



<u>LOOKING AHEAD</u>			
January	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

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN RESPONDS  
TO HAITI EARTHQUAKE**

The Church of the Brethren has begun its response to the powerful 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12. This includes plans for work to support the three Haitian Churches of the Brethren (Eglise des Freres Haitiens) and continuing disaster relief efforts in the Caribbean island nation. Brethren Disaster Ministries requests donations of Gift of the Heart Hygiene Kits and School Kits, which will be in demand.

**For instructions to make the kits**, go to [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org) (click on 'updates' on the *Earthquake in Haiti* section of the home page and go to 'Assemble Kits' or go to [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)). Please read and follow the instructions carefully and completely. Instructions are also available on the ledge in the church office.

**Box up the kits ready to be shipped and bring them to Beacon Heights with the kit coupon.** Note: there is a processing cost of \$2 per kit. Send your check and processing coupon to Church World Service **SEPARATE FROM THE BOX TO BE SHIPPED** as indicated in the instructions.

We will find a way to deliver the kits to the Disaster Service Center in New Windsor. **If you have questions about this process, please call Anne Ott at the church office or at home.**

**Financial donations** also may be made at the home page link at [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org).

**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 24, 2010*

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

**"The original wedding crashers"**

There was a silly movie made a few years ago called "The Wedding Crashers." It centers around two men whose "hobby" it was to attend weddings uninvited in order to meet women, until one of them meets a woman he actually falls in love with, which causes the whole charade to fall apart. Of course, this whole concept of crashing a wedding is nothing new. It brings to mind the story of the wedding at Cana, to which Jesus was invited, but presumably, the disciples were not.

Whenever I read this text, I note the persistence of Mary, the reluctance of Jesus, and the joy that the wine steward must have felt. I've not often thought about how the disciples must have viewed the scenario unfolding before them – that Jesus, this guy they don't know well, but who they sense is special, causes something miraculous to happen, leaving them to explain to other guests, even though they don't understand it themselves. How do we evaluate and interpret our own discipleship through the lens of the disciples and this first recorded miracle of Jesus in the Gospel of John?

Join us as we ponder the very human response of the disciples to this story through a film clip by the comedians Ted and Lee. You are invited to read John 2:1-11 in preparation for this worship experience.

Pastor Brian

**THIS WEEK AT  
BEACON HEIGHTS**

**Wednesday**

6:30 p.m. GO Committee  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Friday**

6:30 a.m. Early Breakfast Group  
7:00 p.m. Church Board Retreat  
at Wysongs  
7:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Lock-In

**Saturday**

8:00 a.m. MS Youth Lock-in ends  
8:30 - 3:00 Church Board Retreat

**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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Sunday January 10, 2009

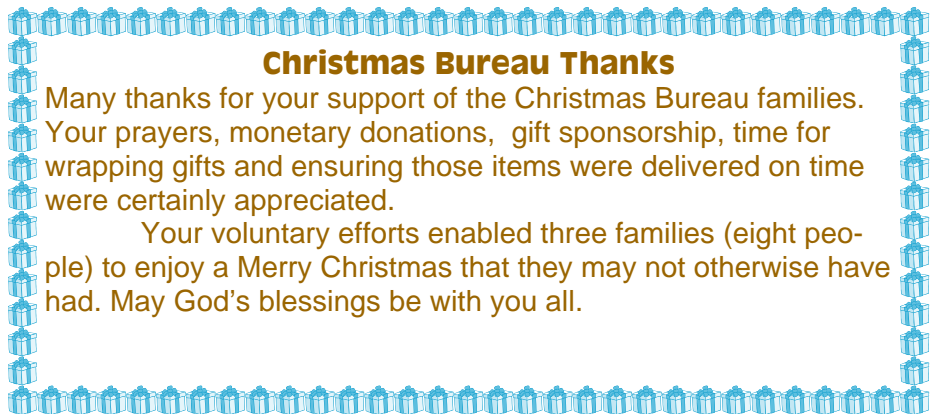
9:00 Worship	61
10:00 Building the Bridge	80
11:15 Worship	76
Adult Offerings	\$8,826.00
Children's Offering	\$0.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,113.26



**Christmas Bureau Thanks**

Many thanks for your support of the Christmas Bureau families. Your prayers, monetary donations, gift sponsorship, time for wrapping gifts and ensuring those items were delivered on time were certainly appreciated.

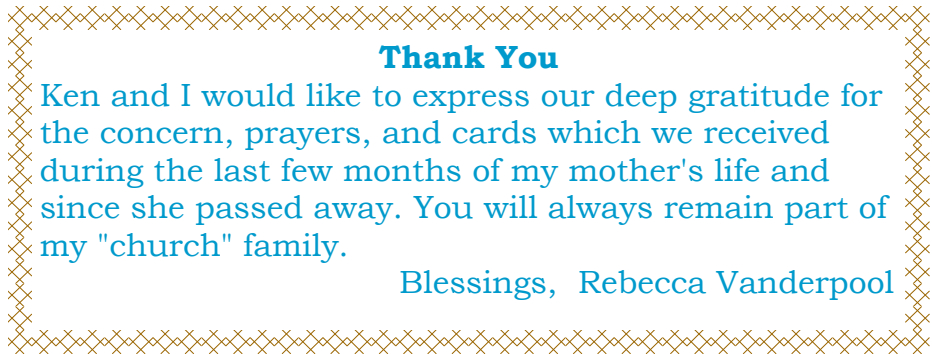
Your voluntary efforts enabled three families (eight people) to enjoy a Merry Christmas that they may not otherwise have had. May God's blessings be with you all.



**Thank You**

Ken and I would like to express our deep gratitude for the concern, prayers, and cards which we received during the last few months of my mother's life and since she passed away. You will always remain part of my "church" family.

Blessings, Rebecca Vanderpool



## Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Services

Plymouth Congregational Church - Sunday at 7 p.m.

“Retrieve the Dream” at Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W. Berry.  
The speaker is Rev. Jeffrey Johnson.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation - Monday at 7 p.m.

Remembering Dr. King and his efforts to end the Vietnam War.  
UU Meetinghouse, 5310 Old Mill Road. Free.

### THREE TIME NOBEL PEACE PRIZE-NOMINATED AUTHOR TO VISIT FORT WAYNE

Friday, January 29 at 7 p.m.

Life Bridge Church (1/2 mile West of Coldwater  
on Union Chapel Road, Fort Wayne)

Abuna Elias Chacour is a priest of the Melkite Catholic Church, which is in communion with Rome. He was consecrated Archbishop of the Galilee by Pope Benedict XVI in 2006. Trained at the Sorbonne in Paris, he became the first Arab to study Torah and Talmud (as well as Aramaic and Syriac) at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He received his Ph.D. in Ecumenical Theology at the University of Geneva in 1971. He is an ambassador for non-violence, receiving three nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize. **For more detailed information, see the notice on the north bulletin board.**

### UNDOING GLOBAL WARMING WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday, 2/13

9-11 a.m. Church Energy Assessment

1-3 p.m. Sustainable Living Presentation (open to the public)

4:30-6:30 p.m. Sperry Home Energy Assessment

Sunday, 2/14

10 a.m. Sunday School

12:15-1 p.m. Lunch

1-2:15 p.m. Lawns to Lunches (open to the public)

2-2:30 p.m. Break

2:30-4 p.m. New Community Project Sustainable Initiatives  
(open to the public)

5-7:30 p.m. Kilgore/Smith Home Energy Assessment

# YOUTH

## High School

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH  
RETREAT AT CAMP MACK

JANUARY 29-31  
"FAITH IN  
CONFLICT"



What does our faith say about conflict  
and how does it inform  
what we should do in conflict?

**Registrations are due TODAY!**

**Questions? Contact Pastor Melissa.**

# 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.