



THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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<u>Looking Ahead</u>			
June	21	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	22	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee
	26		All-Congregational Retreat at Merry Lea Environmental Center

Where are they now?

Pastors Jan and John Long are on a Celtic Pilgrimage to Ireland, Scotland, and Wales (with Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary group)

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

Next Week—June 20, 2010

10:00 a.m. Worship

“Our Common Humanity”

Next Sunday we will explore what it means to include and build authentic relationships with people who are different from the current profile of members at Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren. What are God's expectations of people of faith in protecting the rights of all human beings, regardless of differences or divisions? Scripture makes it clear that God's intent is to reconcile and transform all people in Christ, regardless of status, condition or difference. Again and again, the Bible reveals and affirms God's loving and reconciling purposes in forming all persons in the image of their Creator.

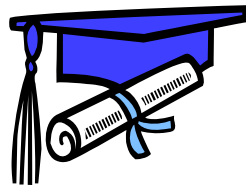
Regardless of the distinctions that separate people in our world today, we all share a common humanity as a unique and privileged part of God's created order. This common humanity connects us to one another and to God regardless of life condition, disability status, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, sexual orientation or any other distinction that creates dividing walls among followers of Jesus. In light of our common humanity, all who seek to follow Jesus the Christ must acknowledge that God does not intend for any person to be treated as though they are less than human; less than an honored part of God's good creation.

You are invited to read Galatians 3: 23-29 in preparation for worship.

Jerry Peterson

Graduation Celebrations !!

John Harding and family invite you to celebrate his graduation from Snider High School at a reception at their home TODAY 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**

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Stewards Commission

FOOD BANK

Mary Whitehead
MaryJane and Tom Coursen

STATISTICS	
Sunday June 6, 2010	
9:00 Building the Bridge	49
10:00 Worship	134
Adult Offerings to be counted next week	
Children's Offering to be counted next week	
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.

**All-Church Retreat and Sabbath Rest Event
Saturday, June 26 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**



Bring your lunch and your family and come to Merry Lea Environmental Center to hear **Native American storyteller Fred Shaw**, also known as Neeake, whose name means "He-Talks-as-He-Flies" or the Canada Goose. Fred was raised on a farm in Muskingum County, OH, where one of his Shawnee ancestors changed his name and bought a land-grant deed with the local neighbors committing perjury by witnessing to it.

He is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Ohio University and a member of *Phi Beta Kappa* among other honors. He holds a Master of Divinity Degree from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio and is senior pastor of Oxford United Methodist Church in Oxford, OH.

Merry Lea Environmental Center is located at Wolf Lake, Indiana. Directions are as follows: Take US 33 from either direction to Wolf Lake. On the south edge of Wolf Lake, take S.R.109 south about one mile to 425W. Turn right (west) on 425W for one tenth of a mile. Turn right into the Merry Lea Farmstead entrance.

The day will begin with an inter-generational presentation by Mr. Shaw. He comes highly recommended by Pastors Jan and John Long. Mr. Shaw will share Native American stories and their connection to spirituality. Following that, there will be a chance to share more with Mr. Shaw over lunch. We have rented the Farmstead Barn, so in case of bad weather there will be a roof over your head. There are also kitchen facilities.

In the afternoon, there may be another presentation by Mr. Shaw or you are welcome to wander the trails of Merry Lea or canoe with your family. Canoes will be available to rent for \$2.50 an hour. You may stay as little or as long as you wish. It will be a fun day to create your own "Sabbath (or Saturday) rest." Maybe you'll even take a picture for the digital scrapbook!

If you know for sure you are attending or wish to rent a canoe, please email Ruth Ann Bever so we have a general idea of how many will attend. **You may come even if you don't RSVP.** We hope to see many of you there!

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.

Charlie and Erin Wysong live in Palo Alto, CA. Charlie attends law school at Stanford University. He recently completed his first year of law school and this summer will work as an intern at the Department of Education for the General Counsel in Washington, D.C. Erin teaches second grade at an elementary school in San Mateo, CA. She is currently working on her master's degree in Curriculum with a Reading Certificate at California State University, East Bay. They enjoy hiking and traveling around the Bay area.

This week's camper

Please remember **Nathan Crain** in prayer this week while he attends **Survivor Camp** at Camp Mack.



IF A CENSUS WORKER VISITS YOUR HOUSEHOLD, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2010 CENSUS.*

*The information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- Emergency services

Stephen Ministry



"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds"
Hebrews 10:24

What's this "Recruiting Packet" all about?

At this very moment, The Stephen Ministry Leaders are aware of more than a dozen folks who would benefit from a Stephen Minister. We need more Stephen Ministers!

Your Stephen Leaders want to talk to anyone even remotely considering becoming a Stephen Minister, and they have a helpful Recruiting Packet full of useful information to help make an informed decision about becoming a Stephen Minister. You'll find things like:

- A letter of introduction and encouragement
- Stephen Ministry Purpose, Vision, and Values Statement
- A Training Class Schedule and class topic list
- An explanation about why 50 hours of training is necessary
- What your commitment is after you are trained
- An expanded list of Frequently Asked Questions
- A commitment card for you to formally seek application
- An explanation of the application process
- A prayer to help you discern God's calling for you

So why not explore being a Stephen Minister now!

Contact a Stephen Leader:

Building the Bridge Hour Next Sunday "Celtic Spirituality" with Helen Beery 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 .

In Need of a One-Way Ride to Annual Conference

Kimberly Koczan-Flory is looking for a one way ride to Annual Conference in Pittsburgh. If you are going to Conference on Saturday or Sunday, July 3 or 4, and would consider an additional passenger, please contact Kimberly by email. 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 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.

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

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...*

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

"My wish would be for complete quiet at times, to simply stop the chatter of 'life.' These are the greatest moments of space to hear what God has to say about your life and what to bring back to your people."

"Renewed sense of purpose and direction."

"Renewal of strength."

"I look forward to learning from Jan and John's experiences and gaining a better understanding of spiritual blessing from them."

"Release."

"For all of us to have experiences that challenge our concepts of rest and priorities in life."

"That we will all gain a greater sense of clarity about our God-given mission and specific areas of focus."

"Grow closer to the Spirit of God."

"For peace to fill us and spill out from us."

"That we all find new enlightenment."

"That the time will be a renewal for all."

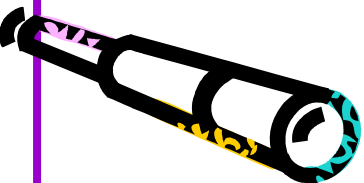
YOUTH

High School

NEWS

Middle School

Looking ahead:



JULY 10 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

BIKING TRIP TO INDIANAPOLIS

If you do not have a bike or a helmet, please see Pastor Melissa right away and we'll arrange for one to borrow.

July 11 - 10:00 a.m.

**National Youth Conference (NYC)
blessing in worship**

August 8 - 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday

**We'll rehearse sometime Saturday and
plan to go to lunch after worship Sunday.**

**This is the last event for
graduated seniors.**

August 20-21

Camp Out

We will welcome new 9th graders.



Thank you

TO ALL YOUTH, PARENTS,
CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS,
AND FRIENDS

WHO HELPED WITH THE
RUMMAGE SALE!

(I give a particular thanks to a couple high school youth who helped with set-up because they have friends in the middle school youth group...

**I appreciate your work,
even though you didn't have to!**

Pastor Melissa

