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<u>Looking Ahead</u>			
June	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.

Messenger Subscriptions Due TODAY

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.**

Next Week—June 13, 2010

10:00 a.m. Worship

"Integrity in relationship"

This is a time of year when we celebrate the formative relationships in our lives. Mother's Day has passed. Father's Day is yet to come. For many of us, our parents are the primary persons who teach us integrity, respect, compassion, and love. For others, a grandparent, an aunt or uncle, a teacher, or some other type of mentor fills that role. Although each situation and each relationship is different, the essence of what we honor on these holidays is much the same – we remember the persons in our lives who have helped and continue to help us grow into persons of integrity, respect, compassion and love. We reflect upon the ways in which we embody these attributes in our own relationships.

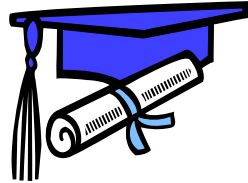
In recent years, there has been considerable debate over the modern role of men in our society. Patriarchal systems and structures thankfully have less power and influence than in the past. Groups like the "Promise Keepers" came and went. But the question of how men and women grapple with the roles and expectations of their lives and their gender identity remains. And thus, we look again to Jesus, who exhibited integrity in all of his relationships, for our example and guide.

Join us in worship as we honor our volunteer musicians. You are invited to read Luke 15: 11-32 in preparation for this worship service.

Pastor Brian

Graduation Celebrations !!

John Harding and family invite you to celebrate his graduation from Snider High School at a reception at their home 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. 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 Austin will graduate from North Side High School.

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

6:45 p.m. Nurture Commission

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. Retirees' Breakfast
6:30 p.m. Education Commission

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Birthday Luncheon
Hall's Triangle Park

Thursday

12:30 p.m. Spirit Journey Women
Potluck

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk
Trinity Episcopal Church

8:00 am. Garage Sale at church

FOOD BANK

Mary Bosserman
Joan Thompson
Barb Thorn

<i>STATISTICS</i>	
Sunday May 30, 2010	
9:00 Building the Bridge	47
10:00 Worship	103
Adult Offerings	\$9,352.00
Children's Offering	\$ 4.00
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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If you have questions regarding Beacon information, please contact the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Young Adult Corner

We've asked for information about Beacon Heights' young adults so we know what they're doing these days, what they're excited about. We'll post the replies here periodically so you can catch up with them, too.

Carol Guess is finishing a Ph.D. in experimental nuclear physics from Michigan State University this summer. "I'll be starting a post-doctoral research position at the University of Massachusetts (Lowell) at the end of August. I've been dating my boyfriend, Neil, for over four years."

Rachel Yoder graduated from Eastern Mennonite University in May with a bachelors Degree in Digital Media and minors in Communication and Art. "I am with a group from EMU living and studying at Lithuania Christian College in Klaipeda, Lithuania for six weeks. Between graduation and leaving for the trip, I interviewed for a job in Admissions at Hesston College in Kansas and found out that last night through email that I got the job! I'm experiencing a lot in terms of culture and transitions!"

Brian Myers is working at Sky Ranch Ute Trail in Colorado as an activities facilitator: "...low and high ropes, tomahawks, kayaks, horses, barn dances, etc. I'll be out here until August 15 when I'll be coming home for a day or two before heading back down to Bloomington for school to start. I will graduate on time in May 2011 with a degree in Telecommunications, going on to do who knows what! I also have a desire to learn how to cook well and definitely think I'm developing a passion for horses and hanging out with them!"

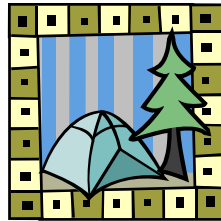
Sami Dick DeVries received her Masters of Science Degree in Biomedical Engineering and has a job in Fishers, Indiana at Wolf Technical Services. Her husband, Matthew, received his Masters of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering and will be working at Allison Transmission in Indianapolis. They have moved into an apartment on the north side of Indianapolis.



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.

This week's camper

Please remember Andrew Wysong in prayer this week while he attends Camp Mack.



*Gene and Pam Hollenberg**
 together with *Louie and Christine Spatt*
 request the honor of your presence
 at the marriage of their children

Kathryn Renee Hollenberg
 and
Eric Steven Spatt

Saturday, the Third of July
One-thirty in the afternoon
Union Center Church of the Brethren
70535 CR 11
Nappanee, Indiana

*The Hollenbergs are former members. Gene is Bill Hollenberg's brother.

Stephen Ministry



"Love your neighbor as yourself."

Leviticus 19:18

How does the congregation fit in?

"That's the pastor's job!" is what we used to say when it came to caring for someone. But really, the opportunity and responsibility to minister has been given to all Christians. The upcoming Stephen Minister training class, starting in September is a chance to be trained and equipped for doing ministry.

From now until September, Stephen Leaders will be recruiting for the training class. Contact one of Beacon Heights Stephen Leaders to find out details, and to receive a Stephen Minister Recruiting Packet...chocked full of good stuff you need to know about being a Stephen Minister.

Building the Bridge Hour Next Sunday
"Living the Questions" Reprise
Taught by Beth Goldsmith
Parlor at 9 a.m.

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

Women's Birthday Luncheon

When: Wednesday, June 9, 12:30 p.m.

