

**THIS WEEK AT
BEACON HEIGHTS**

Today

Last day of Fall Building the Bridge classes

Wednesday

Food Bank Closed
No choir rehearsal

Thursday-Friday

Church Office Closed

Next Sunday

First Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens
Two Cents a Meal Offering

Pastors Schedules: For Thanksgiving, Pastor Melissa will be away November 26-29.

STATISTICS	
Sunday November 15, 2009	
9:00 Worship	94
10:00 Building the Bridge	124
11:15 Worship	104
Adult Offerings	\$4,831.00
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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Happy Thanksgiving and Thank You!

Thanks for your cards, calls, prayers, and visits. I am doing great! However, I will need two more weeks of therapy. Verlena Driver

Thank you for the bread basket and warming stone given to us at the recognition for our seven years as directors of the Food Bank this past Sunday. We are grateful to the many persons who assisted us in operating the Food Bank. The upbeat spirit of our coworkers and their commitment made the work move smoothly. It was rewarding to know that together we were helping to feed the hungry who live in our neighborhood. Thank you for this opportunity to serve and the recognition last Sunday. Don and Joyce Jordan

Middle East Delegation January 5-18, 2010

Are you ready for the trip of a lifetime? This is not a typical guided tour of the Holy Land. It is a journey in faith and forgiveness. Meet the ordinary Israelis and Palestinians who are seeking to come together for peace.

On Earth Peace is still taking applications for the 2010 Middle East Delegation. [For more about the delegation, go to www.onearthpeace.org](http://www.onearthpeace.org), click on 'special programs' and Middle East Peace or contact delegation leader Bob Gross at bgross@onearthpeace.org.

Participants should be prepared to spend 12 days in Israel/Palestine, prepare for the trip by becoming familiar with the current conditions there, and communicate their experiences to local congregations, groups and the media upon return.

Advent Building the Bridge Classes

November 29: Hanging of the Greens - an annual tradition when we gather to decorate the church for Advent, a time of waiting, preparation, and anticipation of the birth of the Baby Jesus. We will decorate the sanctuary, decorate cookies and make cards. All are invited!

December 6-27: *Simply Wait*

Facilitated by Nancy Eikenberry
Anticipation, Hope, Patience, Obedience. This advent class will guide you in finding time for holy anticipation for the advent season. The book, *Simply Wait*, provides opportunities for daily meditation on scripture, prayer and space for journaling.

December 6, 13: Caring Crafts for Advent

Facilitated by Phyllis Hall and Linda Myers. We will have supplies available and instruction on how to make embroidery on paper Christmas cards with a variety of design options, and fabric Christmas cards that look like quilts, on both Sundays.

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

When: TODAY in the fellowship hall
after the 11:15 service.

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



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

Christmas Bureau Guidelines and Help Needed

Beacon Heights Congregation is assisting the Allen County Christmas Bureau by sponsoring 3 families, for a total of 8 people. Volunteer opportunities include:

- **Table Attendants Needed 11/22 & 11/29:** 15 – 20 minutes of your time before or after one of the services, to assist others with donor sign-up or answer questions.
- **Volunteer Use of a Truck AND Driver:** Needed for one hour to deliver items to the Christmas Bureau Warehouse on December 8th, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- **Volunteer to load boxes on the truck:** ½ hour of your time is needed on December 8th, 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.
- **Volunteer to do shopping, if needed:** During the week of 11/29, with items to the church no later than 10:00 a.m. on 12/6, for wrapping & boxing of gifts.
- **Assist with Wrapping and Boxing of Gifts:** One hour of your time, 12/6, from 10:00– 11:00 a.m. in the Youth Room.
- **Donate a Gift:** See sign-up sheet to determine what items are needed, i.e., clothes, toys, household items, pantry items, etc.
 1. Donated gifts do not need to be gift wrapped.
 2. Please make sure gifts are clearly marked with the person's name on the gift and the Family Color Code.
 3. The last day for bringing gifts to the church is 12/6, at 10 a.m. (If you would like to bring your gift before that date, please give it to Sue Warren).
- **Monetary Donations:** Please make your check out to Beacon Heights and note on the memo line that it is for the Christmas Bureau. Place the contribution in the offering plate.

