



THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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

Next Week—June 6, 2010

10:00 a.m. Worship

"Something out of nothing"

'Making lemonade out of lemons,' 'Look at the glass half full rather than half empty,' 'When God closes a door, somewhere God opens a window.' These are some of the many phrases that enter our minds in challenging situations, in situations where we try to make the best out of failure, out of bad luck, or simply out of a bad situation. Whether it is blinded optimism, a can-do spirit, or dogged determination, our culture places great value on those who find a 'silver lining in every dark cloud.'

This text from the Hebrew scriptures offers a similar tale as Jesus' feeding of the five thousand, but in a far more personal fashion. This story is about a family, headed by a widow, doing the best it can, asked for more than they believe they can offer, who are rewarded for their faith and hope by God. It is a good reminder of God's presence for any of us when we experience difficult times.

Join us in worship as we honor our graduates for this school year. You are invited to read 1 Kings 17:8-16 in preparation for this worship service.

Pastor Brian

Looking Ahead

June	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

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**

Monday
Memorial Day—office closed

Tuesday
7:00 p.m. Witness Commission

Thursday
6:30-7:45 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Next Saturday
Garage Sale items may be dropped off beginning today through June 11, for sale June 12.

FOOD BANK
Mary Whitehead
Susan Harroff
Sandy Kiracofe

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 23, 2010

9:00 Worship	73
10:00 Building the Bridge	84
11:15 Worship	96
Adult Offerings	\$9346.50
Children's Offering	\$1.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,113.26

A Note from Hannah Wysong

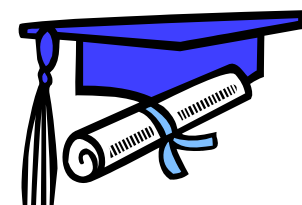
Tomorrow I begin my Youth Peace Travel Team experience with orientation at Camp Blue Diamond in PA. The Youth Peace Travel Team is a group of four Brethren young adults who spend the summer traveling to Church of the Brethren camps. We will teach youth about issues of peace and justice while living and learning with campers throughout the week. We will travel to six different camps along with National Youth Conference and Annual Conference. Our biographies and travel schedule can be found on the north bulletin board as well as at <http://www.onearthpeace.org> <<http://www.onearthpeace.org/> (click on Programs and Projects). We will also be blogging throughout the summer, and you can read our blog at <http://blog.brethren.org/?p=65>.

Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated along our journey. I will be sharing about my experience in worship on August 22nd. Until then, have a great summer!

Hannah Wysong

Graduation Celebrations !!

John Harding and family invite you to celebrate his graduation from Snider High School at a reception at their home (2428 Hillock Court) on Sunday, June 13 from 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.



Emily Hollenberg and family will host a dessert open house on Friday, June 18 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at their home (10006 Downeys Landing). She is graduating from Northrop High School.

Austin Saffer and family will host an open house Saturday, June 19 from 1 p.m.—6 p.m. at their home (3013 Curdes Avenue). Austin will graduate from North Side High School.



Exploring the Prayer Labyrinth
Labyrinth Walk and Sabbath Rest Event
Saturday morning, June 12
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
at Trinity Episcopal Church
611 W. Berry Street
A gift of to us from that congregation.

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

6/3 Emily Hollenberg
 6/7 Deb Romary
 6/8 Paula Crill
 6/10 Kyla Harroff
 6/11 Andrew Wysong
 6/13 Heather Closson
 6/17 Ruth Ann Bever
 Janel Sprunger
 Ann Waters
 6/19 Karla Sands
 6/22 Bill Forsythe
 Lydia Monirian
 6/23 Sam Fetters
 6/24 Nicole Wysong
 6/25 John Wagoner
 6/28 Allison Bryan
 Paul Coplen

6/29 Nelda Sollenberger
 6/30 Dianne Lung
 Sage Parker

Anniversaries

6/7 Melissa Bennett & Dean Johnson
 6/12 Steve & Susan Harroff
 6/15 Don & Joyce Jordan
 6/16 Carrie & Shawn Sollenberger
 6/18 Betsy & John Wagoner
 6/21 Christen & Robert Pettit Miller
 6/22 Donna & Larry Lesh
 6/23 Josh & Raquel Kline
 6/24 Brian & Kyla Zehr
 6/28 Esther & John Hamer
 6/29 Charlie & Erin Wysong

BICYCLE Group Outings

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

June 5 August 15
 June 25(Sabbath Rest) August 28



Talk to Brian Zehr for more information.

Stephen Ministry



"The gifts God gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

Ephesians 4:11-12

How to Become a Stephen Minister

- ***PRAY & LISTEN!*** Discern if God is asking you to be a Stephen Minister.
- ***OPEN YOUR MIND!*** You may be approached by a Stephen Leader who thinks you would be a good Caregiver.
- ***ACT!*** When God speaks to you, when you feel the call, volunteer for the challenge and opportunity to serve!

Beacon Heights Stephen Leaders are now recruiting students for our fall 2010 Stephen Ministers (Caregivers) group. Our timeline goes like this:

- ***Recruiting NOW!***
- ***Applications completed in June/July.***
- ***Educational training will begin September 7th and be complete before Thanksgiving.***

Building the Bridge Hour Today

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 .



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!**

Disaster Relief Project in Winamac

As you may know, Beacon Heights member Steve Keim is the disaster relief coordinator for a project in Winamac, Indiana. The Church of the Brethren is helping to rebuild homes damaged by flooding of the Tippecanoe River. I am planning a trip to help with this project. The trip will be around the 15th 16th and 17th of June. If you are interested in participating in this disaster relief work, please contact me for more information about final plans.

Dave Kiracofe



Adult 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.'"



Beacon Heights Preschool News

With joy, we celebrate the completion of the preschool's 24th school year. Enormous thanks go to Donna Belknap and Judy Frederick, co-directors, as well as teachers Amy Sites and Carol Snider for their leadership of this program.

With sadness, we share that **Donna Belknap has resigned** so that she can begin full-time as Assistant Director and Education Coordinator at Martin Luther King Montessori School here in Fort Wayne. Donna writes in a letter to the pastoral team:

"This has not been an easy decision for me. My involvement with Beacon Heights Preschool reaches back twenty-three years. Our son, Ian, became a student and we watched him come out of his shell and flourish. Kathy Fry-Miller offered me a position and little did I know how many years and how many children I would watch come through the program. It has given me a great sense of fulfillment to teach in and then lead a program that seeks to provide a wonderful start to such a diverse group of children. I wish to thank you and the congregation for their support of this program."

Donna has been an asset to the preschool for many, many years. While it is difficult to see her go, we send her with love and blessings, giving thanks to God for the gifts she has to share with children in our city. We wish you the best, Donna!

Plans are underway to discern leadership needs at the preschool and a way to recognize Donna's service with us. Watch the Beacon for updates on this process and contact Pastor Melissa if you have any questions.

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!