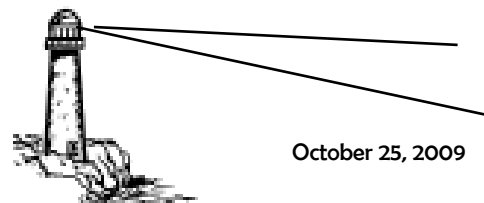


LOOKING AHEAD

November	1	2:00 a.m.	Switch to Eastern Standard Time
		4:30 p.m.	HS Youth Hayride at Otts'
	2	6:30 p.m.	Nurture Commission
	4	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
		8:00 p.m.	Stewards Commission
	5	12:30 pm..	Spirit Journey Women
	7	Noon	Shower for Raquel Kline
	8		Middle School Youth Sunday
	10	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
	11	12:30 p.m.	Ladies Birthday Luncheon
		6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	12	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
	14	8:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
	15		Scrip Orders Due
	16	7:00 p.m.	Full Board
	17	6:30 p.m.	Growth and Outreach Committee
	18	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	19	12:30 p.m.	Spirit Journey Women
	20-21		Men's Retreat at Camp Mack
	24	6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
	25		Food Bank closed
			No choir rehearsal
	26-27		Church Office Closed
	29		Hanging of the Greens
	30	7:00 p. m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you have questions regarding Beacon information, please contact the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.



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THE BEACON

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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

Next Week—November 1, 2009

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

“Holy ground”

Did you go to church camp as a child or teen? Studies have demonstrated that church camp experiences play a tremendous role in the faith formation and expression of children and youth, more so than almost any other factor. Just as importantly, we have heard stories from the children of our congregation who return from Camp Mack with enthusiasm and eagerness to return again. This is just one example of a holy ground place, a place in our lives where we have experienced God in profound ways. Part of our challenge is not only to identify our holy ground places, but also to heed God's calling to care for these places, so that they may also be meaningful to others. On this day, we celebrate and lift up the need to support the ministries of Camp Mack and the role that we play in preserving God's creation as environmental stewards of places that are 'holy ground.'

Join us in worship as we listen to Tom Bosserman (9:00 service) and Jessica Creath (11:15 service) each share how the ministry of Camp Mack has impacted their lives. You are invited to read Exodus 3:1-5 in preparation for this worship experience.

Pastor Brian

Don't forget! Time changes at 2 a.m. next Sunday!

**THIS WEEK AT
BEACON HEIGHTS**

Today

5:30 p.m. Gardening Project "Reflections"
Potluck for participants/friends

Monday

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Early Breakfast Group

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:00—8:30 p.m. Stephen Min. Trng

Food Bank

Mary Bosserman
Susan Harroff
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 October 18, 2009

9:00 Worship	64
10:00 Building the Bridge	99
11:15 Worship	87
Adult Offerings	\$ 6,547.00
Children's Offering	\$1.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,277.00

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 11/1 Rachel Harroff
- 11/2 Jennie Ott
- 11/3 Ethel Klopfenstein
Betsy Wagoner
- 11/7 Cyndi Rowley
- 11/9 Derrion Dix
- 11/10 Daniel Mitchell-Dix
- 11/12 Brian Flory
Joan Thompson
- 11/13 Megan Feters
Delaney Taylor
- 11/15 Leslie Sperry
- 11/16 Todd Steele
- 11/17 Wilma Anderson
Ron Dick
Verlena Driver
Jeremy Simmons

- 11/18 Kathy Stevens
- 11/19 Phyllis Hall
- 11/24 Sean Baker
Jeremy Wysong
- 11/25 Dennis Dix
- 11/27 Larry Thompson
- 11/28 Scott Dercks
- 11/29 Josh Wysong
- 11/30 Terry Fonner

Anniversaries

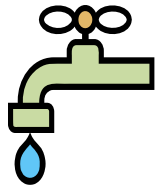
- 11/18 Helen & Wayne Waters
- 11/25 Ben & Nelda Sollenberger



Disaster Relief Trip for 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. Several levels of skills and a variety of talents are needed, including those willing to cook for the group or help in the kitchen.



