

Beacon News

Beacon-Sponsored Lunch & Auction



What better way to spend your afternoon than with good food, good fellowship and bidding on some GREAT items? Join us immediately following worship on **Sunday, May 31st**. We'll enjoy lunch together followed by some fast and furious bidding! The Beacons will be auctioning off their services as well (babysitting, yard work, lifeguard duty, etc.) The cost of lunch is \$5.00 for adults and Beacons; \$3.00 for children. All proceeds will be split between Montreat and the Beacon summer mission trip.

Deposits for Montreat are due to Shasta by Wednesday, May 27th. Call or e-mail Shasta for the amount you owe.

Beacon Movie Night



The Tiki Room is calling all Beacons back to Movie Night. Join us on **Sunday, May 31st**, from 5:30-8:00 for a great movie and a Bible study. This will our last movie night until the fall.



Calling All New Beacons!

You are invited to a special weekend of fun, service and Bible study. Let's spend some time together as you prepare to become a Beacon and take your place in the Lighthouse. The retreat will be **Friday-Sunday, May 29-31**. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, May 24th. It will be a great weekend! Won't you join us? Watch your mail for more details.

Youth on the Town Host Families Needed

What is *Youth on the Town*? It's an enjoyable time of fellowship, food, recreation and Bible study for our youth this summer during the months of June, July and August. Rather than meeting in the Lighthouse, we'd like to meet at the homes of people in our church. That's where YOU come in! This provides a great opportunity for you to become better acquainted with our youth and vice versa.

What are we asking a host family to provide? A place for 15-20 youth to meet and recreate from 5:00-8:00 on a Wednesday evening (it does not necessarily have to be your home; perhaps at the park, farm, cabin, pool, etc...) and a simple snack supper. If you are interested in hosting an energetic and fun group of teenagers for a Wednesday night this summer, call Shasta and sign up.



Three R's"

Highlights of the Green Team

"It is a good land that the Lord our God is giving us."

Deuteronomy 1:25b

In April, the Green Team had the privilege to host the Confirmation Luncheon. As part of our ongoing efforts to promote environmental stewardship, the Green Team challenged the congregation to reduce the waste created during this event. Our goal was to create only one bag of trash by encouraging luncheon attendees to bring and use their own reusable place setting vice using disposable products like paper plates and cups and plastic flatware. Participation was overwhelming. There were approximately 120 people in attendance in which over 80 people accepted the challenge, reducing the waste we usually create by greater than 50%. Typical waste creation is on the order of 5 bags for an event of this size and we ended up creating only 1.5 bags of trash. That's 3.5 bags of garbage that we kept out of the landfill.

Great job everyone!

As always, the entire congregation is invited to participate on the Green Team. The simplest form of involvement is by supporting initiatives like above or by volunteering to take the church's recycling to the drop off center. If you would like to learn more about how you can partake in the church's green efforts contact the team at our group e-mail address (fpc-green-team@googlegroups.com).

The Lord our God has given us a good land indeed! Working together we can continue to keep it that way.



MAY 2009 SERMONS

Sign up for the sermon email list! Go to <http://themayberrypreacher.com> and enter your email address to receive Steve's sermons each week via email. Or visit www.fpcma.com and download them in pdf format. You can also listen to the worship services in their entirety.

May 3, 2009
Rev. Nancy Williams-Berry preaching

May 10, 2009
Gideon Has His Say
Judges 7: 1-8

May 17, 2009
Putting Yourself On The Line
Esther 4:10-5:3

May 24, 2009
Grief Is A Winding Road
Psalm 139

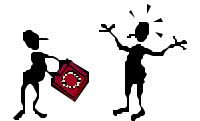
May 31, 2009
Letting The Water Run Free
Acts 10: 44-48, 1 John 5: 1-6

Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!

It's springtime and you know what that means—time for Get Ready! Get Set! Worship! This is a program designed for Kindergarten & 1st graders to learn about our worship service and why we do what we do in church. It is recommended that children participate in this class two years in a row, as each year is a little different. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 May 6-27. If you'd like for your child to attend, please sign up on the CE bulletin board in the upstairs foyer.

Anniversaries

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| May 9 | Tom and Cathy McCluskey |
| May 22 | Lee and Mae Daniels |
| May 23 | Doug and Carol Draughn |
| May 24 | Ed and June Anderson |
| May 26 | Bob and Sylvia Chilton |
| May 30 | Eddie and Patty Hatch |
| May 30 | Mac and Carole Simpson |



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Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Joyce Windley Adams
 June Anderson
 Evelyn Armstrong
 Gladys Bailey
 Bob Bark
 Bonnie Bode
 Lorene Bowman
 Billie Bradley
 Carroll & Frieda Chauncey
 Jeannie Chilton

Marion Crow
 Jim Edwards
 Philip Edwards
 Kay Ferris
 Dan Gitt
 Marilyn Gwyn
 Sue Hardy
 Leona Hicks
 Carl Hollman
 Ann Honeycutt
 Kim Humphries
 Hazel Hunter
 Mary Alice Lewis

Clyde Lockhart
 Lib McCluskey
 Renee Moore
 Tony Morris & Family
 Mary Moser
 Don Nester
 Jerry Nester
 Barbara Nichols
 Brandon Overby
 Vada Price
 David Rowe
 Becky Cooper Shaffer
 Edna Simmons

Ronnie Simpson, Jr.
 Emily Taylor
 Libby Taylor
 Harold Warren
 Melissa Wilkins
 Raymond Worrell
 Nannie Wyche

Note: If names need to be added or removed, please call the church office.

KEENAGERS

We will have a covered dish meal @ the home of CJ and Bettee Karcanes on **Thursday, May 21**. The church van will be leaving (from the church) at 11:00 a.m. to travel to C J and Bettee's home. Bring your favorite side dish. Meat will be provided. Sign up if you want to ride the church van. Also, please list what food/dessert item you plan to bring.

Birthdays

- May 1** - Robbie Rives
- May 2** - Marjorie Rees
- May 3** - Evan Hatch, Nicholas Johnson, Joe Pike, Ethelene Edwards
- May 4** - Karen Manfredi, Charlotte Ann Banfield
- May 10** - Randy Botkin, Lucy Manfredi
- May 11** - Madison Pence
- May 14** - Martha Andrews
- May 15** - Brittany Hawks Jeffries
- May 16** - Warren Logan
- May 17** - Legh Beal
- May 20** - Macy Smith
- May 21** - Richard Rhoden, Bill Rountree
- May 22** - Mary Beth Wood, Michael Wood
- May 23** - Amy Robertson
- May 26** - Matthew Gatchel, Joe Gitt, Meredith Moody, Dr. Paul Moorefield
- May 27** - Bradley Shepherd
- May 28** - Chip Carrier
- May 29** - Daniel Hatcher
- May 30** - Alex East
- May 31** - Ilene Boyles, Mae Daniels

Men's Church Softball League

Tuesday, May 5 8:00 p.m. Field B
Friday, May 8 7:00 p.m. Field B
Tuesday, May 12 9:00 p.m. Field A
Friday, May 22 7:00 p.m. Field A
Tuesday, May 26 8:00 p.m. Field A



Come out and support the men in our church congregation as they take on other churches in our community! All games will be held at Westwood Park.



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