



LOOKING AHEAD

September	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

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.

**IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network)
Assistant Coordinator Needed**

After years of dedicated service (helping homeless families) as IHN Coordinator for our congregation, Ethel Klopfenstein has found it necessary to resign from that position. Kyla Zehr, who had served as an IHN Assistant Coordinator, was willing to become the IHN Coordinator for our congregation. (Thanks to Kyla for her willingness to serve in this way!) Now our congregation needs a new IHN Assistant Coordinator.

If you have an interest in helping homeless families by serving as our IHN Assistant Coordinator, but you have questions about what the position involves, feel free to talk with Kyla or Ethel.

Please let me know if you are interested in being our new IHN Assistant Coordinator.

Bill Kilgore, Witness Commission

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 27th

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Worship
Stewardship Emphasis Sundays

"New love, new mercy"

Lamentations is not a book for the fainthearted. It crashes through barriers of comfort and denial, forcing us to face the time(s) we have personally and corporately, knowingly or unknowingly, preyed upon those who are vulnerable. As we confess our part in this cycle, we lift up to God our concerns in honest repentance. And strangely enough, it is in the midst of this accountability that we hear God's response in our role as good stewards.

This year's stewardship campaign is based on this passage from Lamentations. This is a scripture that resonates with people who have suffered or who have acquired the art of being with those who have suffered. In this first week of stewardship emphasis, we will explore laments as part of the biblical experience. The focus of lament is that through offering our honest experience to God, that in bringing expressions of great sorrow, pain, or remorse, God responds with new love and new mercy.

Join us in worship as we consecrate Stephen Ministers in Training, reflect upon our stewardship through a human tableau in the 9:00 service and a visual collage in the 11:15 service. You are invited to read Lamentations 3:21-24 in preparation for this worship experience.

Pastor Brian

THIS WEEK AT BEACON HEIGHTS

Today

Fall Schedule Begins

10 a.m. Fall Building the Bridge classes
Scrip Orders Due

Monday

7 p.m. Executive Committee

Wednesday

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

Next Sunday

12:00 Potluck Meal
1:00 p.m. Fall Council Meeting

Food Bank

Mary Whitehead
Mim Robbins
Barb Thorn

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 13, 2009

9:00 Worship	59
10:00 Building the Bridge	86
11:15 Worship	97
Adult Offerings	\$5,490.00
Children's Offering	\$0.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,277.00



Church Women United Interfaith Luncheon

The 46th Church Women United Interfaith Luncheon is Monday, October 12 at Ceruti's, 6601 Innovation Blvd. (accessible from Ludwig Road or Washington Center Road, free parking, handicap accessible). Registration is at 11:15 with lunch served at noon. The theme is "A Song in the Air", and the program will include a lot of music rather than a principal speaker. Attendees of different denominations/faiths will be seated together to facilitate getting acquainted.



Reservation forms are tacked on the north bulletin board. You are welcome to take one to complete. Send it in with your meal preference and with your check for \$12.00; **RESERVATION DEADLINE SEPT. 28.** Contact Lois Guess if you have questions

Stephen Ministry



SO HOW...REALLY...

DOES THE CONGREGATION FIT IN?

In a word...everything! Statistics from over 30 years experience show that a congregation who understands the workings of their Stephen Ministry well, and feels an intimate ownership in their Stephen Ministry, is the congregation of a church where Stephen Ministry will thrive and flourish.

In Matthew 7, Jesus talks about the importance of building a house on a strong foundation. A high level of awareness and ownership by our congregation is the strong foundation our Stephen Ministry needs to thrive.

Stephen Ministers will rise from within our congregation. Some will be drawn to this new care-giving ministry naturally, and some will discover hidden talents they can share through Stephen Ministry. The more a congregation knows about Stephen Ministry, the better the congregation will be able to find it's own Stephen Ministers.

Our Stephen Ministry will need Care Receivers...folks who can benefit from the spiritual care a well-trained Stephen Minister can provide. Our pastoral staff will refer folks in crisis to our Stephen Ministry. But important referrals will also come from you and other congregation members! Every person in our congregation at some time will know someone...a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker, a family member...who is in crisis and could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister.

Anyone who has ever grown vegetables or flowers knows the importance of the right temperature, humidity, precipitation, sunlight, and soil. So it is with our Beacon Heights Stephen Ministry. Our congregation contains all the right elements for our Stephen Ministry to grow and flourish.

**Deadline for Stephen Ministry applications
Tuesday, September 22**

Disaster Relief Opportunity in February 2010

Almost 4 years after Katrina, many, many damaged homes in the New Orleans area have yet to be repaired. Continued and additional workers are very much needed. For those who like to plan ahead: Beacon Heights has scheduled another disaster service trip to Chalmette, LA, in the winter of 2010. Chalmette was one of the hardest hit suburbs of New Orleans where devastation was massive. Beacon Heights is organizing a group of 14 volunteers to travel there and work February 21-27, 2010. If you are interested in participating, put it on your calendar and contact Pastor John.



11th Annual Camp Mack Festival October 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Featuring a wide variety of booths, exhibits, and activities: silent auctions, entertainment, scarecrow contest, hospitality booth, food and craft booths, train ride, hay ride, horse-drawn carriage, pontoon rides and children's activities. Come join the fun! See information posted on north bulletin board or on the table in the north narthex.

Do You Have an Announcement for 11:15 Worship?

If you have an announcement for the 11:15 service, please have it to the church office no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's service. Because the time is brief, announcements are VERY short and limited in number. Due to this, the pastoral team and the church office will determine which are used in a given week.

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 began last week !

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.

Worship Aids Goodies Available to Take Home

Did you know that the worship aids closet downstairs has new shelving and has been reorganized? Many items that are no longer used for worship are in the fellowship hall yearning for a new home! Please leave your freewill offering and take what you can use! Thank you!

With Gratitude

Thank you for the wonderful support and caring you have expressed to us during Don's illness. Your cards, emails, and prayers sustained us while we were in Arkansas. Now we are grateful for the food and your other acts of kindness since we have returned home.

We are very glad to be home and look forward to the time when Don feels well enough to attend church. We appreciate our Beacon Hts. "family".

Don and Joyce Jordan

YOUTH

High School

WELCOME



TIM WEYBRIGHT

and



Brian Zehr

to HS Youth Advising!



NEWS

Middle School

October 31-November 2
Middle School Youth Retreat
at Camp Mack



Led by

John-Michael Pickens
of On Earth Peace

Play games



Enjoy God's
creation

Plan MS Youth Sunday

Worship

RSVP by Sept. 27