

Family Matters

We have many MCA folk who are limited in their ability to be out and about this winter. Would you consider taking time to show special acts of kindness to some of these dear people? Most of their names and phone numbers are in our church directory. If you know of anyone who should be included in this list, please call and inform either Pastor Jan or Lorna at the church office.

In hospital this week:

Jodi Miller, Elan Epp (KGH), Aaron Wong (Children's Hospital, Vancouver)

At Home:

Tillie Brown, Lyle & Marietta Talbot, Peter & Thelma Meier, Joy Smith, George Siebring

Medical concerns:

Dan (& Lark) Willms, Susan Clark, Helen Shalagan, Fred & Anne Braun, Wilbert (& Marjorie) Senft, Rob (& Cathy) Simpson, Jack (& JoAnne de Groot), Ken (& Linda) Oake, Gwen (& Deryl) Priebe

Care Home residents:

Brandt Creek Mews – Lynn Mower, Agnes Miller

Cottonwoods – Isabel Jasper, Laura Stark

Fernbrae Manor – Tena Schellenberg, Margaret Imrie

Spring Valley Care Centre – Muriel Makaroff

Sun Pointe Village – Margaret Burns, Don Sipe

Sutherland Hills – Rose Marie Mathers, Irene McCarthy, Kay Hawley

We extend our love and sympathy to June Shaw, Todd Shaw, Cindy and Steven Black on the victorious passing of their husband, father and grandfather, Ken Shaw, on February 19th. Date of Memorial service Saturday, March 6th at 2:00 pm.

My family and I are grateful for the care and support extended to us after Bob's passing.
Doris Sharp

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.

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

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!

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

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February 21, 2010

When we participate in any level of competition, we expect that everyone will play by the rules. We expect our fellow competitors to play fair. There are continuing examples of athletes and competitors that test the boundaries and attempt to compete by ignoring or breaking the rules. In life, in work, and in many places in the world there seems to be different standards on how people are treated and how the world's business is done. What does God have to say about "fair play" in life? Fair play is the subject of Quentin Steen's message this morning.

There are aspects of the Olympic Games that remain in the background of media attention, but also play a pivotal role in what is happening. This morning we hear from Karen Braun (Power to Change) about the role of prayer during the games.

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Next week is Jersey Sunday! You are encouraged to wear your Canadian jersey, or another country's jersey or your team jersey. This will be the closing ceremonies day and the dispersion of athletes around the world. We'll celebrate, send off our short term missions team, and Pastor Terry will talk about the theme – "...to the nations, a great dispersion."

Our own Special Olympic athlete, Kelsey Wyse will talk with Pastor Terry about her participation in summer and winter competition.

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

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!

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. Don't forget it's Care Group Morning.

2:00 pm Prayerline

7:00 pm YA Life at Pastor Jesse's

Wednesday

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Bible Study with Tom Koop

6:30 pm 56 Club

7:00 pm Men's Fraternity

Thursday

9:30 am Intercessory Prayer

7:00 pm Youth Impact

7:00 pm Freed Up Financial Course

Friday

9:30 am POPS

Olympic Café

Join us in the gym following the service for our Olympic Café.

Cost is \$2 for beverage and snack.

Children's play area.

Living streaming Olympic coverage.



MCA Membership Meeting

Tonight at 7:00 pm

This meeting will include our 2009 year in review, reports from all MCA ministries, and our budget approval for January-July 2010.

Also note proposed by-law changes below (these are also posted in the foyer).

Proposed Changes

A. The nominating committee recommends a bylaw change, to add the wording "non-voting" to our membership descriptions, so it would read:

1.1 Types of Membership

In addition to regular members, the following [NON-VOTING] membership categories will be established.

Current By-Law

1.1. Types of Membership

In addition to regular members, the following membership categories will be established:

1.1.1. **Honorary Membership** is for persons who have left the local active fellowship for areas of full-time Christian ministry.

1.1.2. **Associate Membership** is for persons who have been inactive due to having left the local fellowship, but have not withdrawn their membership. Absence from the church for a year may result in membership being lost..

B. The nominating committee recommends the following, in light of the year end change being instituted in 2010:

"That this current term of elders be extended to the Fall AGM 2010." (i.e. this means that there will be an additional few months on these terms). The Fall 2010 AGM will tentatively be held October 2010.

These changes will be voted on during the February 21st MCA membership meeting.

