



THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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Looking Ahead

May	3	6:45 p.m.	Nurture Commission
	4	7:00 p.m.	Witness Commission
	5	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	6	12:30 p.m.	Spirit Journey Women
		6:30-7:45 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision
	8	8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Church Clean-up Day
	9	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
		10:00 a.m.	Combined Worship, Send-off Scrip Orders Due
	10	7:30 p.m.	Stewards Commission
	11	8:30 a.m.	Retirees' Breakfast
		6:30 p.m.	Education Commission
	12	12:30 p.m.	Ladies Birthday Luncheon
	14	6:30 a.m.	Breakfast Group
	17	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	19	7:00 p.m.	Advisors Meeting
	20	12:30 p.m.	Spirit Journey Women
	21		Preschool Year-End Picnic
	25	7:00 p.m.	Full Board
	28	6:30 a.m.	Breakfast Group
	30		Summer Schedule Begins: Sunday School at 9 a.m. Worship at 10 a.m.

Homeward Bound For Vincent Village 2010 Walk to end homelessness TODAY

If you'd like to sponsor a walker, talk to Carla Kilgore or Ev Kilgore. Carla is a program director at Vincent Village which serves the homeless in our community. For more information, go to vincentvillage.org.

Stephen Ministry at Beacon Heights

A ministry of care-giving, person to person. When your life is filled with sorrow, stress, transition or struggle, there is someone who cares. Contact a Stephen Leader (Steve Eikenberry, Connie McGowin, Deb Romary, John Wagoner) with your interest or questions.



SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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

Next Week—May 2, 2010

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

"A 'welcome' mindset"

Biblical hospitality is something that is found throughout the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. Yet it is more than an expectation. It is a way of living, a part of the culture, embedded in the very fabric of how many persons who live in the Middle East treat their guests. If a person invites you into their home, you are provided food, shelter, and protection until you leave. Basic human decency and manners compel our society to offer similar hospitality, but it is nowhere near ingrained as part of the way we live. However, this text from Paul's letter to the Romans reminds us of the spiritual imperative we are called to undertake as Jesus' followers to extend hospitality to those who enter our doors. As a faith community, we have a welcome statement. And generally, we "welcome" our guests pretty well. But there's always more we can do and other ways we can consider to widen our welcome and extend holy hospitality.

Join us in worship as we reflect upon the ways that we offer hospitality as individuals and as a congregation. There will be a small musical ensemble in the 9:00 service and a visual collage in the 11:15 worship service. You are invited to read Romans 12:12-16 in preparation for this worship service.

Pastor Brian

**THIS WEEK AT
BEACON HEIGHTS**

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Executive Board Mtg

Wednesday

6:00—8:30 p.m. Usher Training

7:00 p.m. Choir

Saturday

6:00 p.m. Guess Who is Coming
To Dinner

FOOD BANK

Mary Bosserman
Joan Thompson
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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If you have questions regarding Beacon information, please contact the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

STATISTICS

Sunday April 18, 2010

9:00 Worship	73
10:00 Building the Bridge	105
11:15 Worship	91
Adult Offerings	\$10,697.00
Children's Offering	\$2.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,113.26

Ever considered being an usher?

Usher Workshop April 28

Have you ever been interested in serving as an usher? Have you ushered before, but would like to hear some new tips and ideas? On Wednesday, April 28 from 6:00-8:30 p.m., there will be an usher workshop for new and renewed Beacon Heights ushers in the church parlor. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Fred Bernhard, retired COB pastor and author of numerous books on hospitality, will be guiding the discussion. Dinner is provided. Please contact Pastor Brian or the church office if you would like more information.

BICYCLE Group Starts Up Again Soon

It's time to pump up the tires and oil the chain! Beacon's Inter-generational **Cycling (Yes, Cycling!)** League of Enthusiasts is going to be hitting the road again. Keep the following dates open and plan to join us.

More details to come!

May 16

August 15

June 5

August 28

July 25 (Sabbath Rest)



GET HEALTHY!



