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[Test] Ministry for the week of February 2, 2025

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**9:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship In Person
and Streaming Online**

Streaming online via [Facebook](#)
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Worship Leader - Linda Snyder
Greeter/Usher - Barbara Fowler & Maureen Sodon

Beacon Family and Friends,

The last 9 days have been a real struggle for me, and I have been struggling to articulate the heartbreak I feel deep in my soul. While politics do not belong in the church, the Gospel message certainly does. Regardless of your political affiliation, we have a responsibility to ensure that “all individuals, no matter their circumstances or social standing, are entitled to basic human rights and freedoms.” This includes “the right to life, liberty, and security.”^[1] This is what Jesus does countless times throughout the gospels. This is what it means to “love our neighbors as we love ourselves” (Matthew 22:39) and to “accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?” (United Methodist Baptismal Covenant I)

If you’ve said “I do” to this statement, if you’ve said,

“With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life... **Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**” ~ United Methodist Baptismal Covenant I

... then you have committed to ensuring that every single person has the opportunity to live fully into who God has created them to be as a Child of God. You have taken on the responsibility to love others by standing up and speaking out when you do see someone who is actively working against those who have been pushed to the margins of our society.

United Methodists “condemn all attempts to deny individuals their basic rights or freedoms or to strip human beings of their inherent dignity and worth. We, therefore, reject within the church and wider society any act of discrimination, hatred, or violence directed against individuals or groups based on national origin, tribal affiliation, ethnicity, ethnicity, age, gender identity, disability status, economic condition, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or other any factors... We oppose all laws and policies that attempt to criminalize, dehumanize, or punish displaced individuals and families based on their status

as migrants, immigrants, or refugees. Additionally, we decry attempts to detain displaced people and hold them in inhumane and unsanitary conditions. We challenge policies that call for the separation of families, especially parents and minor children, and we oppose the existence of for-profit detention centers for such purposes.” [2]

While I recognized that there are processes in place for people to enter, live, and work here in the United States, there are severe inadequacies in those policies and the speed in which those things are processed leaving children of God, documented or undocumented, terrified to leave their homes, go to school, receive medical care, or worship. People of color, citizens or not, are living in fear.

This is not love.

This is not the gospel message.

This is not what Jesus calls us to do.

This is not okay.

I don’t know how to respond. I don’t know what to do other than stand with my friends who have been waiting for renewal of their visas for far too long and who are now living in fear of deportation. I don’t know what to do other than stand with my friends who are citizens, and people of color, who are living in fear of being detained because they were born in a U.S. territory.

I don’t know what to do other than stand up and say, this is not love. This is not the gospel message. This is not what Jesus calls us to do. This is not okay.

I urge you to do the same.

Blessings friends,
Pastor Nicole

[1] *The Book of Discipline* ¶163

[2] *The Book of Discipline* ¶163

Pastor Nicole has Jury Duty

John Wesley reminds us of our calling to pursue justice and ensure that all people have equal access to it. As followers of Christ, we are invited to live out this commitment in tangible ways. Here in the United States, one way we contribute to justice is by serving on a jury—a responsibility and privilege that helps uphold fairness for all. I have been summoned for **jury duty the week of February 3, 2025**, and during that time, my availability may be limited. I appreciate your understanding and prayers as I fulfill this civic duty.

Pastor Nicole is away!

I wanted to share with you that I'll be having surgery on February 14th and will need about two weeks for recovery. If all goes well, I look forward to returning to work on March 2nd. During this time, I will carry you all in my prayers, and I ask for yours as well. Your love and support mean so much to me, and I am deeply grateful. While I will not be answering emails, you are welcome to text or call and I will respond as I am able. For pastoral care during my time away, I've arranged for pastoral care coverage so that your needs will be met. Please don't hesitate to reach out to them if you need support or care.

February 14th–22nd: Rev. Kevin Davis (856) 364-4194

February 23rd–March 1st: Rev. Cameron Overby (732) 747-0446,
pastorcam@umcredbank.org

Envelopes

Members, if you would like to receive tithes envelopes,
please email office@beaconumc.org

Coffee & Conversation



Open Door



The Open Door Craft Shop is collecting for Hurricane Relief in North Carolina and Tennessee.

Items needed:

New Coats and Gloves
New Blankets
New Sleeping Bags
Non perishable Food
Water
Medical Supplies
Hygiene Supplies
Tyvek suits and Work gloves

Drop off Tuesdays 6-8 pm
Beacon UMC, 96 Third Ave, Atlantic Highlands

For more info:
Vickt: 917-693-6436
Church office: 732-291-0485

Book Club

All are welcome. The first meeting will be reviewing the introduction— no advanced reading necessary. Questions?


Contact Carolyn Conover 310-850-1940 or carolynconover1@gmail.

