



# THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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## LOOKING AHEAD

February	3	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	4	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
	7	12:15 p.m.	Safe Church Committee
	10	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir

### **BRING DISASTER RELIEF KITS TO BEACON HEIGHTS BY JANUARY 27 FOR TRANSPORT TO NEW WINDSOR**

Gift of the Heart Hygiene Kits, School Kits, and Baby Kits are in demand in Haiti.

For instructions to make the kits, go to [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)). Please read and follow the instructions carefully and completely. Instructions are also on the ledge in the church office.

If you are assembling kits: Box up the kits ready to be shipped and bring them to Beacon Heights with the kit coupon indicating how many and what type of kits are in each box **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 27.**

**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.

**Kits are being assembled by the Children's Sunday School at Beacon Heights.** You may bring items for kits to the church. If you want to contribute money toward processing fees for kits being assembled at Beacon Heights, please write your check payable to Beacon Heights with a note on the memo line that it is for processing fees.

Yes, it's confusing. If you have questions, please call Anne Ott at the church office or at home.

**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 31, 2010*

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

**"Love is..."**

This scripture from Paul's letter to the Corinthian church is known for mainly one purpose: weddings. About the only time when we hear this text used in worship is a service uniting two persons in a lifelong commitment to one another. Very rarely do we think about this scripture outside of a context of rings and cake, dancing and vows. Very rarely do we reflect upon the fact that these lofty poetic words were written to a church in a time of deep turmoil and bitter division. Very rarely do we ponder the challenge that Paul sets before us in this 'definition' of love. Whereas Jesus gave us the rhetorical command to love one another as God first loved us, Paul offers us specific instructions as to how God intends for us to love out that love.

Join us for worship as the Stephen Leaders guide a time of anointing during both services. You are invited to read I Corinthians 13:1-13 in preparation for this worship experience.

Pastor Brian

Next week we will collect the Two Cents a Meal offering during both worship services.

**THIS WEEK AT  
BEACON HEIGHTS**

**Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Thursday**

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

**Friday-Sunday**

HS Youth Retreat at Camp Mack

**Saturday**

8 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training

**FOOD BANK**

Mary Whitehead  
Joan Thompson  
Marcia Wright

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 17, 2009

9:00 Worship	56
10:00 Building the Bridge	87
11:15 Worship	92
Adult Offerings	\$4,073.00
Children's Offering	\$0.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,113.26

**High School Youth Fundraising Time is Here!**

Snack taxis! T-shirts! Bumper stickers!  
Buttons! Note cards! **All reflecting peace  
and justice values!** Check out the web-  
sites at [www.syracuseculturalworkers.com](http://www.syracuseculturalworkers.com)

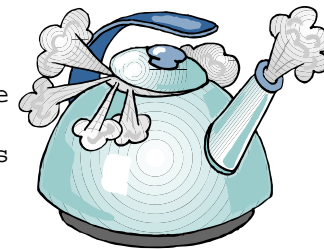


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[www.snacktaxi.com](http://www.snacktaxi.com). Remember:  
don't purchase at the website. If  
you find something on the website  
you want to buy, see a youth or  
leaf through a catalog and fill out  
an order form at church.

