



THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

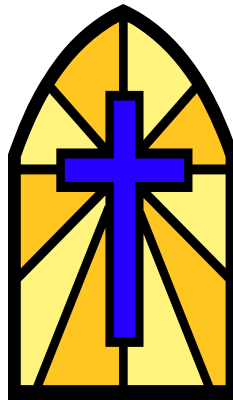
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LOOKING AHEAD

February	15	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	17	6:00 p.m.	Simple Supper and Story
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	18	6:30 p.m.	GO Committee
	20		Disaster Relief Group leaves
	22	6:30 p.m.	Preschool Family Fun Night
	23	7:00 p.m.	Full Board
	24	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	25	12:30 p.m.	Spirit Journey Women
		6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
	26	6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
	27		Disaster Relief Group Returns

“ I am’...a Lenten journey ”

Have you ever looked at the stained glass windows on the side walls in the sanctuary and wondered? Wondered about the symbols? Wondered about the scripture? Wondered if there was a connective theme between the windows? Our Lenten theme this year focuses upon the stained glass windows, centered upon the theme “ I am’...a Lenten journey.” Each of the windows contains a scriptural image that Jesus used to describe himself. Each of the scriptures begins with the phrase “I am,” the same phrase that Yahweh uses to name Godself. Join us for worship for this special Lenten series that begins on Sunday, February 21.



Ladies Birthday Luncheon February 10

The February ladies' birthday lunch will be at Hall's Triangle Park on Wednesday, February 10, at 12:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please tell Lois Guess by Monday, Feb. 8.

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—February 14, 2010

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

“Silent and speechless”

In many places in the world today, particularly in the western world, words are trusted and silence is distrusted. This is true in spite of the many abuses of words and the limitations of words. It is true in spite of the fact that silence is often the wisest and only suitable response to life's most moving moments. Indeed, silence and speechlessness can be a good thing. But they are not necessarily the same thing. Sometimes we may choose not to speak. Sometimes we are not allowed to speak. Sometimes we simply cannot speak. And sometimes, like the case of the disciples at the Transfiguration, silence accompanies the moments and experiences in life that touch us most deeply.

Join us for worship as the clowns provide a skit during the 11:15 worship service. You are invited to read Luke 9:28-36 in preparation for this worship experience.

Pastor Brian

There will be a time of dedication in both services for the Disaster Response Team which leaves February 20.

**THIS WEEK AT
BEACON HEIGHTS**

Monday

6:45 p.m. Stewards Commission

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Education Commission

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Ladies Birthday Luncheon

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday

12:30 p.m. Spirit Journey Women

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Friday

6:30 a.m. Breakfast Group

Saturday- Sunday

Undoing Global Warming Weekend

(Details next page)

FOOD BANK

Mary Bosserman

Phyllis Hall

Ethel Klopfenstein

STATISTICS

Sunday January 31, 2009

9:00 Worship	63
10:00 Building the Bridge	84
11:15 Worship	80
Plus 16 at Youth Retreat	
Adult Offerings	\$4538.00
Children's Offering	\$1.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,113.26

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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Come experience
Build A Drum Workshop
March 19-21, 2010 at Camp Mack
in Milford, IN For more information:
www.campmack.org or
574-658-4831

**What's Been Happening
with Beacon Heights' Stephen Ministry?**



Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry. Stephen Ministers are not counselors or therapists, rather they are caring Christian friends who are trained and supervised in their ministry. They can offer a listening ear to help others through the tough times in life. They are trained and supervised in this ministry. One of the new ways our congregation will care for others is through our Stephen Ministers who will complete their training in the next few weeks. Continue sharing in this ministry by praying for our Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders as one chapter of their ministry ends and another begins.

UNDOING GLOBAL WARMING WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Join us for our Undoing Global Warming weekend, February 13 and 14. Our featured speaker is Tom Benevento of New Community Project. Tom is from Harrisonburg, Virginia, where he works on projects such as urban agriculture, environmentally friendly transportation, and gardening projects that benefit the homeless. Three of our presentations are open to the public, so invite your friends!

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 (please pre-register)



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
(please pre-register)

Email Craig Smith if you're interested in observing either energy home assessment. Advance registration important!

Pictorial Directories Have Arrived!

Please pick up one per family at the table in the fellowship hall between services. If you would prefer, we can make copies of a CD for your family instead.

