

LOOKING AHEAD

December	7	6:30 p.m.	Nurture Commission
	8	8:00 a.m.	Retirees' Breakfast Group
		6:30 p.m.	Witness Commission
	9	12:30 p.m.	Ladies Birthday Luncheon
		6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	13	12:15 p.m.	Fundraiser Lunch
		1:00 p.m.	Church Council
	16	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	17	12:30 p.m.	Spirit Journey Women
	18	6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
	23		Food Bank Closed
		6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	24	7:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship
	30		Food Bank Closed
			No Choir Practice
	31		New Year's Eve at Camp Mack

Ladies' Birthday Luncheon

Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 12:30 pm

Private room at Hall's Factory

5811 Coldwater Rd.

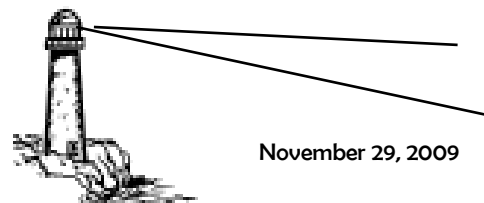
R\$VP to Mary Whitehead



Scrip Orders Due Next Sunday, 12/6

Next Sunday is your last chance to buy Scrip before Christmas! Order a gift card and receive full face value. 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! Many thanks for your continued support!

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 NEWSLETTER

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

Next Week—December 6, 2009

Second Sunday of Advent **9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Worship**

"Before and after"

December is a month of change. The Advent/Christmas season is a marker of that change. Before Advent, leaves are still falling and the ground appears lifeless and colorless at the end of another growing season. After Christmas, the chill of winter has come and the first snowfalls have arrived. Before Advent, we begin the process of shopping for the holidays in earnest, with all of the circular watching and bargain hunting that goes along with it. After Christmas, we begin the process of where to put the new stuff in closets that already have "new" stuff from the year before. Before Advent, we're still in "back to school" mode, with the busyness of meetings and events crowding our calendars. After Christmas, we take a brief break from the holiday insanity to spend time with friends and family, to reflect, to take stock of a new year coming.

The biblical stories from Luke also present a form of "before and after." We see Zechariah muted before the birth of his son and proclaiming joy after he and Elizabeth name John. We see the joy of the community at John's birth and seek to return to the joy that he promises in Christ's coming. We seek the joy of this season and are reminded that returning to it is found within our view towards the holidays and by extension, our faith journeys.

Join us in worship as we celebrate with a choral reading at the 9:00 service and a visual collage at the 11:15 service. You are invited to read Luke 1:57-63, 3:1-6 in preparation for this worship experience.

Pastor Brian

**THIS WEEK AT
BEACON HEIGHTS**

Monday

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. GO committee

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

8:00 p.m. Stewards Commission

Thursday

12:30 p.m. Spirit Journey Women

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Friday

6:30 a.m. Early Breakfast Group

Saturday

11 a.m.—4 p.m. Sophia's Portico Art Fair in Fellowship Hall/Classrooms

Next Sunday

SCRIP orders due

Food Bank Workers

Mary Whitehead

Mim Robbins

Ben Sollenberger

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 November 22, 2009

9:00 Worship	100
10:00 Building the Bridge	132
11:15 Worship	95
Adult Offerings	\$5, 078
Children's Offering	\$2.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,277.00



**Introduction to Eldercare Mediation
Friday, December 4**

10 a.m. - Noon Elder Mediation

1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Communication Skills

Elder Mediation is the newest branch to emerge in the mediation field. Learn how Elder Mediation works, the skills needed to be an effective Elder Mediator, and the ethical decisions involved in providing services to elders and their families. Approved by Continuing Legal Education Commission for Civil and Domestic Relations Mediators. Information at www.janetmitchellmediator.com under the training tab.

Please make suggestions of book titles and other media that would make good additions to the church library to Mary Bosserman or Mary Whitehead, church librarians.



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, 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.

Disaster Relief Trip for 2010 Nearly Full

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 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 have any interest in going along or in being placed on an alternate list,



please talk to Pastor John.

2010 Beacon Heights Church Board

	<u>Term Expires</u>
BOARD CHAIR: Dave Wysong	(2011)
NURTURE COMMISSION	
Lynn Creath, Chair	(2010)
Lori Crain (2nd term)	(2012)
Terry Fonner	(2010)
Bill Hollenberg	(2012)
Leslie Sperry	(2010)
EDUCATION COMMISSION	
Ann Waters, Chair	(2011)
Phyllis Hall	(2010)
Beth Heironimus	(2012)
Dianne Lung	(2010)
Linda Wolf	(2012)
WITNESS COMMISSION	
Bill Kilgore, Chair	(2011)
Tom Bever	(2012)
Tom Coursen	(2011)
Doug Wages	(2012)
Kyla Zehr	(2011)
STEWARDS COMMISSION	
Jeremy Simmons, Chair	(2010)
Sean Baker	(2011)
Vic Guess (2nd term)	(2011)
Wayne Trout	(2012)
Phil Wright	(2010)
TREASURER: Mary Wysong	
BOOKKEEPER: Shannon Simmons	
CLERK: Margie Dougherty	

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 TODAY!!

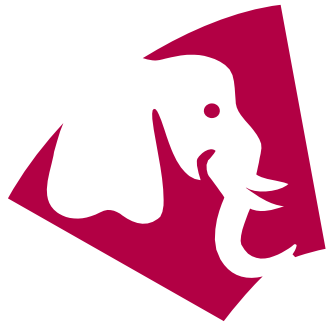
- What:** *Beacon Heights Christmas Card Board*
- Where:** The reverse side of the nametag board
- When:** First Sunday of Advent, November 29
- Why:** To express holiday greetings to *all* members of the church with just one card! Save paper, postage, and writer's cramp!
- How:** Just bring your card 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
3211 DELRAY

Bring:

- a pizza topping (crust, sauce, cheese & PEPPERONI 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!