

Family Matters

~ Caring for one another ~

Please take time this week to pray for:

At Home:

Kay Hawley
Tillie Brown

In Hospital:

Needing special prayer for medical concerns:

Fred & Anne Braun Dan Willms
Helen Shalagan

Home-bound

Twin Maples – Muriel Makaroff
Mountainview – Maude Stevenson
Sutherland Hills - Irene McCarthy
Rose Marie Mathers
Joseph Benjamin – Laura Stark
SunPointe Village – Margaret Burns
Don Sipe, Bob Sharp, Esther Tjosvold
Fernbrae Manor – Tena Schellenberg
Margaret Imrie
Cottonwoods—Isabel Jasper

If you know of someone who is in hospital or anyone who needs a friendly visit or other help, please contact Lorna at the church office.

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

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
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Emergency contact:

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In case of facility emergency:

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MCA OFFICE HOURS

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

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December 4, 2009

Welcome to Mission Creek Alliance! When you peel away the layers of the Bethlehem story you will discover a most comforting truth...Kelowna is a modern day Bethlehem. It's a town that God has His eye on, His heart towards, and His presence showing up. A story filled with Christmas people like you and me, who God encounters with His most profound sign...his presence...and power for daily living.

Sometimes, like Bethlehem, we can be caught off-guard because when we finally recognize Him, He can be nothing like we imagined....but that's often how God works...Welcome to Bethlehem-Kelowna, BC. Follow the characters of the story unwrapped by Quentin Steen over the next three Sundays....

Celebrating the second Sunday of Advent along with a glimpse of next week's Xplore Music Christmas Production will highlight the morning services. Next week will feature the preschoolers and preschool nativity presentation – see you then!

Second Sunday of Advent

Bethlehem Candle – Faith

As we light the second candle of Advent, we are reminded of the many years our spiritual forefathers waited for God to send His Son.

John 1:6-12

“There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through Him all men might believe. He himself was not the light, He came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”

The second candle is called the Bethlehem Candle and it is lit to remind us of the preparation made for the birth of Jesus.

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

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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

Monday

7:00 pm Women In Touch Evening Edition

Tuesday

9:00 am Women In Touch—Morning Edition

2:00 pm Prayerline

Wednesday

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Bible Study with Tom Koop

7:00 pm Men's Fraternity

Thursday

9:30 am Intercessory Prayer

3:30 pm Xplore Music

Friday

9:30 am POPS at the church

5:00 pm Family Christmas Dinner

6:30 pm Xplore Production:
Christmas Shop Around the Corner

Saturday

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5:00 pm on
December 11 before
the Xplore Program
December 12 after
the Xplore Program

Limited Seating Each Night

We will prepare the turkey, roast beef, potatoes, veggies, stuffing and beverages – you get to bring salads, buns, or dessert.

Cost:

- \$8 per person (when you bring one of the side dishes)
- \$10 per person (when not bringing one of the side dishes)
- \$25 per family of 4 (children under 5 free)
- \$5 for each additional family member
- Sign up to bring a side dish

Other fun ways to participate:

- ◆ Construct a Ginger Bread House for the annual contest
- ◆ Bring guests to one of the Xplore Music Productions and enjoy a meal together
- ◆ Serve at the dinner you are not attending (we need 10 volunteers for each of the sittings, for food serve, set up and clean up)



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:

- BC Christian News, December 2009 issue.
- Eagle's Eye, Fall 2009 Newsletter of Eagle Bay Camp
- 2009 Calendars from Springfield Funeral Home

Weekday Bible Study

Tom Koop's weekly Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Mission Creek Room with a look at the Book of Revelation.

Children's Ministries

9:30am service

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

Preschool Ages 2 & 3: Room 118 (main floor)

Preschool Ages 4 & 5: Room 221

Kindergarten – Grade 1: Room 222

Grades 2-4: Room 224

Grades 5 & 6: Room 219

***Preschoolers** – Ages 2,3,4 & 5 – will be singing two songs and the Nativity Photo Shoot will be presented on Sunday, December 13th in both adult services. Please have your child here by 9:10 am next week.

5/6 Club

December 9th – No 5/6 Club due to Xplore production rehearsals

December 16th – Final 5/6 of 2009 – Christmas Party – Bring a wrapped wacky present under \$3



**Come join us on Fridays
in the church gym
9:30-11:30 am**

December 11th – Room 219 at Church

December 18th – Church Gym

Preschoolers will love this weekly 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!



New this year – Our Xplore kids and families will be partnering with Now Canada to give HOPE this Christmas to homeless women and children by asking attendees to bring a donation to one of the performances for our “Angel Tree”. 100% of donations will be going to the Now Canada Alexander Gardner Renovation House Project. Come and check out our Angel Tree in the foyer and see how you and your family can give this Christmas.

Donations that we are looking for:

- Bedding in a bag
- Sets of towels
- Toiletries for mom, boy, or girl
- Socks for mom, boy, or girl
- Underwear for mom, boy, or girl
- Cash

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 \$12,775.97



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

Wednesday at 7:00 am in the Connections Café. 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

Men's Fraternity Ministry is now under way. It is a developmental curriculum so it is difficult for new people to join midway, but we would be pleased to answer any questions about it. We are into the first year of a three-year program called "The Quest for Authentic Manhood" which is focused on helping men to "*understand their masculine identity and how 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



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

Why not volunteer at the Kelowna Food Bank, Church Serve

or the Gospel Mission this week?

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.

Youth Group Information

December 10th Impact Night ALL YOUTH

Impact is a time of fellowship and small groups. This month we will be getting ourselves focused on Christmas and the true meaning behind the holiday. It will be an awesome time together and all students are welcome. Impact meets at the church and starts at 7:00 pm. Pick-up is at 9:00 pm.

Women In Touch

~Evening Edition~

Monday evenings (except Holidays) from 7:00 —9:00 pm in the Mission Creek Room this week.

Featuring:

"Esther - It's Tough Being A Woman" Beth Moore DVD Bible study

~Morning Edition~

Tuesday mornings*** from 9:00—11:00 am in the Mission Creek Room.

Christmas Brunch this week.

Come enjoy some caroling, prizes and lots of good food and fun.

***Excellent childcare available for ages 0 to Kindergarten

For more information on Women's Ministries contact Pastor Jan at 250.860.2427 #223.

Prayer Ministries

Emergency Prayer Chain:

Contact Shirley at 250.765.0489.

Prayerline

For all ladies with a desire to pray for our missionaries. Please meet with us on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 2:00 pm in Connections Café. The next meeting is December 8th.

Intercessory Prayer

Come join us Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Meeting Room upstairs to claim our city in prayer and uphold our church family.

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.

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.

Christmas Hampers

Please drop off nonperishable items for the MCA Christmas Hampers at the church between now and December 20th.