

LOOKING AHEAD

November	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

Food Bank Sunday November 22

Watch your bulletin next week for an insert about needed items for the Food Bank. During October, the Food Bank served 130 family units, 31 for the first time! **This becomes an estimated 5,445 meals.** Thank you for your continued donations during these challenging economic times.

Have you turned in your 2010 pledge card?

Please remember to return your pledge card to facilitate Stewards Commission and the Board in planning the 2010 budget. You may phone Ben and Nelda Sollenberger if you wish to let them know right away what your pledge is. They will still need your written pledge card to insure no misunderstandings ensue. Many thanks for your commitment and your timely response.

Camp Mack seeks Food Service Manager/Cook

Camp Alexander Mack in Milford, IN seeks applications for a Food Service Manager/Cook. It is a full-time, year-round position to be filled by December 28. Applications due by December 1. **See north bulletin board for job description.**

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—November 15, 2009

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

**New Community Project
focuses on women's issues**

We welcome David Radcliff of New Community Project to bring the message in our worship services on November 15. At the 9:00 service, David will lead the children's time and his sermon title will be "Holy Cows." In his description of the sermon, he notes "Women as well as others are often kept from the fullness God intends by a range of formal and informal rules and mores--that Jesus took some delight in challenging. What are these rules in our time, and what is our role in debunking and overcoming them." If you attend this service, you are invited to read Luke 13:10-19 in preparation for worship.

At the 11:15, there will be a visual collage of New Community Project's work with empowering women in different countries across the globe. David's sermon is entitled, "Affirmative Action," with his description noting that "Jesus' frank interchange with the woman at the well, while unmasking her true self and her struggles, also empowered her to return to her estranged community and to become the first Christian evangelist." If you attend this service, you are invited to read Luke 4:1-39 in preparation for worship.

During both worship services, there will also be a time to honor the contributions of Don and Joyce Jordan to the Food Bank and Ethel Klopfenstein to IHN, as each of these persons have "retired" from active leadership to these outreach ministries of the church. Join us for dynamic worship experiences that emphasize the needs of others and our role in God's calling to help meet those needs.

Pastor Brian

**THIS WEEK AT
BEACON HEIGHTS**

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Ladies Birthday Luncheon
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Next Sunday

Scrip Orders Due

Food Bank

Mary Whitehead
Phyllis Hall
Sandy Kiracofe

<i>STATISTICS</i>	
Sunday November 1, 2009	
9:00 Worship	80
10:00 Building the Bridge	118
11:15 Worship	89
Adult Offerings	\$5,883.00
Children's Offering	\$0.00
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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Sabbath Rest Opportunities Unfolding

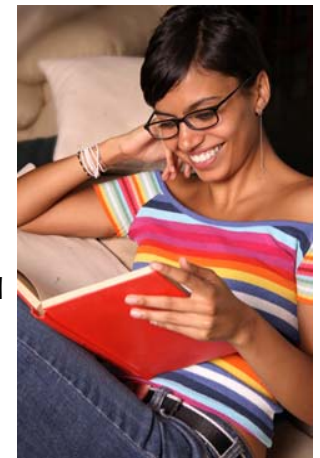


Hopefully, you've heard the great news... Pastors Jan & John Long received a grant to take a Sabbath Rest in the summer of 2010, slowing down to experience God's presence in the rhythms of creation and to explore the deeper connections between creation, justice, and spirituality. However, it was not just a grant for their Sabbath Rest, the congregation also received money to participate in Sabbath activities while they are away.

As we wrote the grant, we had the opportunity to dream of interesting, yet restful, activities we could bring to the congregation. One of those opportunities will be ongoing throughout next summer. The committee wrote into the grant a daily devotional developed by and for our congregation including thoughts on Sabbath, rest, nature, Celtic spirituality, finding God in nature, etc. While we are not ready to begin the search for editor(s) or writers just yet, if you are a writer, nature-lover, editor, dreamer, have ever experienced a Sabbath Rest, regularly take a Sabbath or even just enjoy a good rest once in awhile, you may be just the person we are looking for in a couple months. It would be great if you would be thinking now of ways you can help with this devotional early next year.

Be looking for more information on the devotional and other congregational opportunities for Sabbath Rest next spring.

Barb Beck, Mark Beck, Ruth Ann Bever, Bill Kilgore, Shannon Simmons, Matt Sprunger, Kris Bohnstedt, Betty Yoder

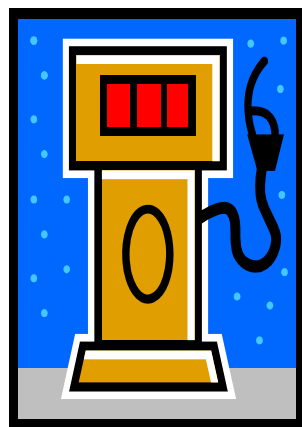


Looking for ways to make Christmas shopping a little easier?
Try SCRIP !



