



THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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<u>LOOKING AHEAD</u>			
February	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

You Can't Stop the River Community Change for Congregations

April 15-18, 2010 - Thurs 4pm-Sun 4pm

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Program leadership: Matt Guynn, Samuel Sarpiya, and
On Earth Peace team

Beacon Heights is looking for 2-4 people who are interested in changing attitudes in our community concerning violence and injustice to attend this seminar offered by On Earth Peace. Seminar activities will focus on getting rooted in your community, understanding the forces at play, examining the biblical/theological aspects of violence reduction and peace building, and examining change efforts from the perspective of strategic nonviolence (underlying principles; what kinds of things need to happen first - second - third; how to get others excited and involved, etc).

This team will be ready to move into action when they get home. They will return home able to support one another and hold one another accountable for implementing new skills and ideas. The group will also continue to be in touch with On Earth Peace for ongoing support and consultation. If you're interested in learning more about this opportunity, speak with a member of Witness Commission or Pastor Jan or John.

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 21, 2010

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Worship
First Sunday of Lent
'I am'...A Lenten Journey

"Which way?"

When Thomas asked Jesus how to know where he was going and how they might find their way to him, he had to have been confused by Jesus' answer. What does Jesus mean when he says, "I am the way..."? So many Christians point to this scripture as proof that Christianity is THE way to God. Because of that, those of us who respect and honor other faith traditions often simply ignore this scripture. But there must be a way for this scripture text to lead and guide us as Christians without disrespecting other faiths.

This year, our Lenten journey leads us to explore who Jesus is through his very own "I am..." declarations. As we begin, we will explore his "way", trusting that truth will emerge and our lives will be enriched.

You are invited to read John 14 in preparation for this worship service.

Pastor Melissa

**THIS WEEK AT
BEACON HEIGHTS**

Monday

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Simple Supper & Story

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday

12:30 p.m. Spirit Journey Women

6:30 p.m. Growth and Outreach

7:30 p.m. Worship Teams

Saturday-Sunday

Disaster Relief Team Departs

FOOD BANK

Mary Bosserman

Sandy Kiracofe

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 February 7, 2009

9:00 Worship	71
10:00 Building the Bridge	95
11:15 Worship	104
Adult Offerings	\$5,496.00
Children's Offering	\$1.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,113.26



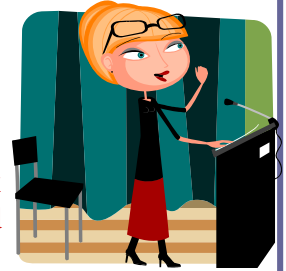
Come experience
Build A Drum Workshop
March 19-21, 2010 at Camp Mack in
Milford, IN For more information:
www.campmack.org or
574-658-4831

2010 Directory Update:

Please add Mary Bosserman to your 2010 Directory under the Food Bank Coordinators on page 4, who is covering January through April along with Dale Neher.

Upcoming Simple Supper and Story Speakers

Feb 17: Paul and Kathy Fry-Miller will share about their adventures on the medical practicum they attended in January in Nicaragua.

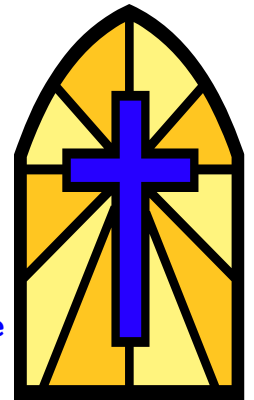


March 3: Lynn Creath will talk about her trip to Northern Ireland and share a little of what she learned about the conflict there.

March 17: Jalal Mufid will talk about his home country of Afghanistan and experiences there as well as here in the United States.

'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.



Lenten Service Dates, Scriptures, and Preachers

Feb. 21 - Lent 1 - John 14:6 - Pastor Melissa preaching

Feb. 28 - Lent 2 - John 11:25 - Pastor Brian preaching

Mar. 7 - Lent 3 - John 10:11 - Pastor Jan preaching

Mar. 14 - Lent 4 - John 6:35 - Pastor Brian preaching

Mar. 21 - Lent 5 - John 8:12 - Pastor Brian preaching

Mar. 28 - Palm Sunday/Lent 6 - John 10:9 - Pastor Brian preaching

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)

Inquirers Class Scheduled for Spring and Reception of New Members March 21

Sunday, March 21st, will be a special Sunday in the life of Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren. We will have one worship service and receive new members that day. If you have been thinking about membership in this community of faith but have not yet let it be known, please speak with Pastors John or Janice. Or if you are seeking more information about the Church of the Brethren and what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the context of our community, be in touch with Pastor John. He will lead a ten-week Inquirers' Class beginning Sunday, March 7th during the Bridge Building Hour.

Remember: One service March 21 at 10 a.m. with Sunday school at 9 a.m.

Men as Caregivers

(For men who are caring for a loved one with any illness.)

2nd and 4th Thursdays, Monthly

6:30—8:00 p.m.

Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church

1232 Crescent Avenue

Fort Wayne

Facilitated by Pastor Jim Evans, Jr.

For more information, call Gail Hamm at Cancer Services (484-9560 or 866-484-9560) or Pastor Evans at 260-424-4509.

A collaboration of Cancer Services and Crescent Avenue UMC.



Fish Fry
St. Jude Catholic Church
(Across from Parkview Hospital)
All you can eat fish.
Friday, February 19
5 p.m.—8 p.m.

Adults - \$7; Children 5-12 - \$5; Under Age 5 - free

Organic Free Range Eggs

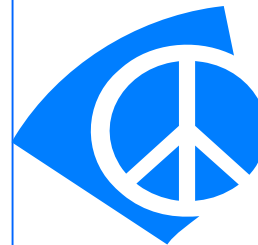
Are available in the refrigerator in the kitchen for \$2.50 per dozen. Write checks to Kimberly Koczan Flory or put cash in her mailbox.

Thank you!



2010 Youth Peace Travel Team

The members of the 2010 Youth Peace Travel Team have been Announced. They are Marcus Harden of First Church of the Brethren in Miami, Fla.; Timothy Sollenberger Heishman, who grew up in Iglesia des los Hermanos (Church of the Brethren in the Dominican Republic); Cambria Teter of La Verne (Calif.) Church of the Brethren; and **Hannah Wysong of Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne, Ind.** As they spend time with junior and senior high youth this summer at camps across the Church of the Brethren, the team will teach about peace, justice, and reconciliation, all core values throughout the church's 300-year history. The Youth Peace Travel Team is sponsored by the Church of the Brethren's Outdoor Ministries Association, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Brethren Volunteer Service, Global Mission Partnerships, and On Earth Peace.



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

**On Earth Peace
Alumni Peace Retreat
April 9-11, 2010**

**Camp Woodland Altars
Peebles, Ohio
Cost: \$85**

Beacon Heights MSY Advisors
will take a van for those interested.

If you'd like to go, please [register at www.onearthpeace.org](http://www.onearthpeace.org)
by March 2nd and have your parents contact Pastor Melissa by March 5.