

# Intersections

September 2009

*All are welcome*

Sunday school at 9:15,  
fellowship time at 10am  
& worship at 10:30



A newsletter for the Richmond  
Church of the Brethren

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## September Calendar

all events at the Richmond CoB unless otherwise noted

- 1 Loops of Love at the Unwind Yarn Shop (921 E Main), 5-7pm
- 2 Senior Breakfast at IHoP, 8:30am
- 6 Bring food for the Community Food Pantry
- 7 Community yoga class, 5:30-7pm, fellowship hall  
NO Dinner & conversation at the McKimmys'
- 9 First Choir Meeting of fall season; 7pm
- 13 Qi-gong, 2-4pm, fellowship hall
- 14 Dinner & conversation at the McKimmys', 7pm
- 15 Loops of Love at the Unwind Yarn Shop (921 E Main), 5-7pm
- 16 Ministry Team meeting, 6:30pm, Adult Sunday School Room
- 17 Fellowship Hall & Building in use, 4-10pm
- 20 Worship in the park & potluck, Mary Scott Park (101 NW 8th St)
- 21 International Day of Prayer for Peace  
Community yoga class, 5:30-7pm, fellowship hall  
Dinner & conversation at the McKimmys', 7pm
- 25 Pastor Matt's Spiritual Renewal Day
- 28 Dinner & conversation at the McKimmys', 7pm

## Welcome, Students!



Richmond Church of the Brethren would like to officially welcome all incoming Earlham College, Bethany Theological Seminary, and Earlham School of Religion Students! We are grateful for the energy and spirit that new and returning students infuse into our corner of Richmond. We look forward to greeting both familiar and new faces at worship soon.

Relatedly, Dawn & Mark Ottoni Wilhelm are offering rides to any students who would like to come worship with us at RCoB. If you are interested, please plan on meeting them at 9:50am outside the north entrance of the Landrum Boling Center. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Dawn at wilheda@bethanyseminary.edu.

## Worship in the Park September 20th

On September 20th we will gather for worship in Mary Scott Park instead of our usual location. Our theme this year will be the International Day of Prayer for Peace. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on, bring a friend, and bring a bit of food to share since we'll have lunch together after worship! Everyone is invited to come and worship amidst the beauty of creation. If you're interested in helping with the worship service, please contact Pastor Matt.

\*Note: While in the past we have joined with the West Richmond Friends Meeting for worship in the park, this year we were unable to do so due to several scheduling conflicts.

## Sing to the Lord a New Song! (And Some Old Ones, Too!)

Come join the choir!! Bring a friend with you! Rehearsals will start on Wednesday, Sept 9 from 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

All are invited--young, middle-aged, "well seasoned," tall, short, thin, plump, those who sang last year & any who'd like to join this year--EVERYONE!!!

Nancy Faus-Mullen and Delora Roop will be sharing the directing responsibilities together & look forward to a happy group of singers. Jenny Williams will return as our faithful accompanist.

Bring yourself, your calendars & a smile. We look forward to a fun-filled & spirit-led time together "when, in our music, God is glorified!"

# CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES

## Celebration of Baptism & Membership

What a joy it is to welcome new members to our fellowship! On September 27th the theme our worship gathering will be a celebration of membership as we recognize renewed commitment to Christ and our congregation through baptism and through statements of faith. If you have been considering joining our community in this way, please contact Pastor Matt so your decision might be part of this celebration! We will begin our worship service at our church building and conclude at the pond on the Nicholson's farm, on SW 15th St.

## Happy September Birthdays and Anniversaries!

3 Amy & Kurt Ritchie	21 Marilyn Dershem
4 Carol & Bob Hunter	22 Jordan Miller ('95)
5 Sanjeev Singh	Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm
15 Russell Haitch	23 Lillian Calbeck
17 Sophie Ottoni Wilhelm	29 Enten Eller
Carol Stocksdale	30 Margaret Buroker
20 Jon Flory Shrock	

## Updated information for friends far away

Jon & Janelle Flory-Schrock send their greetings from Mojeji Ranch in Missouri! For those who would like to be in touch, their information:

5098 Girlstown Rd.

Mountain Grove, MO 65711

417-926-1064

We send our love and gratitude with Christina Singh as she and Alfred move to Iowa, where she will soon be pastoring. Their new address:

108 SE 3rd St, Apt. #2

Panora, IA 50216

## Matt's Musings

The International Day of Prayer for Peace (IDOPP), sponsored by the World Council of Churches, is an outgrowth of the International Day of Peace, started in 1981 by the United Nations. The intent is this: "To encourage worldwide, 24-hour spiritual observations for peace and nonviolence on the International Day of Peace, 21 September in every house of worship and place of spiritual practice, by all religious and spiritually based groups and individuals, and by all men, women and children who seek peace in the world."

It is my hope that, as part of a historic peace church tradition, most of us fall under the category of those who seek peace in the world!

This year my thoughts on the IDOPP have focused a lot on what distinguishes it from simply being a "day of peace" - prayer. I'm currently working on a worship series for later this fall on the subject of prayer, which may have something to do with why this has been on my mind! I think it's important to consider the ways we might be actively praying for peace, both on this day and every day.

Prayer is most often understood as communication with the Divine, usually through speaking, sometimes through silence and meditation. But prayer can also be more - it's anything that connects us with Christ. Sometimes it's a walk in the woods, or a brisk morning bike ride. Other times it might be washing dishes, volunteering to serve others, or mowing the lawn. How might prayers like this be prayers for peace?

