

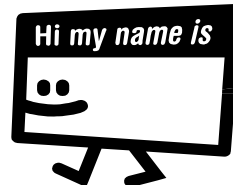


## Looking Ahead

March	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

## What was your name again?

Recently the church Board was discussing name tag use in relation to our witness of hospitality. We used to do a better job at wearing our name tags on Sunday mornings but have lapsed in our efforts. In a move to lead by example, the Board has agreed to be more intentional at wearing name tags to show our welcoming spirit. Won't you please join us!



## 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.

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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

*Next Week—March 14, 2010*

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

**"You are what you eat"**

This familiar phrase of "you are what you eat" encompasses the central focus of many diet plans that people follow. Whether it is the Atkins plan (no bread!) or the South Beach diet (healthier bread) or Weight Watchers (low calorie bread), there is a strong emphasis upon watching what it eaten (and what is not). But what we eat is not only central to our physical bodies, it is also central to our spiritual selves. Jesus offers himself to the disciples and crowds using a familiar image to them: the bread of life. Bread, a common staple of their diets, was a day to day substance that sustained life. Jesus, using the image of the bread of life, portrayed himself as an ongoing substance that not only sustained life, but also provided it. In this worship experience, we focus upon the ways that Jesus provides us with a source of life in our lives, as well as reflect upon the ways that we do (or don't) adhere to the "Jesus spiritual diet."

Join us for worship on the Fourth Sunday of Lent as the bell choir plays at the 9:00 worship service and there is a participatory collage at the 11:15 worship service. You are invited to read John 6:32-40 in preparation for this worship experience.

Pastor Brian

**Daylight Savings Time begins!**  
**Don't forget to set your clocks ahead!!**

**THIS WEEK AT  
BEACON HEIGHTS**

**Monday**

7:30 p.m. Stewards Commission

**Tuesday**

8:00 a.m. Men's Retirement Breakfast  
6:30 p.m. Education Commission

**Wednesday**

12:30 p.m. Ladies Birthday Luncheon  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:00 p.m. Choir

**Thursday**

12:30 p.m. Spirit Journey Women

**Friday**

6:30 a.m. Early Breakfast Group

**Next Sunday**

**Daylight Saving; Time Begins**  
**Silent Auction Continues**  
Spring Building the Bridge  
Classes Begin

**FOOD BANK**

Mary Bosserman  
Phyllis Hall  
Joyce Jordan

STATISTICS	
Sunday February 28, 2010	
9:00 Worship	72
10:00 Building the Bridge	88
11:15 Worship	81
Adult Offerings	\$10,504.00
Children's Offering	-
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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**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.

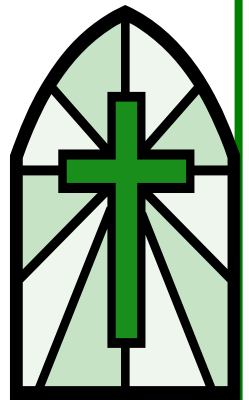
## 2010 Community Gardening Project Sign-up Begins

This will be the third year for working together to grow and enjoy quality organic foods in our community. **Anyone interested in information and conversation** about the Community Gardening Project for 2010 (sponsored by Nurture Commission) is invited to place your name(s) on the **sign-up sheet posted on the ledge outside the church office.** Gardening Project organizers will contact this list about a planning meeting to take place this month. If you're willing to help organize our project for 2010, please speak to Lynn Creath or another nurture committee member.

And remember gardeners --environmental worker Tom Benevento will be here April 10 and 11 for the UNDOing Global Warming event, and will have suggestions for urban gardening, particularly in his 'Lawns to Lunches' session on Sunday afternoon.

### '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. 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

### 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!**

### Sympathy

We extend sympathy to Brenda Galbraith and Renee Rose following the death of Brenda's dad, Jim Imbody, last Sunday.

## Gather at the Bridge TOMORROW at noon

Women all over the world are joining on bridges to show how they can build the bridges of peace and development for our future. This campaign is taking place to mark the 99th Anniversary of International Women's Day on March 8.

In Fort Wayne, women will gather on the Martin Luther King bridge north of Headwaters Park at noon on March 8, the same time women will stand on bridges throughout the world.

<http://www.womenforwomen.org/bridge/bridge-campaign-partners.php>.

### Attention Knitters!!

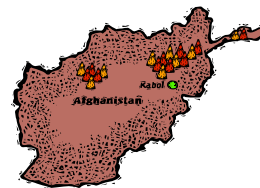
Womaen's Caucus is once again asking us to **knit or crochet rainbow scarves**. Last year Beacon Heights knitters sent over 100 rainbow scarves to Annual Conference. Their goal is to give a scarf to anyone who wants one. They are expecting a large crowd at Annual Conference in Pittsburgh this year. Scarf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

### Tenebrae and Love Feast

Thursday, April 1

Tenebrae will begin in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.  
with Love Feast following in the fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.  
Together, we will remember Jesus' last days.

**Scrip orders will be taken  
TODAY - March 7.**



### Upcoming Simple Supper and Story Wednesday March 17, 6-7 p.m.

**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 TODAY

Please turn in Camp Mack registrations to Bill Hollenberg with a check to cover 2/3 of the cost for each camper you're sending. Make check payable to Beacon Heights Church.

### Interfaith Hospitality Week 3/28 - 4/3

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.

### Mark your calendars for:

"Come to the Table"

A Musical by Ken Medema

Featuring Beacon Heights High School and  
Middle School Youth

April 23 at 7:30 p.m.

April 24 at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets will go on sale at the end of March.

Proceeds to benefit the High School Youth Fund.

## 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/>

## The Journey Thus Far – a Stephen Minister's Reflection

As I reflect on being called as a Stephen's Minister, I realize I've experienced a wide range of emotions and thoughts. The roller coaster ride, I admit, has included 'are you kidding, not me?!' to 'I trust God to work through me' -- and everything in between. These past months of training have been similar to training for a marathon as we studied, practiced, and learned many new skills. I am thankful for my journey through doubt and back to faith again. I am deeply grateful for the loving support and encouragement from the Stephen Leaders, all the participants in the class, and especially Sheila, my prayer partner. I am also thankful to be part of a congregation who teaches me to prayerfully sing and actively live out the words on page 418 of our hymnbook -



*Move in our midst*  
by K. Morse and P. Huffaker

Move in our midst, thou Spirit of God.  
Go with us down from thy holy hill.  
Walk with us through the storm and the calm.  
Spirit of God, go thou with us still.

Touch thou our hands to lead us aright.  
Guide us forever, show us thy way.  
Transform our darkness into thy light.  
Spirit of God, lead thou us today.

Strike from our feet the fetters that bind.  
Lift from our lives the weight of our wrong.  
Teach us to love with heart, soul, and mind.  
Spirit of God, thy love makes us strong.

Kindle our hearts to burn with thy flame.  
Raise up thy banners high in this hour.  
Stir us to build new worlds in thy name.  
Spirit of God, O send us thy pow'r!

Betty Yoder

# YOUTH

High School



March 21  
Youth Auction  
Potluck Lunch

April 23-24  
Youth Musical



BOTH OF THESE ARE FUNDRAISERS  
FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FUND  
AND  
NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE.

We need all youth to participate!

**Questions? Contact Pastor Melissa.**

# 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)  
and have your parents contact Pastor Melissa.