Income Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts for 2009 donations are now in your church mailboxes. Please pick them up today. Thank you for your support.

Eagle Bay Camp

Registration forms now available for summer 2010. Register early so you won't be disappointed! All LIT, SLP, staff, and volunteer applications are posted on the Eagle Bay Website.

We are **seeking volunteer Registered Nurses** to help us during our summer camps. If you would like to join our team for a week or more this summer call 250 549-5138 or email us at office@eaglebaycamp.com

Weeks still available: Four weeks in July (starting July 4th); Camp G (Aug 8-14th), and Camp H (Aug 15-22st).

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 March 2nd.

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.

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 April 23rd/24th. More information is available from Lorna at 250.860.6376 or the NH website: www.newhope-grief.org

Reading Volunteers Needed!

Interested in a 10-week community project? How about reading with an elementary school child? A school near Mission Creek Alliance Church is looking for volunteers of all ages (grandparents welcome) to read with children during their afternoon One-to-One Reading Program. To give children a chance to experience a positive role model in the context of reading books, all you need is a love of reading and a heart for helping children. You will be fully trained and provided with ongoing support! Please contact Janelle at 250.861.6376.

Freedom's Door Spring Banquet: Thursday, March 4th 5:30 pm at Evangel Church. Tickets from Freedom's Door 250.717.0472 or Bell Tower Books.

Building a Firm Foundation: A marriage conference presented by Family Life March 19-21st at the Delta Grand Okanagan Hotel. For information or to register 1.800.247.3180 or familylifecanada.com

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. Men, do you have a heart for prayer? Join us this week for a Bible study of 2 Corinthians 5 with Rick Nicol, and prayer, followed by breakfast at a nearby restaurant. Contact Neil Toews 250.862.3566 for information.

Men's Fraternity February Update

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

We are well into the second term of the Men's Fraternity first-year curriculum, "The Quest for Authentic Manhood," designed to help men to understand their masculine identity and pursue authentic manhood throughout their lives. We expect to continue in the fall with Year Two, as well as repeat the first year for newcomers. For more information contact Cam Stutters at 250.801.7237 or Pastor Barrie at 250.260.8626.



Now available at the table by the sanctuary

Our Daily Bread (a daily devotional booklet) March, April, May issue.

Praise & Prayer, a monthly prayer calendar for the Alliance in Canada, March 2010 issue.

Prime Timers 2010 Olympic Luncheon February 23rd

Join us at 12:30 pm for our luncheon with special guest speaker Karen Braun.

Mobilizing People to Seek God

First – Evangelism is the result of prayerfully living out our relationship with God in truth," explains Karen Braun, National Director of Breakthrough, the prayer ministry of Power to Change and organizer of the One Voice Conference that took place on October 23-24 in Vancouver, BC. Almost 500 people attended the conference, which featured prayer, worship, training, and keynote speakers like Dr. TV Thomas and David McFarlane, all focusing on revitalizing for spiritual breakthrough in preparation for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Come hear what has happened as a result – even some current events during the Olympics. Prayer is the fuel to ignite the flame!



Music by Sterling Dueck.

Sixteen charter members will be honored with certificates for long-time attendance.

Sign up sheets are now in the foyer. Cost is \$6.

Mission to Mexico Two weeks Away!

After a year of preparation, it's countdown time. On Friday, March 5th the team flies to Calgary, overnights there, and catches an early plane to Mexico City. There we will connect with a small Mexican church called Atizapan Alliance, and assist with their children's and youth ministry, as well as helping their local community outreach. We will return to Calgary on Monday, March 15th, and fly home to Kelowna on the morning of March 16th.

Our final briefing will be on Sunday, February 28th, and during the service we will be commissioned as a Short-term Missions team. We want to thank all of you for your financial assistance through our ongoing Bottle Drive, the Silent Dinner Auction, the Deeper and Wider offering last Sunday, and the many personal donations that were forthcoming. The Bottle Drive will continue right up until the end of February, so bring them to church anytime.

Our team of twelve:

Pastors Linda and Barrie Irvine, Janet and Jill Kirby, Rob and Tim Edwards, Will and Stefan Autio, Ana Tepper, Erika Warkentin, Steven Foster, and Lorne Campbell.



First Reading of Lent

As sporadic sounds waft through the air from the valley below, a deathly quiet pervades the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus grieves. John longs to reach out but hesitates at the look of torment in his Teacher's eyes. Peter looks around, ready to do something, anything, to end this agony. Jesus' body begins to shake. The Man James once thought would be king is now pale, gaunt, and powerless.

"Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." Strange words to describe a Deity. But He had given it all up—didn't consider equality with God something to cling to. Now what must the Messiah think? Does He long for a taste of the days when angels sang and all of creation cried out to His exalted presence? Would He shed His royal robes so readily in light of this smothering sadness? Is the love that once sent Him spinning into a woman's womb faltering, even a little?

A resounding no echoes through the halls of eternity. The wretchedness written on the face of Christ will play itself out to the bitter end. Anything less would leave God's children hanging in the balance, bound in the slave market of sin's great camp. This He cannot allow. In some strange way, God the Father is pleased to crush His only Son.

And so, as travelers below settle down for another night's sleep, God's eternal plan marches forward. Earth's countless inhabitants are oblivious to the waves of emotion crashing into Jesus, the Christ, threatening to drown Him with their force. *My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death.* He mourns, but life goes on.

RESPOND

Wait in the stillness of God's presence for several minutes. Have you ever lost someone or something dear to you? Lifelong plans and dreams? Friendship? Mother? Father? Child? Think back to that time, or try to imagine the kind of grief that can be described only as agony—both physical and mental.

Consider the words Jesus spoke: "My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death." Hear His voice speaking them. What might Jesus have been mourning in that moment? Ask God to give you a sense of the kind of sorrow Jesus was experiencing as He spoke those words. Wait and listen.

Welcome Luncheon

Are you 'new or nearly new' to Mission Creek Alliance?

If you have come to MCA over the past few months, we would like you to accept this as our special invitation to you to attend our

Welcome Luncheon

Sunday, March 7th

12:15 — 1:45 pm

In the Mission Creek Room

Come, enjoy good food, meet the staff and other folk who are also new to MCA.

Please call the church office by March 3rd to make your reservation 250.860.2427

YA LIFE INFORMATION

YA Life is a place for young adults aged 18-mid-20s to connect and grow in their walk with God together. We do this through COMMUNITY, TEACHING, and SERVICE. YA Life meets next Tuesday, March 2nd. Check www.drivenyouth.ca for more info.

YOUTH INFORMATION

IMPACT NIGHT this Thursday night 7:00 pm at the church.

February 27th SNL Presents: Movie Magic Awards

This night will be the award show night. We will be watching all the movies and then be handing out "Oscar" style awards. Students you need to come to the church in semi-formal clothes with \$10 in your hand for 7:00 pm. Pick up will be at 10:00 pm. **PARENTS:** As youth leaders we would like to invite you to join us for this event and help us celebrate the creativity of your students.

For more information on Youth and YA LIFE events go to the youth and YA LIFE website at: drivenyouth.ca

Evangelism Round Table – MCA

Are you interested in seeing evangelism take a higher profile at MCA? Do you desire to apply your gifts and skills in evangelism strategies through the church family? Would you like to help equip and train people for more effective outreach?

We want to explore possibilities and potential strategies for effective evangelism in our communities. So, we are hosting a round table discussion on **Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm at MCA.** Come if you are interested or contact: John Foster by email at fosterfinancial@uniserve.com or Pastor Terry

Women In Touch

**~Evening Edition~
Mondays at 7:00 pm**

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

~Morning Edition~

Tuesdays 9:00-11:00 am

This week is Care Group morning.

Next week, March 2nd is Queen for a Day?

Three Options Available:

- Beth Moore's DVD study: "Esther, It's Tough being a Woman"
- Growing God's Gifts Scrapbook Study
- Living Well Bible Study

Women of all ages and stages welcome on Tuesday mornings! Registration of \$15 for newcomers will apply. Childcare is available. Please note that this is a fragrance free morning.

Girlfriends Unlimited presents: Scrapbooking/Card Making Day

Join us on March 27th for an ENTIRE DAY of scrapbooking or card making.

Mark your calendars and watch for more details to come.

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.

Children's Ministries

Nursery Ages 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

5/6 Club

February 24th – Last week of Olympic challenges... wear your team pride and come out prepared to work hard and win your country a medal!

March 3rd Final 5/6 Club 6:30-8:00pm

“Olympic Closing Ceremonies” Party! This night is for Club kids and their parents or guardians. The evening will consist of food followed by some Olympic competition. Parents will compete as one country against their kids. We will wrap the evening up with our awards ceremony. Grade 6 families will also have a chance to meet our Youth leaders and Pastor.

