

Family Matters

We have many MCA folk who are limited in their ability to be out and about this Christmas season. Many will miss being able to worship together here with their long-time friends.

Would you consider taking time to show special acts of kindness to some of these dear people? Some ideas are: send a card, make a phone call, take time for a short visit, drop off some Christmas goodies, take someone out for coffee or lunch, have someone over for dinner and an evening of conversation or games, or ???....you fill in the blank! Most of their names and phone numbers are in our church directory.

Also, if you know of anyone who should be included in this list, please call and inform either Lorna or Pastor Jan at the church office.

At Home:

Tillie Brown Rose (& Earle) Pitchford, Lyle & Marietta Talbot, Russell (& Mary) Vasselín, Shig (& Miriam) Tamaki, Peter & Thelma Meier, Joy Smith, George Siebring and Ardis Hollands

Medical concerns:

Dan (&Lark) Willms, Susan Clark, Helen Shalagan, Fred & Anne Braun, Wilbert (& Marjorie) Senft, Esther Tjosvold, Henry (& Mary) Fehr

Independent Living and Care Home residents:

Brandt Creek Mews – Lynn Mower, Agnes Miller

Okanagan Chateau – Pastor Henry Hiebert, Maude Runge, Allan & Mabel Muntean, Cecile Ferguson, Marjorie Ferguson, Kay Hawley, Frieda Weiss, Pauline Welwood, Lillian Trudeau, Mary Hayward, Erna Bohn

Cottonwoods – Isabel Jasper, Laura Stark

Fernbrae Manor – Tena Schellenberg, Margaret Imrie

Mountainview Village – Pastor Ed McCarthy, Maude Stevenson, Heintz & Marion Kotsch, Tillie Martin, Aileen Kaushar

Spring Valley Care Centre – Muriel Makaroff

Sun Pointe Village – Margaret Burns, Don Sipe, Bob Sharp

Sutherland Hills – Rose Marie Mathers, Irene McCarthy

Village at Smith Creek – Albert & Gertrude Schock

Sermon CDs

Sermon CDs are available to borrow from our library, or they can be ordered at the Info Desk by donation. Sunday sermons are also available on our web site at www.missioncreekalliance.com

Facility Requests

Please make all facility requests to Lorna at the church office Monday-Thursday. All requests need to be made 2 weeks prior to your event.

Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for bulletin submissions is Thursdays by 12:00 noon. Emailed submissions are preferred. Please send to: office@missioncreekalliance.com

Facility Volunteers

Would you like to help care for our facility? Our custodian, Percy, has an ongoing list of jobs that he could use help completing. If you would like to volunteer on a one-time basis or regularly, volunteers meet each Wednesday at 8:30am by the church kitchen.

MCA Ministry Staff

Rev. Terry Dyck: Transition Team Leader

Rev. Dustin Drader: Pastor for Worship Arts

Jesse Criss: Pastor of Youth/Young Adults

Lynae Igel: Pastor of Children's Ministries

Kim Denis: Director of Early Childhood Ministries

Janet Kirby: Director of Finance

Jan Heppner: Pastor of Connections and Care Ministries

Barrie Irvine: Pastor of Men's and Missions Ministries

Linda Irvine: Pastor of Hospitality Ministry

Emergency contact:

Pastor Terry Dyck: 250.717.8802

In case of facility emergency:

Contact Percy: 250.469.2445

MCA OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday
250.860.2427

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December 27, 2009

Welcome to Mission Creek Alliance! Now that Christmas Day has past, family and friend get together continue, we are looking toward the new year – 2010! We are glad you have made time with us part of your holiday season – it's always in season to focus on your spiritual journey. Take some time to connect with others over a cup of coffee after the service.

It's great to have Dr. Tim Tjosvold as our speaker today. Tim and Brenda have served as International Workers with the Christian and Missionary Alliance for a number of years. They have a heart for the nations, and are currently serving in Niger, Africa.