NEIGHBORS FOR EQUITY AND JUSTICE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN A

BOOK CLUB

HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Starting: Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 PM
 Meeting: Monthly
 Where: Beacon United Methodist Church, 96 Third Ave, Atlantic Highlands



My Grandmother's Hands explores the impact of trauma on black, white, and police bodies offering pathways for healing the body and relationships with others, taking readers on a journey towards collective liberation.

Socializer

Join The Socializers!!!!



Social Graces Tea Service

Wed., Feb 19 @ 2:00 p.m.
\$25 sugg. donation
 89 Sleepy Hollow Rd. Red Bank

Tea service will incl. Our tea service consists of a prix fixe menu that includes tea, scones with clotted cream and jam, desserts, and an assortment of three different sandwiches using farm fresh and in season ingredients.

Gluten free options are available!

RSVP Chris Taylor 732-614-8190

Scholarship

**Beacon United Methodist Church
Sculthorp - Whitney - Marek
Scholarship**

Applications located in the Narthex,
online and in the newsletter.

DUE APRIL 15TH

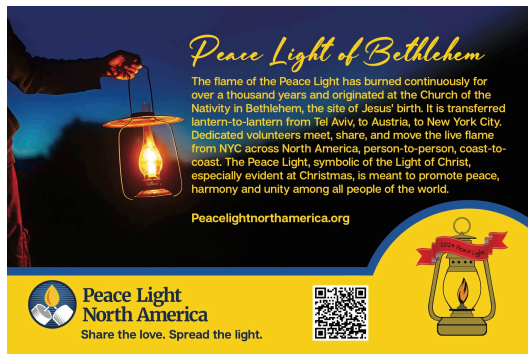
Please email to
office@beaconumc.org
Or drop off in the office basket.

Mission Trip

Beacon UMC is going to Georgia!

Ask Pastor Nicole how you can get involved.

Peace Light



Prayers in the Pews



Join Pastor Nicole in praying for this faith community! Join in Sundays at 8:15 am to pray over each pew and all those who enter the worship space.

Church Calendar

Please Join In Mission and Ministry

Thursday, Jan 30

Food Pantry	9:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Bible Study	3:00 p.m.
Food Pantry	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb 2

Worship In Person & Online	9:15 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Coffee & Conversation	10:00 a.m.
Youth Group	10:30 - 12:00

Monday, Feb 3

Finance Meeting	7:00 p.m.
AA Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb 4

Friends Grow Friends	4:00 -7:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, Feb 5

Open Door	9:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Friends Grow Friends	4:00 -7:30 p.m.
Book Club	7:00 p.m.
Al Anon	8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Feb 6

Food Pantry	9:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Bible Study	3:00 p.m.
Food Pantry	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb 9

Worship In Person & Online	9:15 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.

Monday, Feb 10

Girl Scouts	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
AA Meeting	7:00 p.m.



PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Nicole can generally be found in her office Monday through Thursday 9 am – 12 pm. She often gets called away so give her a call if you want to be

sure she's there and available to chat!

Click here to sign up: <https://calendar.app.google/J9BFBmqRxE1W7ETf8> If none of these times work for you, send an e-mail at pastornicolemaggs@gmail.com or a text to (732) 359-2189 to find a different time.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - for the week of Feb 2

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9 - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 - 2:00 p.m.
Thursday: 9 - 2:00 p.m.
Friday: Closed



We Pray For..... Prayer for **Remay's husband, Tom**, who is recovering from surgery. Pray for **Linda** (a member of Open Door) who is having health issues. Prayers for **Maureen Sodon**, who is struggling with health issues. Prayers for **Suzanne**, who is battling cancer. Prayers for **Charlie, Grace Farrell's husband**, as he battles cancer. Prayers for the **victim families and community of New Orleans**.

Our Maturing Disciples.... Barbara Brown, Connie Binder, Dave Hermanson, Edythe Daley, Janet Hofmann, and Bob Schoeffling.

Our College Students... Abigail Spears, Patrick Seeley, Megan Seeley, Christopher Carriera, Josh Winters, Rett Schnoor, Scott Melski. and Ellie Conover

We Keep in Prayer: Our family, our friends, neighbors, the church, the community, the world, and all God's children everywhere.

****Prayer warriors** are made up of 12 disciples . This team of disciples will pray from the privacy of their homes for any request.

Contact the Office if you have a request to share.

If you know someone is in the hospital or needs pastoral care, please contact
Pastor Nicole at 732-359-2189 or email pastornicolemaggs@gmail.com

Thank you for helping us care for all our members!

Helpful Links

- [United Methodists of Greater New Jersey](#)
- <https://tinyurl.com/pdjuy6eb> Newsletter
- [The Upper Room](#) devotionals.
- [Greater New Jersey Facebook Page](#)
- [UMC Global Ministry](#) - Connecting the church in mission
- [UMC Church and Society](#) - Exploring our calling for personal and social holiness for justice.
- [UMC Discipleship Ministries](#) - Resourcing for making disciples



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