



THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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Looking Ahead

May	30		Summer Schedule Begins
		9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
June	31		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	1	7:00 p.m.	Witness Commission
	3	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision
	7	6:45 p.m.	Nurture Commission
	8	8:00 a.m.	Retirees' Breakfast
		6:30 p.m.	Education Commission
	9	12:30 p.m.	Ladies Birthday Luncheon
	10	12:30 p.m.	Spirit Journey Women-potluck
	12	9:00 a.m.	Labyrinth Walk at Trinity Episcopal
	14	7:30 p.m.	Stewards Commission
	21	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	22	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee
	26		All-Congregational Retreat at Merry Lea Environmental Center

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE Adult and Children's Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Next Week—May 30, 2010

10:00 a.m. Worship

"God drops and loses things"

Have you ever wondered what kind of processing unit God has in place when it comes to hearing our prayers and caring for our personal needs? So often we pray in earnest with some hope of having our prayers answered. We learn over time that communication with our God is important, but we don't always receive a clear or immediate response. God is always present, but is it possible that God sometimes drops and loses things? In the parable of the lost coin, when a woman drops one of her ten coins, she notices and immediately tends to finding it.

During this transitional time at Beacon Heights, which is most often referred to as Sabbath Rest, the ministry team has worked very hard and with earnest to share and be aware of your pastoral needs. Transitional times can be very rich and rewarding times in the life of a church. It is my prayer that our time together can be mutually beneficial, that I can be both pastoral and prophetic in my ministry with you. May God be with us during this time of transition, help us speak truth to one another, and to uplift us greatly as we journey as Christians together during this Sabbath time.

Join us for worship as we learn more about peace-making mural being developed by the children's SS class this summer. You are invited to read Luke 15: 8-10 in preparation for this service.

Pastor Laura

Would you believe it's that time again?

Messenger Subscriptions Due June 6

Messenger is the official publication of the Church of the Brethren published 11 times yearly by Brethren Press. (If you're not familiar with *Messenger*, look over a past copy on the oval table in the entry or in the church library.) New subscriptions are \$7.25, all others are \$14.50. You can also purchase a two-year subscription for 27.00 Forms are available on the counter in the church office. Please make checks payable to Beacon Heights Church. **Turn in your form and check to the office or put it in Anne Ott's mailbox by June 6.**

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.



**THIS WEEK AT
BEACON HEIGHTS**

Tuesday
7:00 p.m. Full Board

Friday
6:30 a.m. Early Breakfast Group

Next Sunday
Summer Schedule begins :
9:00 a.m. Building the Bridge Hour
10:00 a.m. Worship

FOOD BANK
Mary Bosserman
Connie McGowin
Barb Thorn

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 May 16, 2010

9:00 Worship	67
10:00 Building the Bridge	66
11:15 Worship	92
Adult Offerings	\$4,868.00
Children's Offering	—
Weekly Budget	\$7,113.26

**Sabbath Rest
Reflections**

Periodically this summer, we will feature responses to the Sabbath Rest questions asked of the congregation during worship on May 9. In answer to the question *One hope I have (for myself, for the congregation, for the pastors, or for Pastors John and Jan) for Sabbath Rest is...*

“Find ways of truly resting for all of your lives.”

“That their expectations are met.”

“Jan and John: May you travel safely, experience all that you encounter deeply, and return with rested, peaceful spirits.”

“That rest, play time, and restoration in relationships can happen for those still in the everyday ‘normal’ setting.”

“A safe journey.”

“That whatever will be best for the well-being of all shall take place.”

“Hope that John and Jan find rest and renewing. We all need a time of rest from study, working, and even caring. Hope you have a time of rest and find the newness of drawing close to God.”

“To slow down and rest; to find a renewal for faith and purpose; to build a sense of community in the church.”

“Individual closeness to God.”