Next Sunday will be another opportunity to be together in one service as a church family. Pastor Terry will be starting 2010 with a message on Training for Life – The Path. Following the service we will be serving **fresh cinnamon buns** in the foyer. Plan to stay around to connect with people and enjoy the fellowship.

Chorus sheets and children's bulletins are available from the ushers.

Beginning again on January 10th we offer two services for worship:

Join us at 9:30 am for our Praise and Celebration Service, with a bent toward more recent worship music, or at 11:00 am for our Classic Service. Enter wholeheartedly into the style of your choice!

Mission Creek Alliance Church

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Let's Connect!

Welcome to Mission Creek Alliance!

If you are a guest today, visiting from out of town, or perhaps looking for a church home, OR if you simply want to meet people or make new friends, we would love to connect with you.

Why not take a few minutes to drop by the Solid Grounds Coffee Bar in the foyer. A fresh cup of Tim Horton's coffee is waiting for you and, of course, some great conversation.

This Week at The Creek

Sunday

7:30 pm Men's Floor Hockey

The office will be closed on January 1st.

Sunday Services next week

Please make note that on and January 3rd there will be one service at 9:30 am.

Devotional planners are now available, with a read thru the Bible schedule. Pick up a copy today in the foyer.

Weekday Bible Study

Tom Koop's weekly Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 13th at 10:00 am.

Help Needed

Tavita and Kathleen Faalele will be on a month break from ministry at the YWAM base near Medicine Hat AB. They are in need of a vehicle for 5 weeks starting January 15. If you could help please contact Pastor Terry in the church office.

2009 Projects

The following have been designated as 2009 Projects:

1. New gym floor
2. A shower on the 2nd floor
3. Re-carpet the Mission Creek Room
4. Seal the parking lot

We are offering an opportunity for those who want to give toward a worthwhile project.

As our ministries grow, the stress on our building increases. Our 2009 Projects opportunity is to remove obstacles toward growth and effective ministry. Our desire is to properly plan for the facility needs and at the same time continue to make our facility a functional tool for our church family as well as community ministries.

Please designate "2009 Projects" on your offering envelopes.

Money received to date \$15,180.00

PRIME TIMERS JANUARY 26 AT 12:00 NOON MISSIONS

Join us for a noon soup and sandwich lunch. Our special missionary speaker will be Tim Tjosvold from Niger, Africa. Special music by Pastor Dustin and Heidi Drader.

Cost is \$6. Sign up sheets will be available in the coming weeks.

Bring a friend.

Community Bulletin Board

New Hope: We offer monthly grief support meetings for widows and widowers, as well as a bi-monthly newsletter and an annual retreat. More information is available from Lorna at 250.860.6376 or the NH website: www.newhope-grief.org

Church Serve: We help those in need with cleaning, laundry, food prep or Food Bank hamper delivery. To volunteer, call 250.861.5465 or check out www.churchservecanada.org

For more information about Church Serve contact us at churchserveinfo@shaw.ca or call 250-861-5465.

Now Available:

- 2010 Calendars from Springfield Funeral Home located at the table by the elevators
- Our Daily Bread, large-print edition, January to March, 2010 edition located at the Ushers station

Care Group Connections

Are you looking for a place to get connected? Why not become part of a small group? We have openings for people of all ages and life-stages.

Are you parents of a young family? We are opening a new small group especially with you in mind.

For more info, please fill out a Connection Card or call Pastor Jan 250.860.2427 #223.

With Sympathy

The church family would like to extend our condolences to Karan and Gary Schieck on the loss of Karan's father this week.

Children's Ministries

Nursery Age 0-24 months – Nursery (main floor)

Preschool Age 2 – 5 only – Room 118 (main floor)

Kindergarten—Grade 6 - Activity packets are available in the foyer for use in the adult service. There is also a PARENT SUPER-VISED play space in the Mission Creek Room. To ensure your child's safety, please do not leave your children unattended – volunteers will not be staffing this room.

January 4th Children's Ministry

Nursery Age 0-24 months – Nursery (main floor)

Preschool Age 2 & 3 – Room 118 (main floor)

Preschool Age 4 & 5 – Room 221

Kindergarten – Grade 1 – Room 222

Grade 2-4 – Room 224

Grade 5 & 6 – Starts January 10th – Room 219

5/6 Club Starts January 13th 2010.

