



## LOOKING AHEAD

January	13	12:30 p.m.	Ladies Birthday Luncheon
		6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	14	7:00 p.m.	Sabbath Rest Planning Team
	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

### Wedding Card Shower

Congratulations to *Jeremy Wysong and Lindsey Wolfe* who were married New Year's Day. In lieu of a traditional Beacon Heights' wedding shower, you are invited to **SHOWER THE NEWLY WEDS** with cards sent in care of Jeremy's parents, Dave and Mary Wysong, 5120 Union Chapel Road, Ft. Wayne, IN 46845, preferably before Jeremy leaves for Basic Army Training on January 25.



### 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.

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—January 17, 2010*

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

**"Beyond Our Expectations:  
from Mundane to Mystery "**

Years ago, when working at a church camp, I heard a song that was sung with the campers there. The text of the song talked about keeping Jesus in a box on one's shoulder. From there one could release and "have" Jesus whenever one had the need for him. That song has stuck with me, and caused me to wonder: How do we each confine God – to a certain space or place, to a type of vocabulary, to a particular people, to certain specific ideas or concepts?

Next week's scripture gives us another vision of God. It is of One who is ever changing – of a fluid nature. As you read Isaiah 40:3-5, 43:18-19, ponder the following: What would it mean to move beyond our traditional or socialized expectations of God – who God is, or how we talk about God, or where we may encounter God? How might God be revealed anew to us?

You are invited to join in worship next Sunday as we consider such questions in response to Isaiah's words.

Pastor John

**THIS WEEK AT  
BEACON HEIGHTS**

**WEDNESDAY**

10:30 a.m. Green Church walk through  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:00 p.m. Choir

**Saturday**

2-4 p.m. HS Youth Skating Party  
Headwaters Park

**FOOD BANK**

Mary Bosserman  
Phyllis Hall  
Susan Harroff

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 January 3, 2010

9:00 Worship	64
10:00 Building the Bridge	95
11:15 Worship	102
Adult Offerings	\$2240.00
Children's Offering	\$0 .00
Weekly Budget	\$7,277.00

**Winter 2010 Building the Bridge Classes January 3—March 7**

***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.



## New Beacon Heights' Library Books



### For Adults:

*Christ of the Celts-CD* by J. Philip Newell

*Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom

*Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom

*Grace Goes to Prison* by Melanie Snyder

*Caring Like Jesus-Matthew 18 Project* by Ulrich and Fairchild

*Stones into Schools* by Greg Mortenson

*The Green Collar Economy* by Van Jones

*Way to Go-Top 10 Teachings of Jesus*  
by Marvin Sherman, former B. H. member

### For Children:

*Wangari's Trees of Peace* by J. Winter

*Give a Goat* by Jan West Schrock

*Every Year on Your Birthday* by R. Lewis

*Don't Laugh At Me with CD* by S. Seskin

*Odd Velvet* by M. Whitcomb

*Enemy Pie* by D. Munson

*Listen to the Wind* by G. Mortenson

These books are available for checkout from the book racks on the upper level. Be sure to visit the library on the lower level for other selections. The library committee always appreciates suggestions for new materials to be purchased for the library.

### 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.



### HOLY LAND STUDY AND SOLIDARITY TOUR MEETING

June 16-28 (Jordan optional, June 28-July 1)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Plymouth Congregational Church

Join *Dr. Michael Spath* and other clergy and laypeople from the area in June, 2010, as they travel to Israel and Palestine to listen to the stories of the Living Stones, Christian leaders, clergy and lay, men and women (and others) who work for a just Gospel-centered peace through non-violent conflict resolution and social transformation, as well as Jewish and Muslim peacemakers.

# 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.)



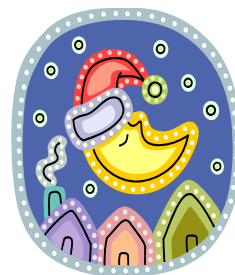
Drop off and pick up directly in the parking lot of  
the south side of Headwaters Park.

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.