A group of Beacon Heights folks and friends are planning to participate in the 2010 Fort For Fitness Walk/Run on September 25. Some will walk the 4-mile course and some the 13.1-mile course ... a few may run. We "train" for the event by walking Sunday evenings as a group for all who can make it, and individually during the week. The group walks at different paces depending on abilities. If you'd like to join the fun, register at <http://www.fort4fitness.org/>

Questions? Talk to Marcia Wright or Steve Eikenberry.

Attention Knitters and Crocheters!!

Womaen's Caucus is once again asking us to **knit or crochet rainbow scarves**. Last year Beacon Heights folks 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 are on the church office ledge. See Kathi Saffer or Linda Wolf if you have questions .



ALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY Saturday, May 8 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Come join the Stewards in doing some Spring cleaning at the church. Each year there are many jobs that need to be done at the church just like there are at home. There will be inside and outside jobs, some small, some larger, some that take some skills, some that simply take a willingness to help.

We could hire someone to do these tasks but the many hands of members will make short work of them and save us a lot. Be a good steward with your time and give a few hours working together to make our church sparkle.



Putting a Face on Homelessness

Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m.
St. Jude Catholic Church

St. Jude Catholic Church at the corner of State and Randallia will host a panel "Putting a Face on Homelessness in Fort Wayne" on Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in the church hall. Five experts in this area will join us to educate us about homelessness in our community and to help us explore ways of addressing the issue.

All are welcome!

Bike Summit 2

May 8 at Allen County Public Library Downtown

Plans are coming together for the second annual Fort Wayne Bike Summit. **The free event will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8 at the Allen County Public Library with post-summit bike rides at 1 p.m.** from the library. We will start with a presentation in the auditorium from our **guest speaker Randy Neufeld**, Greenways Manager **Dawn Ritchie** for an update on trails, and **Paul Spoelhof** for a presentation about the Bike Fort Wayne plan.

Keynote speaker, Randy Neufeld, has worked more than 20 years for the Active Transportation Alliance, formerly known as the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation. He is now the director of the SRAM Cycling Fund, which supports efforts to improve bicycle infrastructure across the world. Last year he received the Alliance for Biking and Walking's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Afterward, **choose two sessions from four different 45-minute workshops**. They are designed for bike riders of all ability levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced). The sessions are:

- **In-depth updates on the Bike Fort Wayne plan and Fort Wayne Trails:** [Paul Spoelhof and Dawn Ritchie](#) will go into expanded detail about the City's new bicycle master plan and plans for expanding the local multi-use trail network.
- **Bikes as Transportation:** About 40% of trips are within 2 miles of home so learn the how-to of using your bike to get you to destinations from riders who use their bikes to get around town plus bike maintenance tips from a bike mechanic. You'll discover how to choose a route, weather considerations, plus equipment to make your ride more comfortable and improve safety.
- **How to Share the Road Safely:** Riders of all skill levels will learn how to ride more safely and confidently on streets and what drivers can do when they encounter cyclists on the road. Learn how to "take the lane," signal turns, use necessary safety equipment and actionable information for drivers to share the road.
- **Grassroots Advocacy:** Fort Wayne's cyclists are interested in seeing Fort Wayne become more bicycle friendly, but did you know there are ways for you to get involved? We will discuss how you can make a difference in local and statewide efforts to improve bicycle infrastructure plus outreach and legislation to make the transportation network for Fort Wayne and across Indiana work for all users.

Three Rivers Velo Sport will offer rides from the library at 1 p.m., one downtown for about 30 minutes and then a longer ride, so bring your bike to the library.

Rhythms of Re-creation

Congregational Events and Pastoral Roles

The Sabbath Rest Planning Team invites you to a number of summer events designed to provide times to rest and reflect and socialize in ways that relate to the themes of Long's Sabbath Rest. Please note the following dates and watch for details in coming weeks:

March 14-May 23 - [Building the Bridge classes](#), Finding God in the Wilderness, Receiving the Day, Christ of the Celts

May 9 – [Sabbath Rest Send-off Sunday](#)

Building the Bridge classes 9:00 a.m.

Worship focus on Sabbath Rest themes 10:00 a.m.