Scrip is a great concept. You order a gift card and receive full face value while the church pays a little bit less than full price for the card. Thus, the Beacon Heights High School Youth keep the difference and use it to help pay for events such as this summer's National Youth Conference! If you don't want to give gift cards, use them to buy the gifts you give!


A multitude of cards are available from a wide choice of vendors. There are **29 restaurants** (from Applebees to Dunkin' Donuts and Red Lobster to Starbucks), **four gas stations**, **45 retailers** (Barnes and Noble, Footlocker, Kohl's, LL Bean, Lowes, Old Navy, Radio Shack, Wal-Mart, and more) as well as At&T, Amazon.com, and Regal Cinemas.



Orders will be taken November 15 (delivered to your mailbox Nov. 22) and December 6 (in your mailbox Dec. 13).

Many thanks for your ongoing support of our youth!!





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

Return this form to the church office TODAY 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!

**Christmas Bureau Donations Needed
by December 6**

Beacon Heights congregation has the privilege to once again partner with the Allen County Christmas Bureau. We are sponsoring 3 families this year, for a total of 8 people.

If you would like more information, check out the volunteer opportunities and donor sign-up sheet at the Christmas Bureau table in the Fellowship Hall. Additional information will also be in next week's Beacon.

Sue Warren, Coordinator

**Coping During the Holidays
(A Holiday Memorial Service)**

Saturday November 14

**Choose Session 1: 1 - 2:30 p.m. or Session 2: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home
1140 Lake Avenue
Fort Wayne**

For reservations and to include a photo of your loved one in the presentation, call Tracy Degitz at 426-9494 or email her at tracy.degitz@domccombandsons.com.

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.



Ladies Birthday Luncheon...

...will be held Wed. Nov. 11 at 12:30 at The Gas House, 305 E. Superior. RSVP to Mary Bosserman by Tuesday, November 10 if you plan to attend.

Heifer International Gift Orders

Forms for gifts to Heifer International are in a red folder on the wall near the drinking fountain in the north entry (beside the Heifer International poster). This Christmas, honor someone you love with a gift of sustenance and hope.



Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

November 14 at 6 p.m.

**First Presbyterian Church 300 W. Wayne
\$25 for dinner \$35 for Dinner/Theater
"A Walk in the Woods"***

**presented by
First Presbyterian Theater
at 8 p.m.**

Call 260-426-7421 for more information.

(*See play description on north bulletin board.)

Brown Bag Lunch with David Radcliff
on November 15
 Join us for a brown bag lunch and a time of sharing and conversation with David Radcliff in the parlor following the 11:15 worship service. All are welcome!



The Church of the Brethren wants stories from YOU!

The Program and Arrangements Committee is looking for stories of persons who have taken Jesus seriously.

Perhaps it is a moment of selfless action. Perhaps it is a lifetime's commitment to a cause of the Gospel. Perhaps it is a story of one person ... or a congregation ... or a district, agency, or organization. We are interested in stories that span the diversity of our denomination: theologically, geographically, generationally, and more. The aim is to include those stories of faith and testimony throughout our time together [at Annual Conference] in Pittsburgh, celebrating God's good work among us.

Program and Arrangements Committee is collecting these stories now. Please send a brief synopsis of the story and contact information to do some follow-up. These stories could be sent to the Annual Conference Office (1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120) or to cdouglas@brethren.org.

It would be helpful if the stories could be sent by **November 9**.
See the full invitation on the north bulletin board.

Come meet our guests from Second Congregation Mision Cristiana, Managua, Nicaragua

When: Sunday, November 22, after the 11:15 service
in the fellowship hall

What: Potluck (which will include traditional Nicaraguan food prepared by Raquel Aragon Kline)



Take advantage of this opportunity to talk with our Nicaraguan guests and to contribute to the Milk and Rice Fund

YOUTH

High School

November 15

Progressive Dinner*

3:30 - 8:30 p.m

YUM!



*A Progressive Dinner means that we will travel from house to house eating different parts of a meal together. You do not need to bring anything except your hearty appetites and pleasant personalities!

*Please RSVP to Pastor Melissa
by Wednesday, November 11.*

NEWS

Middle School

Today we celebrate
the Middle School Youth program

AND

all who make it complete ...
advisors, mentors, parents/guardians,
a church which values its youth
and, of course, the youth!

You all are "uncommon heroes".



**Next activity: December 13,
following council meeting.**

And watch your email next week
for information about
New Year's Eve at Camp Mack!