Where: Hall's Triangle Park

30 10 Frier Rd

RSVP: Mary Jane Coursen

HELP WANTED

Associated Churches has part time opportunities available in their Educational Ministries. Individuals would work in FWCS and EACS systems teaching non-denominational religious education to third, fourth, and fifth graders during the school day. Hours could vary from 5-20 hrs./week depending on availability of applicant.

Must have Bachelors degree or experience in teaching children. If interested call Sarah, 422-3528 or sarah@fortwaynecares.org.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
Community Expo

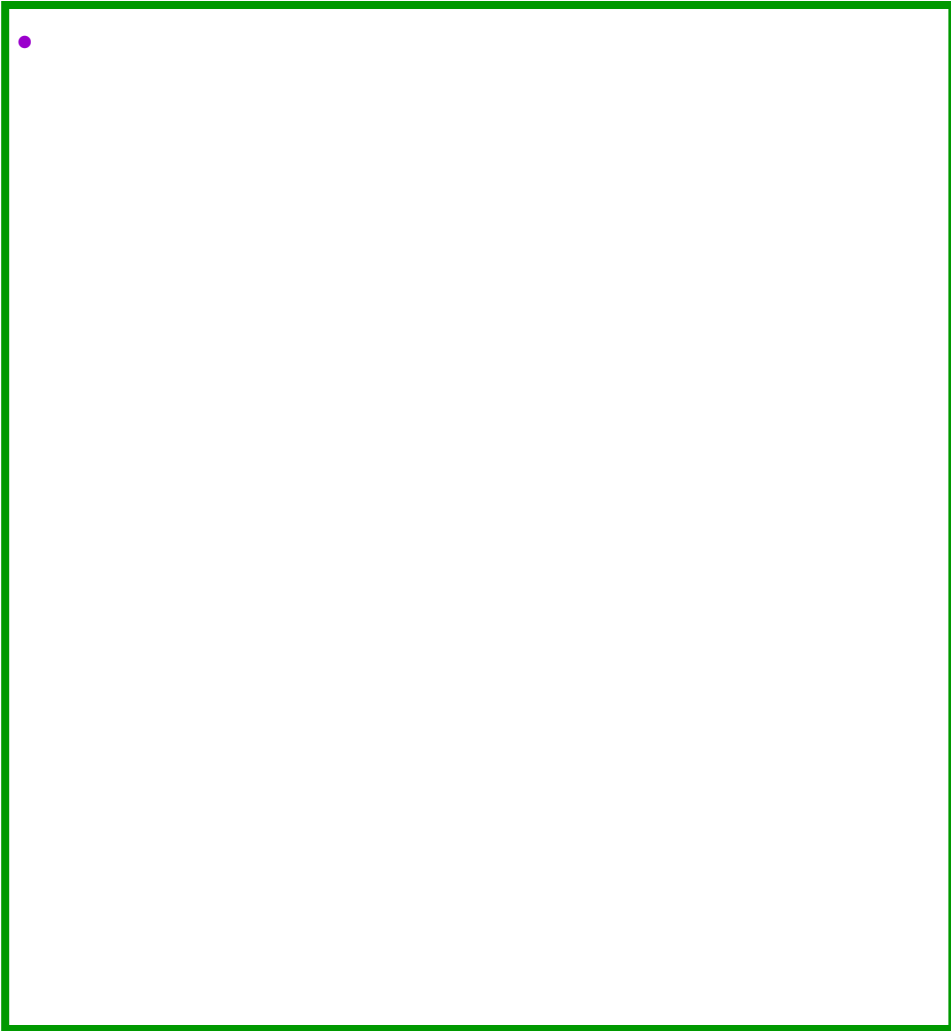
When: June 15, 2010 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: 2270 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne

What: Bringing community resources, law enforcement, and seniors together for a day of education, food, fellowship and fun! Email:

face_2012@verizon.net for more information

Sponsored by Forensic Nursing Specialties: Forensic Advocacy Center for Elders



Women's Retreat: Save the dates

Nov. 5-7, 2010

Our leader will be Karla Minter, leading us in reflection on the Seven Sacred Pauses. More info to come later.

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...*

“Be less concerned about computers!”

“For Pastors Jan and John my hopes that the Sabbath Rest brings them inner peace and inner awareness of God’s comfort and guidance.”

“[For myself}...learning that resting is vital to being!”

“[For myself] “Read more, interact with my mate more, experience Arizona again. And “...[I hope] these three become an integral part of my life and that the pastors integrate rest into their regular lives.”

“I hope that Pastors John and Jan will feel the love of God and the church family with them as they experience their Sabbath Rest.”

“Take advantage of opportunity to spend time in nature.”

“I hope John and Jan have a wonderful experience. Keeping them in my prayers.”

“Take time out for meditation and prayer each day.”

“I hope that this summer we will all be able to find inner peace.”

“Slow down and find time for me and God.”

“I hope Jan and John truly have a renewal and rest especially their time with family in Switzerland and are able to appreciate the beauty around them as they travel through this time.”

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.

Make pillows, Tie-dye t-shirts, Play
games, Eat good food,

AND meet some new youth.

All are welcome!

And mark your calendars
for these activities:

July 10 - Biking trip to Indianapolis
August 8 - Youth Sunday
August 20-21 - Camp Out

NEWS

Middle School

Next Activity:



June 12

Rummage Sale!
at Beacon Heights

7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

We NEED your (youth and parents)

help for this fundraiser...

Lunch will be provided