

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.

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.

In hospital this week:

Kae Hawley, Jody Miller

At Home:

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

Medical concerns:

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

Care Home residents:

Brandt Creek Mews – Lynn Mower, Agnes Miller

Cottonwoods – Isabel Jasper, Laura Stark

Fernbrae Manor – Tena Schellenberg, Margaret Imrie

Mountainview Village – Maude Stevenson

Spring Valley Care Centre – Muriel Makaroff

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

Sutherland Hills – Rose Marie Mathers, Irene McCarthy

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

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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January 17, 2010

Welcome to Mission Creek Alliance! The structures, habits, patterns and disciplines that are a part of our lives are meant to prepare us for life. Coupled with life experiences, education and life lived with others we develop a framework for what we have little or no control of – the future. But how do you ever prepare for what has happened in Haiti this week? And how do you understand the human challenges and suffering? Our hearts go out to the people of Haiti, and we pray for them...for healing and restoration, for God's work in their nation.

We can put hands to our concern, by relief support, using the provided envelopes. Our church denomination is partnering with reputable relief agencies to help in this crisis.

Our January series on Training for Life is meant to help us prepare for our lives. The important message from Colossians 3:16-17 of Dwelling in Christ is the focus for this morning.

Next week we are welcoming Dr. Tim Tjosvold back to MCA. Tim will continue our series on Training for Life.

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.

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

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

Friday

9:30 am POPS



Haiti Earthquake Appeal

Haiti has been hit with a devastating earthquake and the C&MA in Canada will be participating in relief efforts through partner Christian Relief and Development agencies.

The C&MA does not have International Workers in Haiti but there are Alliance churches in Haiti. Here are some prayer requests to assist you in praying for the situation:

1. Security and Safety.
2. Post Traumatic Stress. We have reports that there are people crying as they are dying in the streets. Many, including children are watching this unfold in front of them.
3. Pray for the Church in Haiti that God will use them to communicate hope and compassion in this tragedy.
4. Pray that non-believers will be drawn to Christ through this time.
5. Pray for the Christian relief and development agencies – that there will be unity and wisdom .
6. Pray for strength, safety and endurance for relief workers.

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 are now available in the foyer.

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 have clients needing volunteer assistance and in anticipation of meeting these needs we are offering volunteer orientation on Saturday, January 23rd, at the Church of the Nazarene from 9:00 – 11:30 AM. If you are not familiar with our mission our website is www.churchservecanada.org . If you would like further information, please contact us.

Offering Envelopes

2010 offering envelopes are now in your mailbox. Please be sure to pick up your box today.

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.

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 – Wed Jan 20th – Mission Impossible

Wear your darkest of dark clothes and join us for the ultimate challenge...

Club runs 6:30—8:00 pm and the cost is \$25 for the semester and runs until March 3rd.

You and friends can register anytime throughout the semester. Register today at the Welcome Centre or download the form off the church website. For more info contact Pastor Lynae Igel 250.860.2427 ext 229

Family Events Coming - February 28th

If you have a passion and a desire to see families connect in fun and creative ways... we are looking for couples or individuals to be on our planning team for the next event on February 28th - please contact Pastor Lynae by January 17th 2010.

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!

Plan to Protect Training—January 24th
From 11:00 am—1:00 pm in the Mission Creek Room

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 am in the Church Gym!** We hope you will join us!

POPS has started up again for 2010 in the church gym! We hope to see you here!



Facility Projects Update

Later this month we will be installing a new floor in the gym. This will be a great safety upgrade for users of the gym and improves the room for multi-purpose use. Hurray!

Funds for this project came in through 2009 in addition to our unified budget giving.

There are additional facility projects we would like to complete as the funds become available. These projects include:

- A shower for the church
- Replace the flooring in the Mission Creek Room
- Resurfacing the parking lot

As funds become available these projects will be completed.



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!

Board Update

The Board of Elders and the Pastoral Search Committee are continuing to meet regularly as we are working to discern the Lord's Will in finding our new pastor. Due to the confidential nature of the process, it is difficult to keep the congregation feeling informed and involved. Be assured that significant strides in our search are being made. Please continue to keep this matter before the Lord in your prayers. The support and patience of the congregation is much appreciated. God has great things in store for our church.

Opportunity to hear Marie Enns founder of "Place of Rescue" in Cambodia

On Sunday, January 24th from 6:30-8:00 pm Marie will be sharing the amazing faith story of "Place of Rescue", a safe haven for families living with AIDS, 151 orphan children, orphan grannies and young unmarried pregnant women. Here the love of Jesus is shared and experienced, miracles take place.

Marie Enns is a well-known C&MA missionary who has spent her life along with her late husband Norm in Cambodia and France reaching the Cambodian people. After becoming a widow, God put a deep desire in her heart to return to Cambodia to work with widows and orphans who were victims of AIDS. She has been the feature of CBC full-length news profiles as well as been the guest on 100 Huntley Street.

Come and hear this ongoing miraculous story of love, compassion and action!

Weekday Bible Study

Tom Koop's weekly Bible Study has resumed Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

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 this 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 this 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!

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 this Tuesday.

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.

Mission to Mexico—Silent Dinner

Auction

Now that the busyness of Christmas season is past, our **STM Team to Mexico** is getting fired up for the last leg of preparation...only seven weeks to go. The team from Mission Creek Alliance will be landing in Mexico City on March 6, 2010 to assist the Atizapan Alliance church with children's ministry, outreach to both the local, and a rural community, and any repairs the church may require. The team will return March 15th.

Our final big drive is in the form of a Silent Dinner Auction, where dinner menus can be bid upon by placing your name and bid on an Auction Bidding Sheet which will be on display, along with the menu for two consecutive Sundays, January 24th and 31st. The times and places for the dinners will be decided on between the winning bidder and the meal provider.

The ongoing bottle drive for fund raising is still in affect. Any Christmas season collections can be brought to the church anytime.

Please come out and support us on those days.

Women In Touch

~Evening Edition~

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

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

~Morning Edition~

Tuesdays 9:00-11:00 am

Winter semester: January 12th to April 13th (excluding Spring Break)

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

New! Living Well Bible Study

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

We are 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 on Tuesday mornings! Registration of \$15 for newcomers will apply. Childcare is available. Please note that this is a fragrance free morning.

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.

Youth News

January 21st IMPACT (All Youth)

Impact is a time of fellowship and small groups. It will be a great 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.

January 29-30 SNL Presents: 24

We will be having 24 hours of youth ministry, and it will be an amazing 24 hours. There will be food, huge church games, winter fun on Saturday, and did I mention food and games? Parents drop off your kids at 7:00 pm on Friday night and come back and get them at 7:00 pm on Saturday night. All this fun is only \$15. Registration and details will be available starting today.

Youth Conference Registration forms are now available at the Welcome Centre for all Senior High Students. **Forms must be in to Pastor Jesse by January 22nd.**

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 Group meets on January 26th at Pastor Jesse's house at 7:00 pm.

Eagle Bay Camp

Registration is now open for summer 2010. Registration forms are now available in the foyer. Register early so you are not disappointed! All LIT, SLP, staff, and volunteer applications are posted on the Eagle Bay Website. If you have any questions call us at the camp office 250 549-5139 or email office@eaglebaycamp.com