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

Next Week—August 1, 2010

10:00 a.m. Worship

"A charge to keep"

More than once I've been asked, "How was it that you became the Interim Pastor here?" I haven't known quite how to answer this question, but most often I have shared that I received a letter from Beacon Heights asking me to submit my pastoral profile.

For me, it is enough to know that I personally felt called to Beacon Heights and that someone here mentioned my name. Since that time, I've also felt responsibility toward Pastors Jan and John, as they charged me to care for people that they hold dear. Before they left for Ecuador, I sat with them to hear about the "good and wonderful" people here at this church.

During my three months of service, I have felt ongoing charges to care and keep this congregation. I have visited in many of your homes. I have seen you at camp. I have been at hospital bedsides. I spent Sabbath time with you during the all-church retreat. I have shared a meal with you. I have helped teach your young people in the Sunday school classroom. And, I have learned to care about the people that you are and the history that you hold.

Many times in scripture, God calls someone out for ministry. Other times a charge is made from an existing leader to the next. As someone who feels called to ministry, and as someone charged by other leaders to help keep, I hold these scriptural stories and your personal stories near to my heart. You are invited to read 1Thessalonians 5:12-18 in preparation for this worship.

Pastor Laura

Looking Ahead

August	1		Scrip Orders Due
	2	6:45 p.m.	Nurture Commission Sabbath Rest Vespers
	3	7 p.m.	Witness Commission
	4	6 p.m.	Staff Relations at Wysongs
	5		Play group at Rockhill Park
		6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision
	6		Sabbath Rest Night Hike
	8	After worship	Farewell reception for Pastor Laura
	9		Play group at Lions Park
	10	8:00 a.m.	Retirees' Breakfast
		6:30 p.m.	Education Commission
	11		Longs return
		12:30 p.m.	Ladies Birthday Luncheon
	16	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	18	7:00 p.m.	Stewards Commission
	22	5 p.m.	Welcome Back for Longs at Conklin Pavilion, Shoaff Park
	24	7:00 p.m.	Full Board Meeting
	25		Play Group-Shoaff Pk. Splash Pad
	30	6:45 p.m.	Nurture Commission
	31	6:00 p.m.	Staff Relations

Building the Bridge Hour Sunday 8/1
Nicaragua Medical Trip and
Partner Church Update
with Paul Fry-Miller
in the Parlor at 9 a.m.
All are welcome!

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**

Today
After Worship - SR Bike Hike

Wednesday
Play Group - Lawton Park

Next Sunday
Scrip Orders Due

FOOD BANK
Mary Whitehead
Joyce Jordan
Barb Thorn

<i>STATISTICS</i>	
Sunday July 18, 2010	
9:00 Building the Bridge	54
10:00 Worship	132
Adult Offerings 7/11/2010	\$ 8,063.00
Children's Offering 7/11/2010	-
Camp Mack special giving	\$1340.00
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.

Sabbath Rest and Bicycling Event TODAY



The next Beacon's Intergenerational Cycling (Yes Cycling!) League of Enthusiasts (BICYCLE) ride is scheduled for **Sunday, July 25th**. We will leave after the service from Johnny Appleseed Park and ride the River

Greenway toward Foster Park, eating lunch at a restaurant along the way. The meal will be paid for by the church as part of the Sabbath Rest observation.

The total distance will be about 15 miles. The pace will be slow and relaxed and the fellowship is guaranteed to be enjoyable so plan to join us! If you have any questions, please call Brian Zehr

Sabbath Rest Digital Scrapbook Needs Your Input

Have you experienced a place, a song, a scripture, a poem or an activity that gave you a sense of peace and rest? If so, please send a picture or a description to **Marcia Wright by August 1** to be included in the **SABBATH REST DIGITAL SCRAPBOOK** being created for Pastors Jan and John Long. This scrapbook will show the many ways that Beacon Heights folks are finding their own personal Sabbath rest while the Longs are gone. We will present this book to them at the Welcome Back Event August 22 at Shoaff Park. You can e-mail submissions to: or put them in her mailbox at church.





Outdoor Vespers Service

The Sabbath Rest Committee invites you to bring your lawn chairs or blankets to the side of Phil and Marcia Wright's pond, for vespers on Monday, August 2 at 7:30 p.m. The inter-

generational vespers will include time for singing and sharing. It will last approximately a half hour so bring your family. Please think about sharing what you have done for Sabbath rest this summer or bring a favorite scripture or reading/writing that speaks to you. If it is raining, we will meet at church. Hope to see you there!

Rhythms of Re-creation Congregational Events

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:

TODAY - Sabbath Rest Bike Hike (lunch provided - see p. 11.)

August 2 - Outdoor Vesper Service at 7:30 p.m.
(See details in above article).

August 6 - Sabbath Rest Night Hike at 9 p.m., Metea Park
(All fees paid. Arrive by 8:45. RSVP. See p. 5)

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.

Food Bank Needs and Updates

Each week the Beacon Heights food bank serves many families in the community. During the first six months of 2010, six hundred thirty four family units representing 1,663 individuals were served. (This week, July 21, the food bank served 39 families.)

Many Beacon Heights volunteers make this ministry possible. Salem United Church of Christ, St. Jude's Catholic Church, and Good Shepherd United Methodist Church all donate food. Each week our shopper purchases many items for our food bank.