If you are interested in participating, put it on your calendar and contact Pastor John.





Men's Retreat
November 20-21
7:00 p.m. Friday —
3:00 p.m. Saturday

Return this form to the church office by November 8 along with your \$45.00 registration fee.

Where: Camp Mack **Led by: Duane Grady**

Name _____ Phone _____

I would like to carpool. I would like to have help with child care.

Beacon men on retreat will begin with a common experience - viewing the film *Secondhand Lions* together on Friday evening, along with free time for games, hikes, and conversation. Focal points for group times will include communication, initiating and bridge building in relationships, and dealing with current economic and fiscal crises.

Leader Duane Grady is interim pastor at Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, and formerly served the denomination as a Congregational Life Team member. He enjoys baseball, reading, walking, and crossword puzzles. Retreat space will be at Camp Mack, in Wampler Lodge, from 7 p.m. Friday through 3 p.m. Saturday.

Those interested in car-pooling may contact the church office. Limited to 20 men, so register early! Sponsored by Nurture Commission for the men of Beacon Heights community.

If you need financial help, please speak with Pastor Jan

Registration is limited to 20, so sign up early!

FREE-RANGE, ORGANIC EGGS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. THEY ARE IN THE REFRIGERATOR IN THE KITCHEN. COST: 2.50/DOZEN. PLACE CHECKS OR CASH IN KIMBERLY KOCZAN-FLORY'S CHURCH MAILBOX.



Mustard Seed Furniture Bank Needs Furniture, Kitchen Items, Linens and More !

Fire and flood victims, veterans, domestic violence victims, the elderly, and the handicapped need *the basics in setting up their households*. They are referred by nonprofits, including the Red Cross, Vincent House, CANI, SCAN, schools and churches, and here is what they need:

- **BED AND BATHROOM:** Mattress sets, bed frames, dressers, linens, blankets, bath towels
- **LIVING ROOM:** Couches, chairs, end/coffee tables, lamps, recliners (not desks)
- **KITCHEN:** Tables and chairs, towels, pots and pans, dishes, utensils, silverware, cups, bakeware, and small appliances

Look around your house for any of these items and recycle them for a good cause. If your donations are in working order and free of stains and rips, call 471-5802 for pick up/drop off, or email director@mustardseedfortwayne.com. Volunteers are needed as well. To make a tax-deductible donation, write to "Mustard Seed Furniture Bank," 5429 Keystone Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.



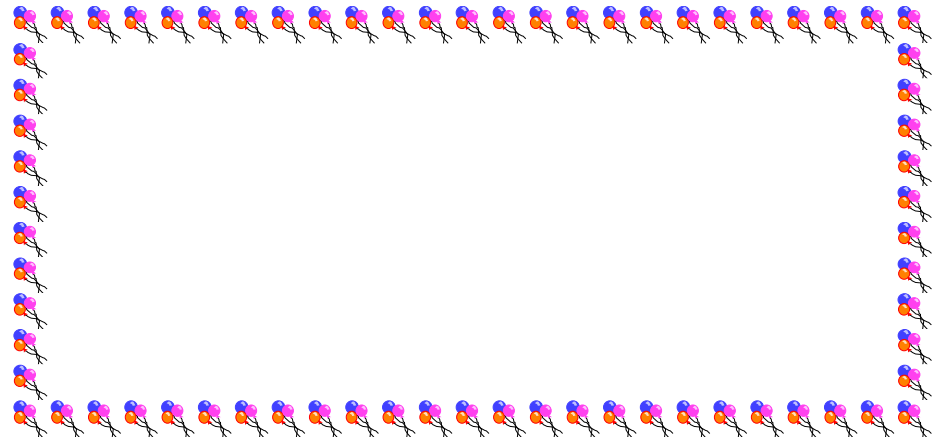
Sister Church Visitors to Arrive November 17

It is a joy to report that three visitors from Second Congregation Mision Cristiana in Managua, Nicaragua will arrive in Fort Wayne on November 17 and depart on November 24. If you are interested in helping, call Paul Fry-Miller.



