

LOOKING AHEAD

October	1	12:30 p.m.	Spirit Journey Women
	4		IHN week begins
		6:30 p.m.	Love Feast
	5	6:30 p.m.	Nurture Commission
	6	6:00 p.m.	Staff Relations Committee
	7	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Choir
		8:00 p.m.	Stewards Commission
	8	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Leaders
	9-11		MS Youth Retreat at Camp Mack
	10	8:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Training (all day)
	13	6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
		8:00 a.m.	Retirees' Breakfast Group
		6:30 p.m.	Witness Commission
		7:00 p.m.	Education Commission
		7:00 p.m.	Worship Teams
	14	12:30 p.m.	Ladies Birthday Luncheon
		6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 pm.	Choir
	15	12:30 p.m.	Spirit Journey Women
	18		SCRIP Orders Due 2010 pledge cards turned in
	19	7:00 p.m.	Full Board
	21	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 pm.	Choir
	22	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
	25	12:30 p.m.	Reflections Potluck for Garden Project Participants
	26	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	27	6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
	28	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 pm.	Choir
	29	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
November	1	2:00 a.m.	Switch to Eastern Standard Time

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—October 4, 2009

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

"Love That Does Not Quit"

When I get in a hurry, I am not always as thoughtful or considerate as I could be. Often this occurs in the car when I'm driving. There are times when I wish for a vehicle big enough to just push my way through traffic. But then, as I am trying to enter traffic or to cross traffic lanes, someone will graciously leave space and actually hold up the cars behind to allow me the opportunity to gain access to my desired lane.

Just that little display of kindness can have a profound effect on my own attitude and actions. It immediately slows me down and helps me become much more courteous, cautious, and patient with respect to others on the highway.

Our scripture for next Sunday comes from the little book of Lamentations. Much of this book is full of sadness and sorrow -- something we all experience at sometime and at some level. But even in our lowest moments, the unexpected presence of God can have a profound effect on our outlook on life. Goodness spills out like an overflowing cup. Read the first chapter of Lamentations. Reflect upon the low points of your life. Where have you discovered God at those times? What effect has it had upon you?

This week includes a new phase of the human tableau at 9 a.m. worship and a children's time at the 11:15 service. You are invited to read Lamentations 1: 1-6, 8b in preparation.

Pastor John

THIS WEEK AT BEACON HEIGHTS

Today

12:15 p.m. Potluck Lunch
1:00 p.m. Fall Council

Monday

7 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday

6:30 am. Early Breakfast Group

Wednesday

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

Thursday

12:30 p.m. Spirit Journey Women

Next Sunday

IHN Week Begins

Food Bank

Mary Bosserman
Joan Thompson
Marcia Wright

STATISTICS

Sunday September 20, 2009

9:00 Worship	70
10:00 Building the Bridge	109
11:15 Worship	76
Adult Offerings	\$7,656.50
Children's Offering	\$1.25
Weekly Budget	\$7,277.00

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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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

**Reflections Potluck
for Community Garden Project Participants
Sunday, October 25 at 12:30 p.m.
Watch The Beacon for details!**

Stephen Ministry

The city of Fort Wayne
and
Beacon Heights



(or: How this could be life-changing for Beacon Heights)

The Gospel of Matthew ends with Jesus final words, “...go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of God, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Whew! That sounds like we are called by Jesus directly to go and tell folks about the Good News. But that’s something we at Beacon Heights have always found a little hard to do. For many reasons, we believe it is better to show our faith through our actions rather than crow about it.

What if we discovered a way to evangelize to the larger Fort Wayne community in a way we at Beacon Heights would feel comfortable with? Could we then more readily embrace the Great Commission at the end of Matthew? Well, in two little words...Stephen Ministry. We may well have exactly the kind of evangelism Beacon Heights can wrap itself around.

Stephen Ministry is ideally suited to folks in hospitals, homeless and abuse shelters, nursing homes, and long-term care facilities plus friends, neighbors and co-workers. Think on it some and see if you agree.

Disaster Relief Opportunity February 21-27, 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.**

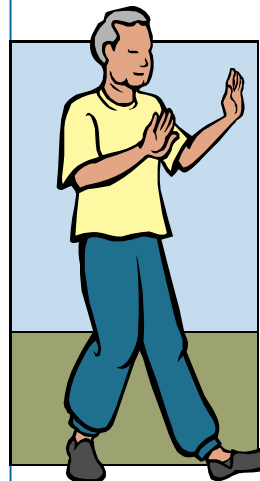


11th Annual Camp Mack Festival October 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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.



Seasoned Citizens Retreat October 12-15 at Camp Mack Accommodations at Becker Lodge Registration opens at 3 p.m. Monday Programs Tuesday and Wednesday Closing after lunch on Thursday

Cost is \$110.00 per person

Registration information on north bulletin



Church Women United Interfaith Luncheon Reservations due Tomorrow

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. **Contact Lois Guess if you have questions about this event.**

Stephen Minister Training Begins October 10

We ask your thoughts and prayers for trainers and trainees as they enter into a time of preparation and learning which is the next phase of developing Beacon Heights' Stephen Ministry. Trainers are: Steve Eikenberry, Pastors Jan and John Long, Connie McGowin, and Deb Romary. The trainees are: Sheila Dick, Leland Harding, Dave Kiracofe, Jeanne Lavalley, Donna Lesh, Anne Ott, Karla Sands, Doug Wages, Sue Warren Wages, Betty Yoder, and Lamar Yoder.

YOUTH

High School

Friday, October 2

7-9 p.m.

Games at the Church

Group games, board games,
planned games, unplanned games

COME FOR AN EVENING OF FUN TOGETHER!

BRING A SNACK OR A DRINK TO SHARE.

INVITE FRIENDS!

Other dates to mark on your calendar:

Friday, October 23 - Volunteer for Halloween at the Zoo

Sunday, November 1 - Hayride at the Ott's

Sunday, December 13 - Fundraiser Lunch & Council Meeting

January 29-31, 2010 - Retreat at Camp Mack

July 17-22, 2010 - National Youth Conference

NEWS

Middle School

October 9-11

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

Registration due TODAY