

What's Mime is Yours *from the desk of the artistic director Bob Kloos*

Calling all members! That's what we are doing; we are calling all of you *members* if that is what you want to be.

We post more than three thousand newsletters a couple times each year and we hear that many of you enjoy what you read. But we have no way of knowing if there is still someone at your address who feels connected with our mission. So here's the deal.

If you use the enclosed pre-paid envelope to correct your mailing address, make a donation, ask for brochures, or any of the other options listed on the inside flap, you become a member of Beacon Street *at no cost*. We will extend this offer for two more issues. If we do not hear from you, we will remove you from our mailing list by this time next year. To avoid that, you need to do something!

Options: use the envelope, send us an email (cheapest!), or go to our web site and send us a message (fun!). You can even pick up the phone or fax us. (All contact information is below.) If you put 41¢ postage on the remittance envelope, you will save us that much postage fees! Thanks.

Membership entitles you to all future newsletters and the opportunity to be an advocate for Beacon Street. That means we hope you will recommend our services to your pastor or your principal. That means you will consider Beacon Street when the parish mission is planned, when Rally Day is three months away, or when your Confirmation candidates need a retreat. Being a Beacon Street member means you may wish to check the box requesting several of our brochures so you have something in hand when you make your recommendation. Membership means you will help us *proclaim the gospel using the performing arts*. That's a partnership worth asking for.

Have you checked out our newly reconstructed web site? (www.beacon-street.org) You can find archived newsletters there along with information on how to get one of Barb Ballenger's audio

recordings. Also, we have some of our most often requested scripts and blessings available free for download under "Resources." Check it out. According to our web site software, more than seven hundred people did just that last week!

Six times each year our board members gather with staff to look at the numbers, brainstorm, problem-solve, and share in the ministry. Two new faces have joined the mix. Pastor Chuck Kaliszewski is the new skipper at South Euclid Hillcrest UMC where our office is housed. He has been in the pulpit for a year now and has finally seen his way clear to accept our invitation. New to ministry, but a well-seasoned pilgrim in faith, he brings an easy smile and much wisdom to our roster. Welcome Pastor Chuck.

Also joining our previously all-male board is Kate Gillooly, Minister for Christian Formation at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights. Kate has relied on Beacon Street in the past for programs with children and families. Already she has agreed to help facilitate the production of the Bully Prevention video spoken of in our annual appeal letter on page seven. Thanks for coming on board Kate.

Finally, since I just mentioned our next big project, we need your help. In the midst of one of our most memorable board meetings, interest spilled over into excitement about the possibility of our producing another video, this time to address bully prevention. More precisely, this 25-minute piece will be geared toward encouraging everyone in the school community to "buy in" to a program that will make an impact the moment everyone does what he or she can to make schools safe for our kids. The letter tells the story. Page 7. Thanks.

In case you missed it last time, our new email address is: beacon.street@sbcglobal.net. We'd love to hear from you. If you send us your email address, you just might hear from us periodically when we have something of interest to share

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