As a very special supporter of the **Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)** you are cordially invited to our OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, December 6, 2009, 1:00—4:00 p.m. 2925 E. State Blvd. Bring family and friends to see how your investment in IHN is serving our community. Tour our newly expanded Vann Family Center and playground, meet IHN staff and guests, and enjoy refreshments.

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

Wednesday, November 25 5:30 p.m. Community Dinner

(Freewill offering)

6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service

A joint celebration with our friends and neighbors to be held at **Forest Park United Methodist** 2100 Kentucky Ave.

What's the 2 cents a meal offerings for Global Food Crisis Fund?

In Jesus' parable of the last judgment and in the prophetic tradition of the Hebrew sages, it is not enough **NOT** to oppress the poor—the command is to take active measures to help them. “Kindness shown to the poor is an act of worship,” (Proverbs 14:31). Through giving to the Global Food Crisis Fund, **some** of the projects you support are:

- Cashew growers in Honduras planting young saplings to assure future yields
- Church World Service in supplying treadle pumps, power tillers and rice seed to farm households swept away by floods in Myanmar
- The rehabilitation of 40 wells in an effort to provide safe drinking water to 8,000 returning households in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Helping Darfur Emergency Relief Operation train indigenous leaders, plant 80,000 trees, monitor ground water use, and expand sanitation.

Our **2 cents a meal offerings**, held on the 5th Sunday of those months having 5 Sundays, is one way to reach out your soul to the hungry. We are invited to give 2 cents for each meal each day, per person in our family.

2010 Beacon Heights Church Board

	<u>Term Expires</u>
BOARD CHAIR: Dave Wysong	(2011)
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Lynn Creath, Chair	(2010)
Lori Crain	(2009)
Terry Fonner	(2010)
Bill Hollenberg	(2013)
Leslie Sperry	(2010)
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Tom Bever	(2013)
Tom Coursen	(2011)
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Sean Baker	(2011)
Vic Guess	(2008)
Wayne Trout	(2013)
Phil Wright	(2010)
TREASURER: Mary Wysong	
CLERK: Shannon Simmons	

(Monetary donations will first be used toward providing each family with a grocery gift card for their Christmas dinner, which is part of our agreement with the Christmas Bureau. Any funds left will be used to fill in any 'gaps' with gifts or pantry items for the families.)

Please note the following guidelines from the Allen County Christmas Bureau:

- Please DO NOT donate summer clothing, new or used..
- Gently used clothing is acceptable; however, keep in mind that if your family member would not wear it, please DO NOT donate it.

Thank you for your assistance and generosity.

Sue Warren, Coordinator

New this Christmas! Coming soon!!

- What:** *Beacon Heights Christmas Card Board*
- Where:** The back of the nametag board
- When:** First Sunday of Advent, November 29
- Why:** To express holiday greetings to *all* members of the church with just one card! Save paper, postage, and writer's cramp!
- How:** Just bring your card and tack it up on the board! Enjoy the season's greetings of everyone else!

The Early Breakfast Group is Moving !!

The Early Breakfast Group is moving from every other Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. to every other Friday at the same time. This group shares a meal and discusses a book they have chosen to read together. Leadership responsibilities alternate among attendees. Our next meeting is Friday Dec. 4. All are welcome.

YOUTH

High School



CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
4-7 P.M.
AT BARB AND WAYNE
TROUT'S

Bring:

- a pizza topping (crust, sauce, PEPPER-ONI and cheese will be provided)
- dessert or snack to share
- white elephant gift *

* A “white elephant gift” is a grab-bag gift to share. If you spend money (feel free to bring something from your home you want to get rid of), spend **NO MORE** than \$5. The gift can be silly or serious, recycled, handmade, or new...Please just make sure it is appropriate for a youth event!

NEWS

Middle School

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH CAROLING

1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Youth are encouraged to eat lunch **WITH THEIR FAMILIES** at the HS youth potato bar fundraiser. Please bring a free-will donation for this fundraiser.



Following lunch, youth will make Christmas cards to deliver in the neighborhood as we carol. Please dress appropriately to be outside for at least an hour.

Invite your mentors!