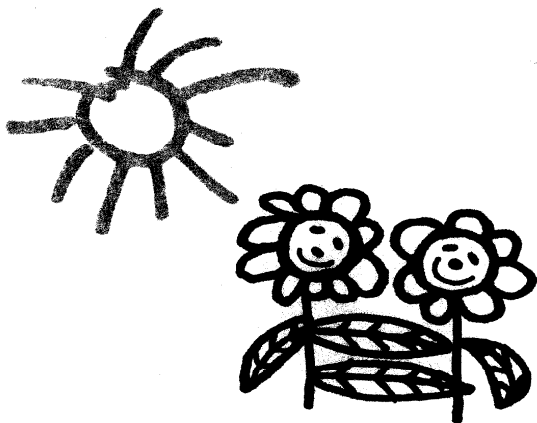
Congregational Events and Pastoral Roles

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).

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Stephen Ministry

*Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything, by prayer and petition, and
with thanksgiving, present your requests to
God."*
Philippians 4:6



Stephen Ministry provides churches with the structure, training, and resources to set up and administer a complete system for a confidential, lay caring-ministry in the congregation. In Stephen Ministry congregations, lay caregivers (called Stephen Ministers) provide one-to-one Christian care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, and others facing a crisis or life challenge. Stephen Ministry helps pastors and congregations provide quality caring ministry for as long as people need it.

Steve Eikenberry, Connie McGowin, Deb Romary, and John Wagoner are lay Stephen Leaders who have attended a fifty-hour, week-long Stephen Series Leader's Training Course, and now direct our congregation's Stephen Ministry with strong support from Stephen Series trained Pastors Jan and John Long. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained and supervised by Stephen Leaders. Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one confidential Christian care to hurting people both inside and outside of our congregation.

STAY TUNED! Every week you'll read new information about Beacon Height's Stephen Ministry right here!

Building the Bridge Hour

Next Sunday May 30 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Join us for a time of fellowship, snacks and coffee from 9:00-10:00 on Sunday, May 30. There will be no structured Sunday School classes so that you may have an opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones. A preview of summer classes will be given.

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 .

Become a Friend of Timbercrest



For little more than the price of a soft drink or a cup of coffee, you can become a **Friends of Timbercrest** member. Your membership, with no obligations attached, will help with programs at our Church of the Brethren Senior Living Community in North Manchester that has approximately 330 residents. An annual membership is \$3 and a lifetime membership is \$40. Checks should be made payable to **Friends of Timbercrest**. Dues may be placed in mailbox of Mary Whitehead by **today, May 23,**

CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED !!

Camp Mack is short about 40 for the summer and camp season is coming up fast. Anyone interested can contact Bill Hollenberg



Rummage Sale! Middle School Youth Fundraiser Saturday, June 12

If you'd like to clean out and donate some items for the MS youth rummage sale, please drop off items sometime between June 5 & 11. (Please do not leave items before June 5...we have nowhere to store them.)

Please clean and price your items ahead of time.

Questions? Contact Pastor Melissa.
Thank you!

Building the Bridge Class June 6 "Monsters, Inc."

Movies are one of our culture's most prevalent and powerful methods of storytelling. You are invited to view *Monsters, Inc.*, prior to the June 6 class so that we can show clips and discuss the movie in the one-hour allotted time period. It should be readily available from the library, the dvd rental store, etc. Join us as we discuss the themes of this 'children's' movie and contemplate the question: "Who is 'other.'"



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](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; oepe@onearthpeace.org

For additional information or with program questions contact:

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YOUTH

High School



Friday, June 11
6-9 p.m.

Food, fun, and fellowship
at the church...with the
Lincolnshire
Church of the Brethren youth.

**We'll make pillows for NYC
(for those not going to NYC...
add your creative touch to Pastor
Melissa's pillow!),
tie-dye t-shirts, play
games, eat good
food, and meet some
new youth.**

All are welcome!



NEWS

Middle School

Next Activity:



**June 5 & 12
Rummage Sale
and Service Project!**

We will help Steve Keim with a yard sale
and the profits will help our fundraisers account...
it's a win-win!

Meet at the church
from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on **June 5th**
to begin the process of sorting, setting up, and pricing.
Lunch will be provided.

THEN on June 12,
be at the church from 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
to help with the sale.

There will be jobs for everyone...
parents, please also consider (seriously)
donating some time to help!

RSVP to Pastor Melissa by May 9th.