Please bring a salad or a dessert. We will provide drinks, hotdogs and the FUN! RSVP to lynae@missioncreekalliance.com or 250.860.2427 x229 to reserve your spot. For more info contact Pastor Lynae Igel 250.860.2427 x229.

Family Event

Sunday, February 28th 6:00-8:00 pm –

Family Night at the Energyplex.

Families must pre-purchase tickets for the Energyplex in the Olympic Café between services.

Cost per family is: \$15 for 3, each additional member is \$2.50. (Children under 12 months FREE).



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 meets once a week on **Fridays from 9:30-11:30 am in the Church Gym!** We hope you will join us!



Kids Day Camp 2010

We set sail in 2010 for a “High Seas Expedition” July 12th—16th. Registration will begin April 12th. Mark your calendars today!

Kids Day Camp Leadership Team

Interested in being on the Leadership Team overseeing aspects of Stations, Registration, Food Services, Volunteer Coordinating, Decorations, Main Stage and Publicity? **First Leadership meeting will be Sunday, March 7th 11:00am-12:00pm.** Please contact Pastor Lynae Igel for more information.

Please note in all Children's Ministries areas:

We ask that you please refrain from bringing into the classrooms any product/snack that has or may contain traces of nuts.

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

FAMILY FUN NIGHT at THE ENERGYPLEX



SUNDAY, FEB 28TH 2010

6:00PM-8:00PM

Cost \$ 15/ Family of 3
Each additional member \$2.50
(Children under 12 months free)

Must Pre-purchase tickets.

**Available through the Church Office during the week
or in the lobby on Sunday mornings.**

UNLIMITED USE OF THE FOLLOWING...



**Coffee & Tea provided by MCA - Food is available
at a nominal fee.**

Attachment to the Report of the Board of Elders in the 2009 Annual Report

The following needs to be added after page 22 in your annual report. If you have not already picked up your annual report, reports are available at the Welcome Centre. Don't forget to join us tonight for our Membership Meeting at 7:00 pm

2009 MCA Ends Policy

1.0 An intergenerational community going deeper and wider with God

1.1 A community with a missional heart

A community with a seamless relationship between MCA & international workers/
churches
A community with a seamless relationship between local work/workers

1.2 A community that makes disciples of Jesus

A community that coaches people in their spiritual journey
A community that connects with pre-christians
A community that equips & encourages individuals in spiritual disciplines and practice

1.3 A community that cares for individuals in changing life circumstances

A community with a proactive personal care ministry
A community with opportunities to develop community

1.4 A community that properly stewards God given resources

A community with strong financial stewardship practices
A community that provides functional facilities and property for ministry purposes
A community that values our people resources

1.5 A community that is intentionally involved in leadership development

A community that develops volunteer leaders
A community that replicates leaders in the full spectrum of ministries
A community that provides leadership development for staff

1.6 A community that leads people to experience God individually and corporately

A community that experiences God in public worship times
A community that fosters personal holiness and healthy spirituality

Vocabulary

Intergenerational – reflect the generations in our community, respect for the different generations, intentionally serve each generation, we try to mix people, we value relationships between young and old, we look for the contribution of the varying generations, mentoring

Community – we reflect community because God is community, we get along well, we enjoy each other, do life together, relationships outside of the church attenders, learn from each other, vulnerability to share experiences, transparency, authentic relationships, inclusive, caring, shared resources, social justice

Going – movement, not sitting still, we have somewhere to go, assumes you have a goal, action, primary direction is outward, process, now, not someday,

Deeper – intimate relationships, with God, with others, Spirit filled life, dependency on Christ, spiritual disciplines, character development, thankfulness, good and hard times, solid foundation, maturing, Word, truth, giving up the truth you know for the Truth, repentance, change of mind, spiritual fruit, fruit of the Spirit, hearing God's voice

Wider – more than us, sharing our journey with others, global, traditional missions, lost people, spiritual journey, contextualize, world coming to us, unreached people groups, least reached people, cultural understanding, evangelism, outside the comfort zone, creative, risk, cost, social justice, meeting needs

With God – dependency, obedience, the reason, communion with Him, object of meditation, center of what we do, His agenda, seeking His kingdom first, He's our goal

Seamless relationships – are relationships that are characterized by ongoing communication, giving and receiving from each side. These relationships are also marked by shared vision and goals, active participation on site, prayer, care for real needs, intentionality, and support.