Send-off Reception following worship

May 23 – [Pentecost Worship](#)

Guest speaker Marlene Kropf - co-leader of Long's Celtic Pilgrimage

June 12 - [Exploring the Prayer Labyrinth](#)

June 26 10 am – 4 pm [“All-Congregational Retreat - Spirituality and Creation”](#)

Place: Merry Lea Environmental Center, near Wolf Lake IN
Guest leader: Fred Shaw, master storyteller of the Shawandassee tribe

July 25 - [Sabbath Rest Bike Hike](#) (lunch provided)

August 2 – [Outdoor vesper service](#)

Time to worship God in the cathedral of God's own making.

August 6 – [Sabbath Rest Night hike](#) at Metea Park
(park entry provided)

August 22 – [Welcome back dinner](#) at Shoaff Park pavilion

Time for the faith community to relax, with our only agenda simply to 'be' together, and to welcome Pastors John and Jan back from their Sabbath Rest journey.

Pastoral Roles: During Pastor John and Jan's Sabbath Rest, their role as Pastors for Congregational Life will be covered by Pastor Laura VanVoorhis (who will care for pastoral care needs and monthly preaching) and Pastor Melissa (who will care for commission/committee work, administration, and emergency pastoral care).

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

5/2 Carla Kilgore
5/5 Tim Weybright
5/6 Jessica Creath
Reggie Harding
5/7 Andrew Sprunger
5/8 Renee Rose
5/10 Brian Myers
Sam Wysong
5/11 Andy Pinkham
5/12 LeAnn Gerber
5/13 Steve Keim
Doug Speakman
Deverl Whitehead
5/15 Lois Guess
5/24 Cheryl Coplen
5/25 Caleb Lane
5/27 David Mitchell-Dix

Anniversaries

5/11 Jan & John Long
5/16 James & Sara Lane
5/17 Ron & Sheila Dick
5/19 Leland & Rebecca
Harding
5/31 Kathy & Paul
Fry-Miller



Susquehanna Song & Story Fest
Standing Up With Jesus!
June 27 - July 3, 2010
Camp Swatara, Bethel PA

A Family Camp featuring Brethren musicians and storytellers in the woodlands of the Susquehanna River Valley!

Storytellers and Workshop Leaders:

Debbie Eisenbise Kathy Guisewite Jonathan Hunter
Jim Lehman Sue Overman Marie Rhoades

Campfire, Workshop, and Concert Musicians:

Patty Ecker & Louise Brodie LuAnne Harley & Brian Krushwitz
Peg Lehman Mike Stern Tim Joseph

Mutual Kumquat: Chris Good, Drue Gray, Seth Hendricks, Ben Long

Registration and Fees

Registration includes all meals, on-site facilities, and leadership and is based upon age. Children 2 and under are welcome, no charge.

Adults - \$230; Teens 13-19 - \$200; Children 3 - 12 \$120

Maximum Fee per Family - \$750

Daily Fee - \$40/adult, \$30/teen, \$20/child, \$140/family,
includes all meals.

Please register now and remit the entire fee by June 1.

Registrations post-marked after June 1 should add 10% as a late fee.

No discount for off-site, tent or RV housing. **Register on-line at:**

<http://www.onearthpeace.org/programs/special/song-story-fest/registration.html>

To mail registrations and checks or ask registration questions contact:

On Earth Peace; PO Box 188; New Windsor MD 21776
Phone: 410-635-8704; Fax: 410-635-8707; oep@onearthpeace.org

YOUTH

High School

National Youth Conference Meeting
Sunday, May 2nd



following the 11:15 service
For all youth going
to NYC and
at least one parent

Bring a potluck dish to share.

Come hear updates about travel
and other plans, ask questions,
receive assignments (easy ones, of course)
and share in the anticipated excitement!

Contact Pastor Melissa if you are unable to attend.

NEWS

Middle School

Sunday, May 16
Visit Union Baptist Church
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The youth minister in this congregation is also
a Manchester College graduate.

This is an opportunity for us to connect with
other youth
in the city of Fort Wayne and
share in another worship experience.



Meet at Beacon Heights and
we'll travel together (please be prompt!).
After worship, we will have lunch
downtown somewhere.
Please bring \$7 for lunch.