



Looking Ahead

March	1	6:00 p.m.	Nurture Commission
	2	5:00 p.m.	Staff Relations
		7:00 p.m.	Witness Commission
	3	6:00 p.m.	Simple Supper and Story by Lynn Creath Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Choir
	6	8:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
	7		Last Sunday for Winter Bldg the Bridge

**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**  
Adult and Children's Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

*Next Week—February 28, 2010*

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

**"Confronting our assumptions"**

This story of Jesus comforting the sisters Mary and Martha reveals his human and his divine sides – in his sadness for their loss, in his questionable "guilt" for not showing up until after their brother Lazarus' death, for his own grief expressed through his tears, and ultimately, through raising Lazarus from the dead. This text is one that is rich, filled with changing assumptions of Jesus by those who knew him, or at least, who spent the most time with him.

One of the most revealing exchanges takes place between Jesus and Martha, where she interrupts his words of comfort by offering the standard belief of life after death in that day – that all devout Jews would rise at the end of times. Jesus quickly tells her "no, I am the resurrection and the life." By challenging her assumption and the assumption of the status quo, we are called to engage a similar question: what assumptions of ours does Jesus confront today?

Join us for worship on the second Sunday in Lent. You are invited to read John 11: 17-26a in preparation for this experience.

Pastor Brian

**\*\* IMPORTANT \*\* READ THIS \*\* IMPORTANT \*\***

Beacon Heights youth will host a **SILENT AUCTION** to raise money for this summer's **National Youth Conference July 17-22** at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. **All items will be auctioned through silent bidding.** Items will be displayed with a bidding sheet on which you can write your bid. The highest bidder when the **auction closes just prior to council meeting on March 21** will be the winner.

The congregation is invited to support this project by donating items or services to be included in the auction. **Popular items in the past include:** home-made baked goods, dinner hosted in homes, crafts, and miscellaneous household and recreational items. If you know of a business that might be willing to donate goods or services, please pick up a letter requesting donations in the church office to be given to the business. Items of interest to any age will be appreciated.

**Bring donation forms and items to the church office no later than Sunday February 28.** If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Simmons, Kathi Saffer, or Pastor Melissa.

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If you have questions regarding Beacon information, please contact the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

**THIS WEEK AT  
BEACON HEIGHTS**

**Monday**  
6:30 p.m. Preschool Family Fun Night

**Tuesday**  
7:00 p.m. Full Board

**Wednesday**  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:00 p.m. Choir

**Thursday**  
12:30 p.m. Spirit Journey Women  
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

**Friday**  
6:30 a.m. Breakfast Group

**Saturday**  
Disaster Relief Team returns

**Next Sunday**  
Silent Auction Donations Due

**FOOD BANK**  
Mary Whitehead  
Connie McGowin  
Barb Thorn

<i>STATISTICS</i>	
Sunday February 14, 2010	
9:00 Worship	65
10:00 Building the Bridge	75
11:15 Worship	84
Adult Offerings	\$4,465.00
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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**Young Adult Conference May 29-31, 2010**

Theme: Community Romans 12:4-8

Place: Camp Blue Diamond Petersburg, PA

Cost: \$90 prior to April 20; \$115 after April 20

For young adults ages 18-35. Activities will include worship with sermons from Matt McKimmy and several other Church of the Brethren young adults; meeting new people; workshops; coffeehouse; music; campfire; recreation.

Register online at: [www.brethren.org/yac](http://www.brethren.org/yac)

**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.



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

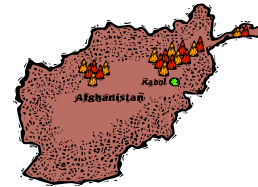


**Temporary Prayer Request Change**

**Please call the church office or Donna Lesh with your prayer requests from February 21-March 6.**

**Upcoming Simple Supper and Story Speakers  
Every-other-Wednesday 6-7 p.m.**

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

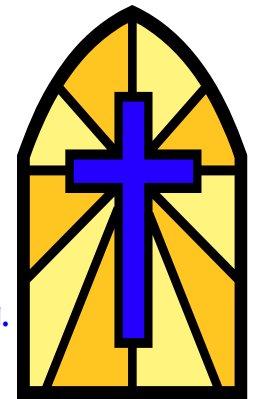


**March 17: Jalal Mufid** will talk about his home country of Afghanistan and experiences there as well as here in the United States.

Come for a simple supper and time with friends new and old.

