeply held values and faith traditions of the Church of the Brethren.

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.

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'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 *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 TODAY !!!

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.

Dr. David Waas to speak on Iran-Israel-Palestine at First Presbyterian Church Thursday 9/17

Dr. Waas will speak on the Iran-Israel-Palestine Mosaic at 6:30 p.m. He is Professor Emeritus at Manchester College, former Chair of Department of History, and former Visiting Professor at the University of Malawi. A popular international, national and local teacher, Dr. Waas specializes in the intersection of African politics and religion, as well as peace-making effort in Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Choir Rehearsals Beginning

Chancel Choir rehearsals began at 7:00 p.m. last Wednesday, Sept. 9th. Chancel Bell Choir rehearsals begin this week, Wednesday, September 16 at 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.
Proceeds to Center for Nonviolence

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.

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 TODAY !

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

SEPTEMBER 19

Supper at Atz's

and

MUTUAL KUMQUAT
CONCERT

5 P.M. meet at
Atz's Ice Cream Shoppe
3235 N. Anthony

7 p.m. Concert at church

Bring money for supper and a freewill donation for the concert.
Please RSVP to Shannon Simmons by Thursday, Sept. 17.

If you'd like to know more about Mutual Kumquat or hear some of their music,
visit www.mutualkumquat.com.

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.