Registration forms available January 3rd at the info desk. You and friends can register anytime through the semester. The cost is \$30 for the semester. For more info contact Pastor Lynae Igel ext 229

For more information contact the Children's Ministry Department or visit our website www.missioncreekalliance.com

Please refrain from bringing into the classrooms any product/snack that has or may contain traces of nuts.



POPS

Preschoolers will love this non-structured playtime that offers a fun, safe and stimulating environment. Your child will have fun riding bikes, sliding and climbing or just playing with others. The coffee is on! This group will be meeting once a week on **Fridays from 9:30-11:30 in the Church Gym!** We hope you will join us!

POPS Starts again on January 8th 2010!
We hope to see you here!



Youth News

The Youth Newsletter is now available at the Welcome Centre.

If you would like to contact Greg Baker his contact information is:

Email: Gregory.baker07@gmail.com

Ottawa address:
130 Grenadier Way
Ottawa, ON K2J 4M1

Just a Reminder!

Reminder to all individuals and groups using the church: turn off the lights behind you, ensure all exterior doors are closed as this helps with security and utility costs during the winter months.

Donations needed for the Kitchen

Electric can opener, Small pots with lids
Frying pans, Tea Towels, Dish cloths
Please contact Lenora at 250.762.7906 or Evlyn at 250.860.8338.

7:00 pm Saturday, January 23, 2010

Mission Creek Alliance Church

MARK DAVID WILLIAMS

JASON CATRON

SHANE WIEBE

Featuring choirs
from KSS
under the direction
of Sheila French



Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at door.

You can purchase tickets at the church office. Limited seating available.

The Three Christian Tenors

Featuring lush accompaniments and the high powered vocals of Shane Wiebe - Canadian Idol Top 5 finalist, Jason Catron and Mark David Williams - featured tenors on Crystal Cathedral's Hour of Power and the Ruth Graham Gospel tours, the show is a tribute to the great hymns of our Christian faith: How Great Thou Art, Blessed Assurance, Great is Thy Faithfulness, It Is Well With My Soul, My Jesus I Love Thee, and many more. They will also perform some of their favourite songs: You'll Never Walk Alone, In The Sweet By And By, His Eye Is On The Sparrow, and many more!

Opportunities for Men

Men's Floor Hockey

Floor hockey in the gym Sundays at 7:30 pm. For more information contact Tim Goward at 250.861.6376.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men's Prayer Breakfast resumes on Wednesday, January 6th at 7:00 am. Men, do you have a heart for prayer? Join us for Bible study and prayer, followed by breakfast at a nearby restaurant. Contact Neil Toews 250.862.3566 for information.

Men's Fraternity

December Update

We are at a transition point in our program where we are **welcoming interested men to join us in the New Year beginning January 13th** for the second half of the term. The program, "The Quest for Authentic Manhood" is focused on helping men to understand their masculine identity and to make the pursuit of authentic manhood a lifelong priority that is incorporated into the fabric of their everyday lives. For more information contact Cam Stutters at 250.801.7237 or Pastor Barrie at 250.260.8626

THREADS

~ No Strings Attached ~ Deposit Box

We are receiving **used clothing, bedding and toys in clean and in excellent condition** to help meet some of the many needs in our community. Since "THREADS" is an ongoing ministry, these items are always needed. Please continue to place your donations in the **"THREADS" deposit box** in the south foyer under the coat rack. Thank you for your generosity!



Why not consider **being** the church by volunteering in our community?

If you have a story to tell about your Be The Church involvement, you can email Pastor Terry at terry@missioncreekalliance.com

The We Are Artists exhibition at the Kelowna Art Gallery is on from November 28, 2009 to March 21, 2010, featuring art by our very own Annaliis Autio. People who are interested and would like more information on Cool Arts the website is www.coolarts.ca If any one is interested in volunteering Cool Art is always looking for more people to volunteer mainly on Saturdays.