One way is by remembering how our actions impact both our local and global neighbors, considering how our actions impact peace in their lives. Also, as we interact with people we can cultivate God's shalom in many ways that could be prayers - assisting in nonviolent conflict resolution, providing a loving, listening ear, helping others to find peace in their lives.

I encourage all of us to find at least one way to live out our prayers for peace on Sept. 21st, and hopefully on other occasions too!

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Matt

## The Hills of Iona

These hills are pilgrims' hills,  
jutting straight up like the choice  
to jump into the boat and sail,  
no oars, just current and wind  
to carry you. Rocks slice  
the long grass and the earth  
like the knife in Jesus' hand  
cutting bread, splitting  
his body. Gulls fly over  
as the Spirit and you can  
only sit there, sailing, feasting,  
soaring. The hills of Iona  
are pilgrims, leaping up to God.

*Travis Poling, Scotland 2008*

# UPDATES AND EVENTS

## Genesis Coordinator Position Announcement

The Richmond congregation values the formation of all our members & attenders, and has formed a weekly one hour session of children's formation experience called Genesis. We are looking for a coordinator for this position, beginning as soon as possible. Our program is geared towards ages 4-11 (approximately), with the congregation providing childcare for younger children. Genesis is an integration of Bible story, activities which reinforce the bible story and our peace church tradition, & play that encourages spiritual formation & creativity. Each child is profoundly valued.

We desire to contract with someone who:

Loves Children

Understands that a child's faith formation begins early

Will teach the stories of the Bible

Will teach with an embodied presence of God's love for all

Have familiarity with the Peace Church tradition (Church of the Brethren, Quaker, Mennonite)

Responsibilities are:

Teaching during the worship hour (10:30-11:30), every Sunday

Lesson prep (1 hour during the week)

Classroom clean up after each session

Ordering curriculum in collaboration with Christian Education Coordinator and/or Pastor

Other information:

\$20 weekly stipend

Reporting to the Ministry Team of the congregation

Commitment to every week, allowing two week notice for any Sunday that coordinator needs to be absent

If interested please send the following to the church office:

Resume, Letter of interest, 2 references: name, address, phone number (1 church reference, 1 personal preference)

Interviews will take place with the Christian Education Coordinator, Pastor and one lay person who is also a parent.

## Updated Office Hours

With a new semester comes new obligations...& a bit of a change in our office manager's office hours! Adrienne will now be in the church office from 1:00-3:00pm T, W, Th.

Materials for the bulletin will continue to be due Thursday morning; the due date for the newsletter will usually be the 3rd Thursday of each month, but specific dates will be announced.

## Meijer Promotion for Community Food Pantry

A message from Becky Shaw, Acting Board President for the Community Food Pantry:

Meijer has selected the Community Food Pantry as the Pantry they wanted to support this year. They have printed Food Pantry Donation Cards, which are available at Meijer, the Hallmark Store in the mall, Curves and Senior Opportunities Services. You take the card to Meijer and go through the checkout paying \$10. The promotion is effective August 2 thru September 26, 2009. Meijer will convert the donations to a gift card for the total at the end of the promotion to purchase food for the Pantry.

We hope this will be a successful promotion for the Pantry & we thank Meijer for their community spirit.

## United Way Ecumenical Prayer Moment

The United Way 2009 Campaign begins Monday Sept 14 & continues through the 19th. The theme is SERVE+ (Solidarity, Ecumenical, Respond, Volunteer, Educate). Learn more at [www.givetheunitedway.com](http://www.givetheunitedway.com). From 12:00-12:05pm on Tuesday September 15 (Ecumenical Day), the United Way is asking the entire Whitewater Valley to pray for: 1) the means to help us all find a way to give to the United Way in these unusual times; 2) advocate for the thousands of local residents who need and benefit from the agencies and programs; and 3) the volunteers who provide services to 21 United Way agencies and 33 programs. Please consider joining others during this special time of ecumenical prayer!

# COMMUNITY UPDATES

## Results from the Youth Group's Task Auction for National Youth Conference



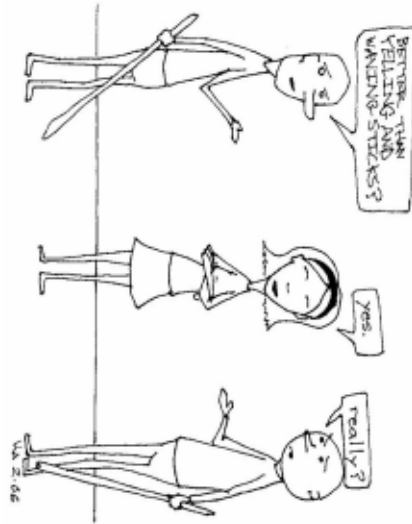
the Youth Group performs a hilarious opening skit demonstrating the need for support

The Youth Group's Fundraiser for National Youth Conference 2010 was a tremendous success! There was a fantastic turn-out of at least 30 people and the Youth Group would like to express its gratitude for all who attended. After a fabulous lunch of vegetarian spaghetti with garlic rolls & an assortment of fresh-baked desserts, the task auction began. Joyously, over \$300 was collected towards the food and over \$700 was raised from auctioning tasks. Auctioned tasks included weed-pulling, childcare, basement cleaning and many, many more. Laughs were shared by all as friends attempted to win help with their most treasured (despised?) tasks. One of the most surprising "hot tickets" was, believe it or not, *leaf-raking*--two folks with large yards went head-to-head in a bidding contest that drove the price to rather helpful heights for the youth! Truly, a great time, for a great cause, was had by all.

don't forget! Yoga @ Richmond CoB 1st & 3rd Mondays in the Fellowship Hall!

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