



| <u>LOOKING AHEAD</u> | | | |
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| January | 6 | 6:00 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| | 7 | 6:00 p.m. | Stephen Ministry Training |
| | | 13 | 6:00 p.m. |
| | | | 7:00 p.m. |
| | 16 | 2:00 p.m. | HS Youth Ice Skating |
| | 20 | 6:00 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| | 22-23 | | Church Board Retreat |
| | | | Middle School Youth Lock-In |
| | 27 | 6:00 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| | 28 | 6:00 p.m. | Stephen Ministry Training |
| | 29-31 | | High School Youth Retreat |
| | 30 | 8:00 a.m. | Stephen Ministry Training |

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

Next Week—January 10, 2010

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

“Blessed to be a blessing”

As people of faith, we experience an abundance of blessings in the midst of life's trials. As we commit ourselves to a life of faith and devotion, God blesses us in the same way as Jesus, called us "beloved child with whom God is pleased." But we are not given this blessing as a possession - but rather as a free gift of grace and it's our responsibility to pay it forward and be a blessing to others - even those we feel may not deserve it.

Join us for worship as Jerry Peterson offers this message on the first Sunday after Epiphany where we also will focus upon the blessings of Christ's presence in bread and cup communion.

You are invited to read Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 3:21-22 in preparation for this worship experience.

Pastor Brian

Ladies Birthday Luncheon
January 13 at 12:30 p.m. at the IHN Center
The next Ladies Birthday Luncheon will be held at Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Family Residence at 2925 E. State Street. Ethel Klopfenstein will provide a vegetarian soup and a hearty meat vegetable soup, punch, and coffee. Bring a dish to share with our group and also with the IHN guests who will eat with us. Come enjoy the fellowship, the food, and a tour of the beautiful renovated facility. RSVP to Ethel by Monday, January 11.

Safe Church Training Today!
Following the 11:15 service until 2:00 p.m.
Lunch will be provided.
ALL who work with children and youth in the congregation and have not previously attended a training are encouraged* to attend. This training will include conversation about how to report any incidents of harm as well as appropriate relationships and boundaries.
*According to our Safe Church Policy (adopted in 2007), this is REQUIRED for everyone who works with children and youth.

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

**THIS WEEK AT
BEACON HEIGHTS**

THURSDAY

Stephen Ministry Training

FOOD BANK

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 December 27, 2009

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|---------------------------|------------|
| 9:00 Worship | 45 |
| 10:00 Building the Bridge | 55 |
| 11:15 Worship | 90 |
| Adult Offerings | \$8,878.17 |
| Children's Offering | \$1 .00 |
| Christmas Eve Offering | \$1,437.53 |
| Weekly Budget | \$7,277.00 |

Winter 2010 Building the Bridge Classes Begin TODAY

***Neglected Voices: Peace in the Old Testament* by David Leiter
Facilitated by Mark Beck & Dave Kiracofe - [Southwest Classroom](#)**

As members of a peace church we have often lauded Jesus' teachings of nonviolence in the New Testament. However, we have struggle with the violence we find in the Old Testament. In his book, *Neglected Voices*, the author has studied examples of peacemaking and nonviolence found in the Old Testament. In this class we will be studying Leiter's examples and consider their implications for peacemaking in today's world.

***The Message in the Movies*
Facilitated by Anne Ott and Craig Smith - [Parlor](#)**

Every culture for millennia has used storytelling to pass on its history and values. Jesus told stories as a means of requiring his audience (including us) to think about the meaning of life and faith. Movies are one of our society's most prevalent modes of storytelling with powerful visual and auditory images. Join us as we watch a movie each week in its entirety (possibly on Saturday) and then discuss it on Sunday morning.

***When Faith Meets Reason*, edited by Charles Hedrick
Facilitated by Todd Steele - [Southeast Classroom](#)**

How do we respond when our faith and religious beliefs seem to conflict with reason, science and scholarship? How have you reconciled ideas or reconstructed understanding? Join us for a series of candid conversations that explore our own experiences and challenges, and reflect on the personal testimonies of leading contemporary Christian scholars and theologians as they reveal their personal negotiations of intellect and faith.

***Caring for Creation: February 14, 2010 (One Sunday only)*
Facilitated by Tom Benevento**

This class will highlight "...most effective personal and public actions to care for our planet." The session will include slides, group discussion, and perhaps a short DVD. Tom Benevento of New Community Project will spend the weekend at Beacon Height as part of the Undoing Global Warming weekend. This class is part of our Flourishing Congregations theme of care for creation.



Homebound Meals Needs Volunteer Drivers

Homebound Meals needs volunteer drivers to deliver routes throughout Fort Wayne, to fill in for those going south for the winter, or retiring. Please contact Judy Gregg at 422-3296 if you could help.



**HAPPY
A
NEW YEAR**

Ring in the New Year...

...and while you're at it, why not see if there's anything in your church mailbox? You may find an invitation to check your church directory address and make changes and/or updates as well as your offering envelopes for 2010. Directory changes should be returned to the office by January 17. If you don't have changes, you don't need to do anything.

Can you find thirty (30) books of the Bible in this paragraph?

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist



friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus; there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.

P.S. - if you're really going crazy and can't find the last 2 or 3, go to <http://home.snu.edu/~hculbert/answer.htm>

YOUTH

High School



Ice Skating
January 16, 2010
2-4 p.m.
Headwaters Park

Bring: \$10
(This is for admission + skate rental.
We will provide hot chocolate.
Please bring additional money
for snacks if you want them.)



Drop off and pick up directly in the parking lot of
the south side of Headwaters Park.

Also...watch your mailboxes this week for information
about the HS Youth retreat at Camp Mack
(January 29-31).

NEWS

Middle School

Lock-in @ the church



January 22, 2010
7:00 p.m. Friday -
8:00 a.m. Saturday



GAMES

Roller skating

pizza



Bring a sleeping bag and pillow!

Girls bring a snack to share.
Boys bring a caffeine-free drink to share.