Prayer Ministries

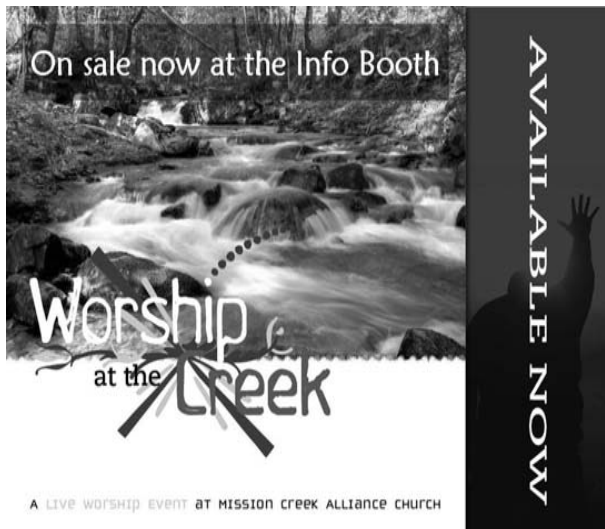
Emergency Prayer Chain:
Contact Shirley at 250.765.0489.

Prayerline

Prayerline will resume again in the New Year.

Intercessory Prayer

The Intercessory Prayer group is taking a break until further notice.



Women In Touch

~Evening Edition~

Monday, January 11th 6:30 p.m. – Start up of our second semester of the Beth Moore DVD study: "Esther, It's Tough Being a Woman"..... including a **"Queen Esther's Banquet" – with simple fare fit for ancient Persian royalty!** Cost: 8 pieces of bronze (equivalent to 8 loonies) at the door. Please call Karen at 250.764.3247 by January 5th if you plan to attend.

Winter semester: Mondays 7:00 -9:00 pm. January 11th to March 1st, 2010

~Morning Edition~

Tuesdays 9:00—11:00 am

Winter semester: Tuesdays January 12th to April 13th (excluding Spring Break)
Beth Moore's DVD study: "Esther, It's Tough being a Woman" continues with lesson 7.

New Beginning Study January 12th

A fresh new study: "Living Well" based on Matthew 5, taught by our own Dr. Sarah Brears.

We will be using Matthew 5 to guide our discussion of what it means to live well as a Christian today by drawing from the Living Well Himself.

If you are looking for an interactive Bible study with lots of personal application, this could be your answer!

Women of all ages and stages welcome!
Registration of \$15 for newcomers will apply.

deep dish girl's night

For young adult women on the second Thursday evening of each month. You can also find us on Facebook under the group "Deep Dish" if you want to be kept informed via the internet. Call Lindsay at 250.826.8122 or Leigh at 250.801.7237 for more information.

Stewardship Corner

What another year this has been for our church; so many changes and still so many blessings. Thank you for your prayers and service and for your financial faithfulness.

As is the case every year, many of us wait until nearer to the end of the calendar year to make the larger lump sum gifts. As you can appreciate, this giving pattern creates significant financial planning challenges for the ministries of Mission Creek. In the range of \$54,000 more needs to come in over the next several weeks in order to finish the year on track. To finish on track means that giving for the year needs to be at least equal to the costs of doing ministry here at MCA, in the community and around the world.

First, can we ask that you each be in prayer about this matter? Second, can we ask that if you have been planning to make a lump sum gift to MCA's general ministries or if you have been planning to increase your regular monthly giving amounts that you take action now? And remember too, that 10% of all general donations to Mission Creek are in turn donated foreign missions.

Today is the last Sunday left in 2009. Thank for continuing to give faithfully and sacrificially. And remember, your donation to MCA entitles you to a charitable donation tax credit worth up to 43.70% of the donation. For example if you donate \$1,000 to MCA, taking into account the potential tax savings of \$437, your after-tax cost of the donation is only \$563.

As you plan for the end of the year, you may want to keep in mind that all donations must be received here at MCA on or before December 31st if you would like the donations to be included on your 2009 charitable donation receipt.