Update: Beacon Heights Query to Annual Conference

The Special Response Resource Committee created by the 2009 Annual Conference met for the first time on Oct. 12-13. This committee was asked to develop a study guide and resource list for congregations, districts, and the denomination to discuss two documents that came to the 2009 Conference: "Statement of Confession and Commitment" and the query on "Language on Same-Sex Covenantal Relationships." In an announcement from the Annual Conference Office, the committee has begun its work, which the Conference requested be available no later than April 1, 2010. Members are John Wenger, chair; Karen Garrett, recorder; James Myer; Marie Rhoades; Carol Wise; and Standing Committee liaison Jeff Carter. The committee will post occasional updates at www.cobannualconference.org/special_response_resource.html.



**Disaster Response Project
in Winamac, IN**
**Skilled and unskilled workers
are needed.**
**SKILLED CARPENTERS NEEDED
NOW!**



The Northern Indiana District Church of the Brethren has been scheduled to send a volunteer team to the disaster response project in Winamac, IN. We are in need of 6-8 volunteers to help with repair and rebuilding 2 homes.

YOU MUST ALSO BE ABLE TO DO SOME HEAVY LIFTING. We need people who can handle raising walls and hauling lumber. Volunteers must provide their own bedding, and towels. Showers, bathrooms, kitchen, meeting space and WI-FI are available in the church. Volunteers may be expected to assist with food preparation and cleanup. For more information contact: Steve Keim; Project Director, Email: bdmwinamac@gmail.com. Open weeks include 10/18 - 10/24 and every week in November. Volunteer housing: Bethel Bible Church, 6966 State Rd. 14 West, Winamac, IN. John Sternberg, District Disaster Leader, 574-612-2130.

It's beginning to look at lot like Christmas.....



...well, maybe not....but the leaves outside are changing and the weather is getting colder. Its hard to believe Christmas is just around the corner. **The middle school youth are once again selling SERRV items as a fundraiser.** Feel free to pick up a catalog in the fellowship hall. Return it with your order by November 8. Questions: contact Kathi Saffer 483-0838.

**A Chance to Help
Camp Mack**



Have you been a camper at Camp Mack? Have you experienced a weekend retreat there, or family camp? Do your children or grandchildren go to Summer Camp there? Will they in a few years? Do you appreciate the ongoing ministry provided by the Camp?

Located beside beautiful Lake Waubee, Camp Mack is the church camp for Brethren in the Northern Indiana and South-Central Indiana Districts. Camp Mack is a valuable resource, planning ahead for a bright future and they are asking for our help. They are in the midst of their 36-month "On the Way...Continuing in Faith" capital fund campaign, which is designed to enable many technological and environmentally friendly improvements to facilities, infrastructure, and land usage. These improvements are projected to occur over the next 20 years. They will provide Camp Mack with the opportunity to provide an even greater variety of life-enhancing, potentially life-changing experiences.

On Sunday, November 1, both of our worship services will have a special emphasis on Camp Mack. You will be given information about Camp Mack and its programs, and you will have an opportunity to give to Camp Mack's capital fund campaign. Your tax-deductible contribution will help the projected improvements become reality at Camp Mack.

PAPER BAGS NEEDED !

The food bank needs your extra **PAPER** bags for packing food for clients. Please put bags on the card table just outside the food bank door. Thank you!



YOUTH

High School

NEWS

Middle School

November 1

Hayride @ the Otts'

4:30—9:00 p.m.



Drop off and pick up
at the church

**Bring: chips or drink to
share**

DRESS WARM !

November 15

Progressive Dinner

3:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Watch the Beacon for details.



Middle School Youth Sunday
November 8

**REHEARSAL
(and Hayride)**



**November 7
3:00—9:00 p.m.
at the Fetters**

Drop off and pick up
at the church.