**'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. 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](http://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](http://www.indianabuddhist.org).

*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.

**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

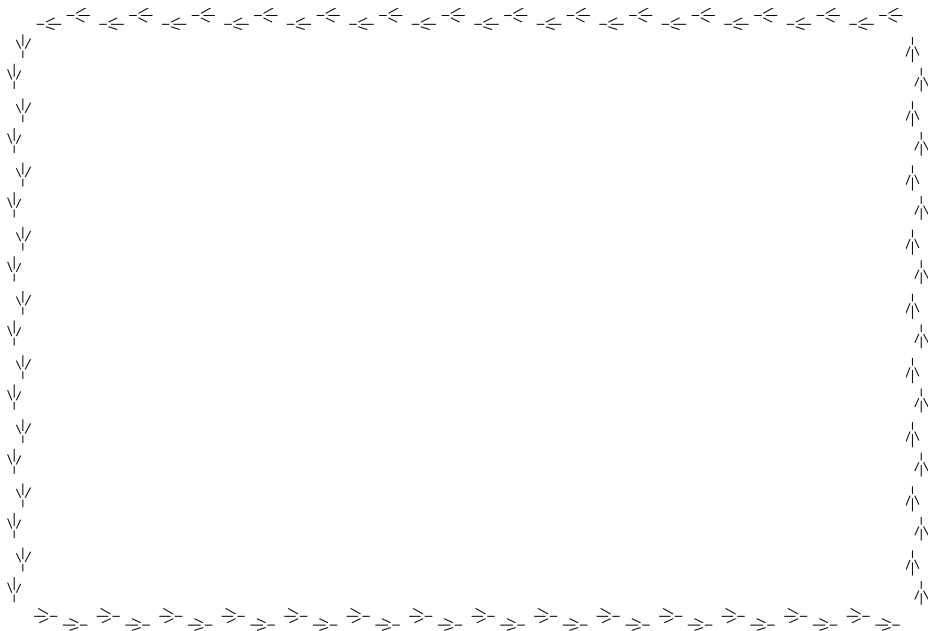
1232 Crescent Avenue

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.



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

Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> during the Bridge Building Hour.

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

## THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

Trinity Episcopal Church, 611 West Berry Street  
21 February 2010, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Rabbi Marla Spanjer, Imam Tamir Rasheed, and Rev. Dr. Terry Anderson will engage in a dialogue entitled, "People of the Book," in which they will engage each other - and you, the attendees - regarding their respective books, the Torah, the Qur'an, and the Bible. Dr. Michael Spath will serve as moderator.

Some of the questions they will address (to us and with each other) include:

1. their understanding of revelation, and the origin and nature of their book;
2. issues of authorship, interpretation, and misunderstanding;
3. the "use" of their book in worship and prayer;
4. personal, devotional, spiritual issues;
5. the central message of their scripture.

This People of the Book dialogue will take place at Trinity Episcopal Church, 611 West Berry Street, from 2:00-4:00pm.

## Would you rather....?

Move to having our worship service recordings put on a CD, or continue to have them put on an audio cassette tape? Stewards Commission is considering a change and would appreciate your input. Please contact Jeremy Simmons, Stewards Chair, at if you have a preference one way or the other.

## 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!



## Car Pool to Dalai Lama

If you plan to see the Dalai Lama in Indy on May 14 and would like to carpool, please notify Janet Mitchell.

# YOUTH

High School

Sunday, February 28  
Lunch and Planning



We'll be developing some skits to advertise the youth auction and simply have a good time hanging out together.

All youth are wanted and welcomed. Youth going to National Youth Conference are expected.



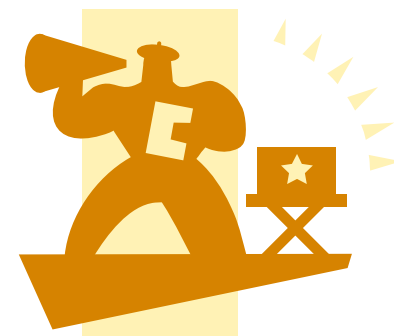
Questions?...please contact Pastor Melissa.

# NEWS

Middle School

**Calling all Middle School  
AND  
High School Youth:**

Casting call and  
movie at  
Marcia Wright's  
home



Saturday, February 27th from 7-10 p.m.  
Parts will be assigned for the youth musical.

**Please contact Pastor Melissa by NOON Wednesday  
if you'd like a ride from the church.**