



# December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Circle 1	<b>2</b> Advent Meal/ Advent Wreaths	<b>3</b> Community Tree Lighting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Cents-a-bility & Yokefellow Offerings  Congregational Mtg.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> BCM Study Advent Meal/ Candy Houses  Choir Practice	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Ordination & Installation of New Elders; Christmas Cantata; Beacon Christmas Party	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Choir Practice	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Session Mtg.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Practice for Children's C.E. Service	<b>23</b> BCM Study  Choir Practice	<b>24</b> Children's C.E. Service; Candlelight Communion Church Office Closed	<b>25</b> Nativity of Our Lord  Church Office Closed	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> After Christmas Social Beacon Movie Night	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Choir Practice	<b>31</b>		

# Beacon News

## Montreat Summer Youth Conference 2010

Summer is just around the corner- which means? Time to register for the Summer Youth Conference! If you're in 9th grade thru college, you're eligible. **A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due to Shasta by Tuesday, January 5th.** Our tentative date for Montreat is August 1-7, 2010. We hope you'll join us!

## Beacon Christmas Party

The Beacons will celebrate the Christmas season with a Progressive dinner on **Sunday, December 13th.** They are looking for three homes to host each portion of the dinner. If you would be willing to assist, please call or e-mail Shasta. We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. to begin our travels. **We will be doing the Samaritan's Purse gift exchange again this year.** Details will be given on **Sunday, December 6th.**

## Confirmation Kickoff

On **Sunday, January 3rd,** our new class of confirmands, their parents & mentors will meet in the F/Hall immediately following worship for lunch as we begin the journey to being confirmed.

## Parent/Youth Kickoff

All youth and their parents are invited to join us on **Sunday, January 17th,** immediately following worship. We'll take a look at where we've been & where we plan to go. Rising 6th grade Beacons and their families are invited to this event to get a glimpse of what is in store for them. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share. Please sign up on the board in the upstairs foyer if you plan to attend.

## Movie Night in the Tiki Room Theater

Hey Beacons! Make plans to be at the Brown's (169 Beechtree Circle) house on **Sunday, December 27th** and **Sunday, January 31st** from 5:30-8:30 p.m. We'll watch a movie, have some good movie eats, and a discussion to follow. Hope to see you there! **Parents: please drop off and pick up at the Brown's house.** If you need directions, please contact Shasta.

## National Clergy Renewal Program Grant

Last month, First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Airy was notified that we have received a National Clergy Renewal Program grant for our pastor, Dr. Steve Lindsley, and our church, from the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment. The Session has approved the Personnel Ministry Team's request on Steve's behalf for sabbatical leave for spiritual renewal and quality time with his family. On Sunday, November 15, Heather Hatcher, co-moderator for Personnel Ministry Team, announced to the congregation that Steve's sabbatical leave will begin May 2, 2010 through August 2, 2010 and that Dr. Steve McCutchan would serve as our interim pastor during this time. For more details about the grant award, please visit the website for the Lilly Endowment at <http://www.clergyrenewal.org>

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Evelyn Armstrong  
Bob Bark  
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Carroll & Frieda Chauncey  
Calvin Cochran  
K. C. Crawley & Family  
Marion Crow  
Jim Edwards

Michael Felton & Family  
Kay Ferris  
Dan Gitt  
Marilyn Gwyn  
Joanne Hiatt  
Leona Hicks  
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**STEVE'S SERMONS**

Sign up for the sermon email list at his sermon blog, <http://themayberrypreacher.com>. Miss a Sunday, or want to experience worship again? Go to [www.fpcma.com](http://www.fpcma.com) to hear the most recent and all previous services, right from your computer!

December 6  
*Someone With Skin On*  
Luke 1: 26-38; John 1: 1-2, 14-16

December 13  
CHRISTMAS CANTATA

December 20  
*Complicating The Simple*  
Luke 3: 1-6, 10-20; Isaiah 40: 3-5

December 27  
Bill Rountree preaching

January 3  
TBA

January 10  
*Bitter Words Never Tasted Sweeter*  
Ordination/Installation Sunday  
*Ezekiel 2:1-3:3; 12-15*

January 17  
*Love Don't Take "No" For An Answer*  
1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

January 24  
*Makes Sense*  
Nehemiah 7: 73b-8:3, 5-6, 8-10

January 31  
*Wisdom Speaks*  
Proverbs 8: 22-36