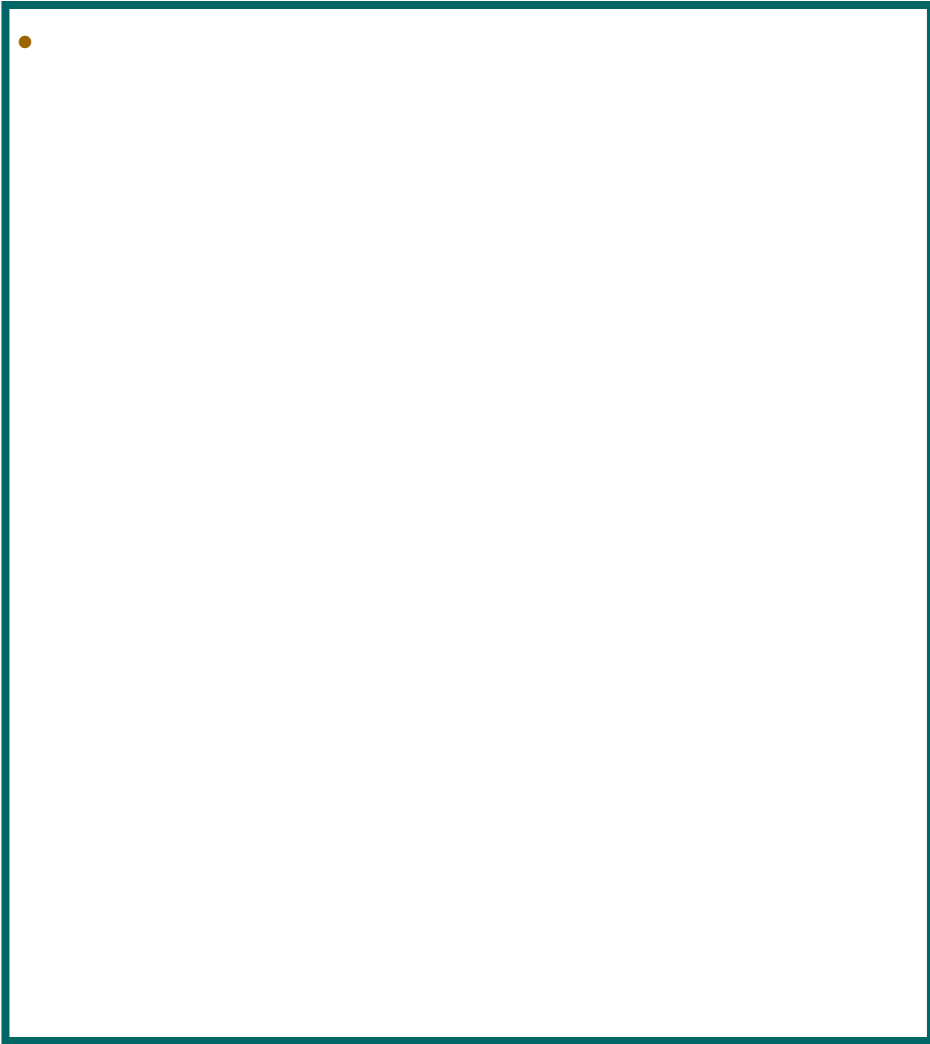
**Orders due February 14!!**

**Environmental tip of the week:**

Boiling water. Boiling water? Yes, boiling water!  
Slow draining sink or bath tub?  
Pour down some boiling water.  
Grass and weeds growing from the  
cracks in your sidewalk? Pour some  
boiling water on them. An effec-  
tive alternative to harsh chemicals  
or pesticides, boiling water has a  
much smaller environmental  
impact.



Learn more about things we can do at our Undoing Global  
Warming Weekend on February 13-14 at Beacon Heights  
Church. Mark your calendars!



### **I was lost and now I'm found**

The "Lost and Found" box is overflowing again. Items are on a table in the fellowship hall. If you find something you lost, please pick it up and take it home. Items will be taken to Goodwill after January 31. We don't want to give away your jacket, sweatshirt, Frisbee, etc., by mistake so take a look while you're here!



## **BEACON HEIGHTS CERTIFIED AS GREEN CITY BUSINESS PARTICIPANT**

Beacon Heights Church recently completed the City of Fort Wayne's Green City Business program aimed at reducing energy use and making institutions more environmentally friendly. Some of the actions taken to comply were: changing to low-flow aerators in bathroom faucets (bet you didn't even notice!), switching to environmentally friendlier cleaning products, changing to LED and compact fluorescent lighting and making it a policy to turn off lights and other electrical devices when not in use.

Due to Beacon Heights' tradition of thrift and good stewardship of the earth, some of these pieces were already in place so that being certified wasn't all that hard.

Craig Smith

### **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"  
MEET AT 6 P.M. AT THE CHURCH

### What to Bring:

- Energy, laughter, and fun!
- Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- Bible/Notebook/Pen
- Snow shoes/boots
- Flashlight
- Casual Clothing
- Warm Coat/Hats/Gloves
- Necessary medication *with clear instructions attached*

- Games and appropriate CDs for free time
- Snack and drink to share
- Any conflicts you have and would like to discuss with the group.

### What NOT To bring:

- Video Games or Gameboys
- Music with questionable lyrics.

**Questions? Contact Pastor Melissa.**

# NEWS

## Middle School

Are you interested in baptism?

Two Middle School  
Youth plan to be  
baptized in March.



If you are interested, too, please  
talk to Pastor Melissa  
by February 7.