Please consider donating any of the following as you are able.

Non-perishable food items such as:

- Soup, meat, vegetables, fruit, spaghetti sauce, tuna, peanut butter, jelly (by the can or flat).
- Cereal, saltines, hamburger/tuna helper, stuffing, gelatin boxes, instant pudding boxes, 2lb. pancake mix, syrup, cake mixes.
- Dried beans, rice, spaghetti, boxed mac & cheese, noodles, side dishes in bags or boxes.
- Shampoo, toothpaste, hand soap, dish soap.
- If you have surplus garden tomatoes, they could be brought in on Tuesdays for distribution on Wednesdays.

Checks made out to Beacon Heights and designated for the "food bank" are used to purchase food and re-stock the shelves.

**Thank you for your continued donations!
They make a difference to families
in our community.**

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

8/2 Ann Becker
 8/6 Joyce Jordan
 8/7 Marie Frantz
 8/8 Sheila Dick
 Bill Hollenberg
 8/12 Don Jordan
 8/13 Beth Heironimus
 8/14 Bob Coplen
 8/16 Carrie Hart
 Kyla Zehr
 8/17 Leland Harding
 Maurie Sperry
 8/18 Tom Coursen
 8/27 Sharon Heitz
 8/28 Erin Zehr
 8/30 Steve Myers
 8/31 David Lindquist
 Jim McGowin
 Linda Weybright

Anniversaries

8/1 Dave & Mary Wysong
 8/4 Lois & Vic Guess
 8/6 Carol & Dave Lindquist
 8/7 Ruth Ann & Tom Bever
 8/8 Linda & Tim Weybright
 8/10 Jeremy & Shannon Simmons
 8/14 Dave Faulkner & Ann Waters
 Deverl & Mary Whitehead
 8/16 Donna & Barry Belknap
 8/18 Dale & Maxine Neher
 8/19 Rachel & Sean Harroff
 Betty & Lamar Yoder
 8/20 Joan & Larry Thompson
 8/25 Dennis Dix & Ronda
 Mendenhall
 8/28 Jennifer & Paul Spoelhof
 8/30 Betty & George McKinney
 8/31 Gary & Sally Evans
 Dean & Marie Frantz



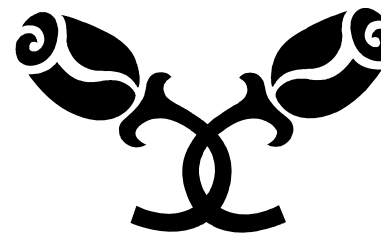
Annual Peace and Justice Prayer Service

Thursday, August 12 at 7 p.m.

Lakeside Park Pavilion

This year's theme, "Heal the Land, Heal the Heart" has been chosen with the purpose of showing the community how we need to change and to heal. Chairperson, J. Patric Driscoll shares, "We need to change how we view and treat each other. We need to begin to not only heal our community but our hearts as well."

Rev. Richard Hartman of Epiphany Lutheran Church and Rev. Ron Allen of Heartland Community Church will be the speakers



Beacon Heights Preschool
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FOR THE 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR.
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**Thanks to all for donations to
Camp Mack Staff**

Last Sunday's special offering for Camp Mack totaled \$1,340.00. These funds were divided equally among those who lost possessions in the July 11 fire that destroyed Becker Lodge. Due to the joint efforts of the Cedar Lake and Beacon Heights churches, the staff received back packs containing toiletries, first aid items, bath towels and more as well as their portion of funds collected. The 'care packages' were delivered to camp Sunday afternoon by Pastor Duane Grady of Cedar Lake. Camp Director Rex Miller and the staff send their gratitude for our prayers, donations, and acts of caring.



Sabbath Rest Night-Walk Friday, August 6



Come out to Metea Park for a different perspective on God's world, Friday evening, August 6. This night walk, led by a park staff member, will focus on the sights, sounds and the night/day cycle of the plants and animals in this wooded environment. This moderate walk begins at 9:00 PM (plan to be there by 8:45) and will last about an hour. Fees will be covered by the Sabbath Rest funds. Please RSVP to Mark Beck anytime from now through August 5.

Directions: Go north on N. Clinton/Leo Rd. to Indiana 1. Turn RIGHT onto Indiana 1. Go 2.7 miles on IN 1, just past the Cedarville Elementary School. Turn left onto Union Chapel Road and then RIGHT into Metea Park. Go to the end of the drive to the park office.

YOUTH

High School

NEWS

Middle School

YOUTH SUNDAY AUGUST 8

Watch your email for plans about rehearsals in the next two weeks.

Please plan to go to lunch with the youth group following worship on the 8th.

This is the last activity for graduated seniors.



Camp-out/Overnight August 20th

This is the first activity for the new 9th graders.

Watch the Beacon for more info.!

When middle school youth become high school youth, we mark the official end to their mentor match. We give thanks for the commitment of these adults and the relationship they have had with a middle school youth. Please pray for them as they officially close their matched relationship.

Ruth Ann Bever - Vivienne Faulkner
Joyce Fry - Lydia Monirian
Craig Smith - Andrew Wysong
Marcia Wright - Liz Lung

PRAISE GOD FOR THE SUPPORT AND NURTURE THESE RELATIONSHIPS HAVE PROVIDED WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION!