

### 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:**

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

### **At Home:**

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

### **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 19<sup>th</sup>. Date of Memorial service Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. here at Mission Creek Alliance.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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

250.860.2427

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[www.missioncreekalliance.com](http://www.missioncreekalliance.com)



### **February 28, 2010**

Welcome to Mission Creek Alliance Church! The much anticipated Vancouver Olympics are now almost over. The final medals will be handed out today and the closing ceremonies will conclude these memorable days. But this is not really the end, in a few days the Paralympics will begin. The gathering of athletes, coaches, supporters and spectators will happen again, followed by the dispersion at the end of the events. This is a familiar pattern; the gathering, the celebrating and the dispersion—it happens in the church too.

This morning our theme is "To the Nations." We'll gather together to worship, to celebrate communion, to commission some of our people to short term missions, and then we too will disperse. Pastor Terry will talk about the movement of the gospel to all nations, the dispersion that was modeled in the early chapters of the book of Acts. We are proud to interview Kelsey Wyse, our own Special Olympic athlete this morning.

Next Sunday we are starting a four-part series titled; "The Word". Pastor Terry will introduce us to the series and talk about Revelation—God's desire to reveal himself to you and me.

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!

#### **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.

### 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. Live streaming Olympic coverage.



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm at MCA**. Come if you are interested or contact: John Foster by email at [fosterfinancial@uniserve.com](mailto:fosterfinancial@uniserve.com) or Pastor Terry

### Board Report

The Board met face-to-face with a prospective candidate this week. The meeting had a peaceful sense of openness. Please pray as we seek the Spirit's direction, for His choice of two candidates. As of this week, the choice is not clear. Both are excellent candidates, open to the Spirit's leading. Pray for wisdom.

Perry Hildebrandt, Board Chair

### This Week at The Creek

#### **Sunday**

7:30 pm Men's Floor Hockey

#### **Monday**

6:30 pm Women In Touch—Evening Edition  
Last one of this semester.

#### **Tuesday**

9:00 am Women In Touch—Morning Edition. Queen For a Day

2:00 pm Prayerline

7:00 pm YA Life at Pastor Jesse's

#### **Wednesday**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast: Men's Prayer Breakfast: 2 Corinthians 6

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

### 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 7<sup>th</sup>*

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 3<sup>rd</sup> to make your reservation 250.860.2427

### 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](http://www.newhope-grief.org)

**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.

**Searchlight Gospel** presents Freedom Singers and BackPorch Gospel in concert March 7th at 7:00 pm at Summerland Baptist Church.

**Building a Firm Foundation:** A marriage conference presented by Family Life March 19-21<sup>st</sup> at the Delta Grand Okanagan Hotel. For information or to register 1.800.247.3180 or [familylifecanada.com](http://familylifecanada.com)

### Congratulations!

The following individuals were recognized with a special certificate to honor them as charter members of Prime Timers which began in 1983. All but two of the following were present at the meeting this week to receive their award:

Frieda Weiss - former Executive member  
Mary Wiens - former Executive member  
Cecile Ferguson - former Executive member  
Josephine and Chris Griesser - former Executive members  
Gertrude DeGroot, Kay Hawley, Ardis Hollands, Margaret Imrie, Joy Smith, Tena Schellenberg, Maud Stevenson, Gertrude and Albert Schock, George Siebring and Pauline Welwood



Congratulations to Adam and Belinda Gould on the birth of their second son, David born on February 23rd, weighing 8 lbs 4 oz.

## 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 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 First year for newcomers. For more information contact Cam Stutters at 250.801.7237 or Pastor Barrie at 250.260.8626.

## 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](http://www.drivenyouth.ca) for more info.

## YOUTH INFORMATION

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

For more information on Youth and YA LIFE events go to the youth and YA LIFE website at: [drivenyouth.ca](http://drivenyouth.ca)

## Women In Touch

### **~Evening Edition~**

**This Monday is our last meeting! Join us at 6:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm**

### **~Morning Edition~**

**Tuesdays 9:00-11:00 am**  
**This week is Queen for a Day? Join us as we celebrate Purim together.**

Queen Esther wore her beautiful gowns for her celebrations, we encourage you to wear something you feel special in for this morning.

Women of all ages and stages welcome on Tuesday mornings! 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. The day will go from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. There will be door prizes and demos throughout the day. Don't feel you have to come for the entire day! Come and go as you can.

Bring your own lunch and some snacks to share. Supper will be provided for small cost. Sign up today at the Welcome Centre.

## **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.

## **Mission to Mexico**

### **One Week Away!**

After a year of preparation, it's countdown time. On Friday, March 5 the team flies to Calgary, overnights there, and catches an early plane to Mexico City. There they 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 15<sup>th</sup>, and fly home to Kelowna on the morning of March 16.

Our final briefing is today, Sunday, Feb. 28, and during the service we will be commissioned as a Short-term Missions team. We want to thank all of you for your prayers and financial assistance throughout our year of preparation, particularly with the Bottle Drive, the Silent Dinner Auction, and the Deeper and Wider offering last Sunday, and the many personal donations that were forthcoming.

The Bottle Drive has been very successful, but now that we are about to leave, we do not require any further donations of returnable bottles and cans.

### **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.



Mission Creek Alliance presents a dramatic presentation of...

## **The Sermon on the Mount**



**Easter Sunday**  
**April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 am**  
**&**  
**11:00 am**

By special guest  
**Craig Erickson**

Special programming  
for children 5 & under

### **Craig Erickson**

Raised in Kamloops, Craig is a professional actor who has worked in theatres across North America. He has been doing this for the past 15 years as well as some film, television, and the occasional embarrassing commercial. He lives with his wife Kaylyn and their three children, Elody, Abby and Luke in East Vancouver. He is always happy to be in Kelowna, as it is the home of his parents-in-law, long-time residents Rev. Albert and Beryl Baldeo.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### 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.

## First Reading of Lent

As they near the Garden of Gethsemane, a figure emerges from the shadows, his voice piercing the night with a calm none of the crowd can comprehend: "Whom do you seek?"

Judas recoils, trying to slip behind a Roman soldier. The others come to an abrupt stop, some stumbling over one another in surprise. The military leader pulls himself up and barks: "Jesus of Nazareth."

"I am He."

In tandem, everyone of them falls backward as if felled by a single stroke of lightning. After a moment's confusion, they struggle to their feet, baffled and embarrassed.

The quiet stranger asks again, "Whom do you seek?"

This time several call out: "Jesus—Jesus of Nazareth."

"I am He. I am the One you look for—let these others go."

With these words Jesus offers His disciples an opportunity to escape and the betrayer a chance to walk away. The soldiers seem perplexed. They have come to arrest a hardened criminal, a dangerous interloper—not this commoner who stands before them. No one knows quite what to do.

No one, that is, except Judas, who now wrestles with a terrible sense of foreboding. Jesus looks into the crowd, searching for his face. Prodded by the priests, Judas finally steps out and throws his arms around his Teacher. "Rabbi." Judas kisses Jesus slowly—first on one cheek, then the other.

Does the face of Christ burn when those lips touch His cheeks? Does He kiss Judas back, holding him close for just a second amid the crazy chaos of the night?

Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?

Time is suspended, the onlookers frozen in awkward stillness as they observe the painful interaction. Betrayed by a kiss.

It could have been so much easier. Judas could have stood at a safe distance, pointing a finger while the soldiers rushed in. He could have called out from afar: "That's the One—there He is He's your man."

Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?

No reprimand. No rebuke. Just riveting words that rock the money-keeper to his very core. The Redeemer reaches out in the face of lethal disloyalty and fixes forever His own terrible fate.

### **RESPOND**

Try to imagine the scenes in the Garden that night disciples waking from restless sleep, Jesus intent on revealing Himself, angry religious leaders and powerful soldiers forming a silent but deadly mob, and one man embracing betrayal as a way of life. Place yourself there.

Sense what Jesus must have felt as the crowd approached. Consider what it is like to have someone you deeply love betray you in such a way. Hear the tender voice of Jesus. Meditate on 1 Timothy 1:15: "It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all" (NASB).

Consider that you, too, are a sinner, at a core level no different, from Judas's in the moment he betrayed Christ. Offer a prayer of gratitude that Jesus receives you daily to His side, loving you unconditionally.

## 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

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> Final 5/6 Club 6:30-8:00 pm - "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 up 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](mailto:lynae@missioncreekalliance.com) or 250.860.2427 x229 to reserve your spot.**

### Family Event – Last chance to get tickets!!!!

Tonight from **6:00-8:00 pm** – Family Night at the Energyplex.

**Family must pre-purchase tickets for the Energyplex in the Olympic Café between services this morning.**

**We will be streaming live the Closing ceremonies!!! Don't miss out!**

Cost per family is: \$15 for 3; each additional member is \$2.50.

### 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.



### 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00am-12:00pm.** Please contact Pastor Lynae Igel for more information.

For more information contact the Children's Ministry Department or visit our website [www.missioncreekalliance.com](http://www.missioncreekalliance.com)