



# THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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## Looking Ahead

March	8	8:00 p.m.	Stewards Commission
	9	8:00 a.m.	Men's Retirement Breakfast
		6:30 p.m.	Education Commission
	10	12:30 p.m.	Ladies Birthday Luncheon
		6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	11	12:30 p.m.	Spirit Journey Women
	12	6:30 a.m.	Breakfast Group
	14		<b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b>
			Silent Auction Continues
	15	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	17	6:00 p.m.	Simple Supper and Story (Jalal Mufid)
		6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Choir
	21	9 a.m.	<b>Sunday School for all ages</b>
		10 a.m.	<b>Combined Worship - New Members</b>
		12:00 a.m.	<b>Potluck Lunch</b>
		1:00 p.m.	<b>Spring Council Meeting</b>
			<b>Silent Auction Bidding Ends</b>
	23	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee of the Board
	24	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	25	12:30 p.m.	Spirit Journey Women
	26	6:30 a.m.	Breakfast Group
	31	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Adult and Children's Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

*Next Week—March 7, 2010*

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

**"Feed my sheep"**

For those of you who live in Fort Wayne, when is the last time you've seen sheep? Or a shepherd? Even for those who live outside the bounds of the city, sheep and shepherds are not a typical part of daily living in Indiana. So Jesus' words, "I am the good shepherd... feed my sheep" are easy to overlook as having little relevance for life in 21<sup>st</sup> century Indiana.

You are invited to read and ponder John 10:11-15 and 21:15-17 in preparation for next week's worship, when we will explore the significance of caring for others as a vital aspect of following Jesus in Peter's world and in our own.

Pastor Jan

## Ladies' Birthday Luncheon

March 10 at 12:30 pm

Bandido's -6536 East State

(Mexican and American Food)

RSVP to Mary Whitehead

All women are welcome!



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

In each service, we will celebrate the commissioning of ten Stephen Ministers who have completed their fifty-hour training as part of our morning worship.

**THIS WEEK AT  
BEACON HEIGHTS**

**Monday**

6:45 p.m. Nurture Commission

**Tuesday**

5:00 p.m. Staff Relations

7:00 p.m. Witness Commission

**Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Simple Supper and Story

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir

7:00 p.m. Choir

**Saturday**

8a.m. -2 p.m. Stephen Ministry

2p.m. Rose/Galbraith Service

**Next Sunday**

Stephen Minister Consecration  
both services

**Silent Auction Begins**

End of Winter Building the Bridge  
Classes

**Script Orders Due**

**FOOD BANK**

Mary Whitehead

Sandy Kiracofe

Ben Sollenberger

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 21, 2010

9:00 Worship	91
10:00 Building the Bridge	89
11:15 Worship	86
Adult Offerings	\$9,485.00
Children's Offering	\$1.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,113.26

**Spring Building the Bridge Classes Start March 14**

**Christ of the Celts by J. Phillip Newell**

Newell (one of the foremost experts on Celtic spirituality) reflects on the Christ of ancient Celtic tradition to offer new hope for harmony, healing, and renewal. Drawing in part on the Gospel of Thomas and the Acts of John, the author ignites us with the possibilities that can come from understanding this ancient spiritual tradition.

Newell connects the Celtic tradition with our more conventional Christian beliefs and offers a vision of concern for healing creation and the environment—for the presence of the sacred in nature and all creatures. This was the essence of the ancient Celtic vision of Christ. As an ever-unfolding mystery of life rather than a one-time event, the Celtic tradition encourages us to reverence the matter of our bodies and the earth.

*Facilitated by Matt Sprunger; Book donation: \$5.00*

**Receiving the Day - by Dorothy C. Bass**

Embrace time as an opportunity - not an adversary. A spiritual reconsideration of our frantic approach to time, *Receiving the Day* invites readers to embrace the temporal landmarks of our lives as opportunities for deeper relationship with God and one another.

*Facilitated by: Sue Warren, MaryJane Coursen, Beth Goldsmith  
Book donation: \$5.00*

**Renewal in the Wilderness By John Lionberger**

This practical guide reveals the power of experiencing God's presence in many variations of the natural world—from a backpacking trip in a truly remote wilderness to an afternoon spent in a nearby park to a single moment savored in your own backyard. While exploring wisdom from several faith traditions, you will discover how the universal experience of being present in nature can lead to startling discoveries about God and about yourself.