Public Talk by His Holiness The Dalai Lama
"Facing Challenges with Compassion and Wisdom"

Date: May 14, 2010 9:30am
Conseco Field House
125 S. Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-1900
317-917-2500

Tickets can be purchased now at the Conseco Box Office: \$25 adults; \$15 students, OR through Ticketmaster (www.ticketmaster.com): \$25 adults (plus reduced ticket service fee); \$15 students (plus reduced ticket service fee). Hosted by Indiana Buddhist Center, Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center, and Interfaith Hunger Initiative. Further information available at: www.indianabuddhist.org.

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 websites at www.syracuseculturalworkers.com



and 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!!

Assisting Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Our congregation had an active Partner Church relationship with Renaissance Missionary Baptist Church for a number of years. Rev. Michael Latham was their Senior Pastor then and continues to serve in that role. It is an inner-city church that has a strong focus on reaching youth and young adults and on serving their community.

Renaissance Church has had some financial challenges in the last year and a half. They have experienced a significant decrease in weekly offerings, due mostly to the loss of employment of some faithful givers. Over a period of time, they have made the difficult adjustments needed to reduce spending to equal the level of their income. However, they now are faced with a significant amount of late fees and interest that is accumulating on the late fees (from a bank). Rev. Latham believes strongly that the church will be able to continue to meet its monthly obligations once the late fee situation is resolved, but the late fees and the accumulating interest on the fees have been a problem that has frustrated their best efforts to get it under control. Rev. Latham has resisted asking for outside assistance for the church but he now feels that it is necessary.

If you would like to assist Renaissance Missionary Baptist Church with a one-time, individual contribution, you can place it in the offering plate during a worship service at Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren. If you give by check, please make "Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren" the payee and place the note "for Renaissance Church" on the memo line of the check. If you want to give cash, please place it in an envelope from the pew and label it "for Renaissance Church." Your contributions will help Renaissance Church to continue serving their community and to continue focusing on reaching youth and young adults.

- Bill Kilgore, Chair of Witness Commission

(with the approval of Witness Commission and the Beacon Heights Church Board)



Super Food Sunday
February 7
(Super Bowl Sunday)

Your gifts of food and money (used to purchase food) enable the food bank staff to continue serving the hungry in our neighborhood. Demand is high and supply is short. Thank you again for your continued generous support. **Place your donations on the tables provided in the fellowship hall.**

Food items that are most needed:

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| canned fruits | canned soup (not tomato) | |
| canned pasta | canned meat (tuna, salmon, chicken) | |
| canned stew | canned vegetables | cereal |
| spaghetti sauce | spaghetti | egg noodles |
| bags of rice | chicken broth | hamburger helper |
| tuna helper | tomato products | pork and beans |
| instant potatoes | peanut butter/jelly | jello & pudding |
| dried beans | macaroni & cheese | cake & muffin mix |
| pancake mix | pancake syrup | |
| dry rice or pasta | side dishes (in bags or boxes) | |

Cash donations help replace needed items.

Makes check to Beacon Heights and write “Food Bank” on the memo line.



A Great Cup of Coffee that lets you Sleep Well at Night

Wouldn't it be great if you could drink a good cup of coffee and not lose sleep over the plight of the lowly coffee farmer? Well, you can if you're confident that the farmers growing your coffee are paid a fair price for their work. The GOOD news is that you can buy great coffee and not lose a wink of sleep, if you buy Equal Exchange coffee. The GREAT news is that Beacon Heights has a fresh order of whole-bean and ground, organic and conventional, decaf and regular coffee in a variety of roasts. If you are interested in buying an \$8 vacuum packed bag of goodness, find Paul Spoelhof in the fellowship hall between services: he'll be hanging out by the kitchen.



More about Equal Exchange: It's a fair-trade cooperative that's streamlining the conventional coffee market in order to ensure that coffee farmers receive a fair piece of the coffee profit pie (mmm... coffee pie). The fair trade model deployed by Equal Exchange is based on buying directly from farmer cooperatives, a practice that encourages confident relationships and delivers the best price to the farmer. The Church of the Brethren Coffee Project is a partnership with Equal Exchange that intends to deliver fine java and peaceful sleep in one hot cup.



YOUTH

High School

Ash Wednesday
Worship and Discussion
February 17
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Come with your family
for Simple Supper at 6:00
and stay for a youth-group-only time
to talk about the meaning of
Ash Wednesday and Lent.

It would be great to have all youth
there...and feel free to bring a friend!

SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

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
TODAY!