*Facilitated by: Ruth Ann and Tom Bever Book donation: \$5.00*

**Inquirer's Class**

**Text: Let Our Joys be Known by Gardner and Shaffer**

This class is designed for those interested in learning more about the Church of the Brethren—who we are as a denomination and what we believe and practice as followers of Jesus Christ. **For more information,** speak directly to Pastors John or Jan Long or to call the church office (482-8595). All are welcome.

## H.S. Youth Silent Auction

*Be creative in your donations!*

Homemade items, services (babysitting, meals, cleaning, etc.) maybe even a gift you received but can't use (we won't tell). Outings (sailing, picnics, etc.) are fun for the donor and the bidding winner!

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Simmons, Kathi Saffer, or Pastor Melissa.

Youth Auction Donations AND Forms  
due in the church office **TODAY**  
Sunday, February 28

### **'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

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

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

3/1 Elaine Forsythe  
Jennifer Spoelhof  
3/4 Terry Dougherty  
3/5 Ellie Sprunger  
3/6 Chris Wright  
3/7 Rick Geary  
3/8 Bill Arick  
3/9 Alex Harding  
Wayne Waters  
Hannah Wysong  
3/10 Shari Sousley  
Doug Wages  
3/13 Amanda Taylor  
3/14 Linda Myers  
3/15 John Long  
3/17 Rolland Norton  
3/19 Ev Kilgore  
3/20 Melissa Bennett  
Susan Harroff  
3/23 Patty Rinker

3/25 Alexis Baker  
Sami Dick DeVries  
Vickie Schroer  
3/27 Patrick Forsythe  
Dean Frantz  
3/28 Esther Hamer  
Raquel Kline  
Grayson Pettit  
3/29 Aaron Hollenberg  
Bill Kilgore  
Janet Mitchell  
3/30 Dave Kiracofe  
Kelly Parker  
3/31 Colin Coplen

### Anniversaries

3/9 Brenda Galbraith &  
Renee Rose  
3/17 John & Patty Rinker  
3/20 Lori & Steve Crain  
3/27 Mike & Paula Crill  
3/28 Dave & Sandy Kiracofe

## Attention Knitters!!

Womaen's Caucus is once again asking us to **knit or crochet rainbow scarves**. Last year Beacon Heights knitters sent over 100 rainbow scarves to Annual Conference. Their goal is to give a scarf to anyone who wants one. They are expecting a large crowd at Annual Conference in Pittsburg this year. Scarf directions will be in the church office. See Kathi Saffer or Linda Wolf if you have questions .

**Scrip orders will be taken next week  
Sunday, March 7.**

## 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.

## \*CAMP REGISTRATIONS DUE NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Please turn in Camp Mack registrations to Bill Hollenberg by Sunday, 3/7 with a check to cover 2/3 of the cost for each camper you're sending. Make the check payable to Beacon Heights Church. We realize this is short notice. Thank you for your understanding.



## Upcoming Interfaith Hospitality Week

Beacon Heights and St. Jude's Catholic Church will be jointly hosting for Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) the week of March 28-April 3. Beacon Heights will provide dinner and children's activities March 31-April 3. We will also be collecting specific food items and paper products. This is a great opportunity to share God's love in our community. Please stop by the sign up table today to see how you

## SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to the family of Cyndi Rowley following her death on Thursday. Please pray for husband George, daughter Jessica, Amy and Bill Hollenberg, and the rest of Cyndi's family.

## **Inquirers Class Scheduled for Spring 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 during the Bridge Building Hour.

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

## *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 non-violence (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. For more information, speak with a member of Witness Commission or Pastor Jan or John. For more information go to <http://www.onearthpeace.org/programs/peace-witness/river/>

## **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, 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!**

## **Directory Updates**

The two church school secretaries are Linda Wolf (who replaced Lois Guess) and Kathi Saffer. Also please add Kathi Saffer to Staff Relations Committee.



# YOUTH

High School

- TODAY -  
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.

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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.