

### 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:**

Kay Hawley, Jodi Miller, Faye Cyr, Elan Epp

### **At Home:**

Tillie Brown, Lyle & Marietta Talbot, Russell (& Mary) Vasselín, Peter & Thelma Meier, Joy Smith, George Siebring, Ken (& June) Shaw

### **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

**Spring Valley Care Centre** – Muriel Makaroff

**Sun Pointe Village** – Margaret Burns, Don Sipe

**Sutherland Hills** – Rose Marie Mathers, Irene McCarthy

Condolences to Doris Sharp and her family in the passing of her husband, Bob, a long-time resident of Sun Pointe Village. A service of Remembrance is planned at Sun Pointe on January 30th at 11:00 am.

### 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

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### **January 24, 2010**

Welcome to Mission Creek Alliance! Some people say that our corporate times of worship are practice for eternity, when people of all tribes and nations will worship together (Rev. 7:9-10). If worshipping together is good training, I can see value in both the regular practice now and the anticipated future. The same is true in every aspect of Training for Life, there is value and benefit in the regular practice and the resulting growth and spiritual maturity.

Tim Tjosvold is our speaker this morning. Tim has been an international worker with the C&MA for many years, currently working with the people of Niger. His Training for Life message is in the area of service and submission.

Next week the Training for Life series concludes with Chris Throness. Chris spent most of his growing up years here in Kelowna, graduated from Ambrose University College in Calgary, and has served at the Vernon Alliance Church. Chris will talk to us about the need for community.

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**

6:30 pm Evening with Marie Enns  
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  
12:00 pm Prime Timers Luncheon

7:00 pm YA Life at Pastor Jesse's

#### **Wednesday**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Tim Tjosvold (Missionary to Niger) will be speaking

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

7:00 pm All Youth 24 at the church

### Coming soon...Olympic Café!

Cost is \$2 for beverage and snack  
Children's Play area

Live streaming Olympic coverage

**Starting at 10:30 am in the gym beginning February 7th.**

### Opportunity to hear Marie Enns

#### **founder of "Place of Rescue" in Cambodia**

Tonight 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! We will be meeting in the Mission Creek Room.**

### **PRIME TIMERS JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.churchservecanada.org)

Kelowna Right to Life will be hosting the acclaimed **Pro Life 101 workshop** at their office at 241-1889 Springfield Road on Thursday, January 28th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Participation is free and refreshments will be provided. Please call 250 862-8202 or email [kelownarighttolife@telus.net](mailto:kelownarighttolife@telus.net) to register as seating is limited.

Now available at the table by the elevators: 2010 Camp Schedule for Maple Springs Bible Camp.

Springfield Funeral Home: Grief Care Program led by Grief Counsellor Mr. Clair Janzen begins on February 18th. To register and for more information please contact Springfield Funeral Home 250.860.7077.

Melanie Hart in concert on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Summerland Baptist Church. This concert is a benefit concert to support the relief work in Haiti.

# Table Talk

## Are The Lights Still On?

In the *Toronto Star* the day after New Year's Day, two reporters told their story of wandering about downtown Toronto on New Year's Eve trying to find a party. Apparently they saw lights on in a church and some kind of music, but when they tried to get in, the person at the door told them it was a different nationality inside and shut the door. Not welcome. Physically the lights were on, but in fact, they were not.

My question is this, are the lights still on in Christian churches in North America? Your Board of Directors recently heard a lengthy presentation from sociologist Reginald Bibby. Dr. Bibby encouraged us that there is a spiritual awareness among Canada's youth and that we, the Alliance Church, need to keep thinking, keep working, keep praying to bring them in.

This encouragement is on my mind as I reflect on my recent attendance at Inter-Varsity's missionary conference Urbana, held in St. Louis. There, the football stadium where the Rams play was filled with thousands of university students. The conference focused on the Gospel of John, and in the Wednesday morning session, a sermon was presented on Christ, the Light of the World. It was a message that stirred me, as a clear line was drawn between Christ the light and all other pretenders. Then at the end, opportunity was given for those who wished to commit, those who wished to cross into the light of Christ. A glow stick was passed to those who raised their hand and they were invited to pull on it to light it and to hold it up, and then to rise and go to a room for further discussion. I was deeply moved to see a stream of lights below me on the stadium floor, first scattered, then gathered and moving out as a declaration of commitment. These are university students, the cream of tomorrow's business and scientific leaders, and they are taking a stand; they are turning to, and turning on, the light.

So dear brothers and sisters in our Alliance churches in Canada, let us not grow weary, let us not listen to those who tell us that the message of Christ must somehow be changed in its essence, let us not believe that the current generation will not respond. Christ is Christ, he is the light, and thousands of our youth are turning to him and committing themselves to bringing the light to our world. Don't retreat into the safety of your church. Move out aggressively in 2010 with the Good News. All sorts of people are waiting to hear, waiting to commit.

Franklin Pyles, President

## 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

**Plan 2 Protect Training** today in the Mission Creek Room 11:00am-1:00pm.

### 5/6 Club – Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Olympics Prep

This week you will divide up into your Olympic teams and create your team flag and song to represent your country. Each Wednesday in February we will focus on the Olympics!

Club runs 6:30-8:00pm and the cost is \$25 for the semester and runs until March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

You and friends can register anytime through the semester. Register today at the info desk or download it off the church website. For more info contact Pastor Lynae Igel ext 229

#### Family Events Coming

##### Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

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 28<sup>th</sup> - The first meeting will be Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am in the Board Room. Please contact Pastor Lynae to be a part of this team.

#### Kids Day Camp 2010

We set sail in 2010 for a "High Seas Expedition" July 12<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup>. Registration will begin April 12<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars today!

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



## MCA Membership Meeting

**Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>**

This meeting will include our 2009 year in review. There will be reports from all MCA ministries. We will have our budget approval for January-July 2010.

Also included will be a few bylaw changes. For details on the bylaws changes please refer to the posted sheets that will be out next Sunday.



## Youth News

### **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 forms are available at the Welcome Centre.

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

### 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 this Tuesday at Pastor Jesse's house at 7:00 pm. Contact Pastor Jesse for directions.

### 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](mailto:office@eaglebaycamp.com)

*Congratulations* to our intern Greg Baker! He just received word this week that he has been hired as associate pastor position at Beverly Alliance Church in Edmonton, AB. He will begin this position on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 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 beginning the second term in our program and are welcoming newcomers during the month of January. The "Quest for Authentic Manhood" is a curriculum focused on helping men to understand their masculine identity and 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

### *Haiti Relief*

A big Thank you! To the MCA family for your donations towards our Haiti Relief offering taken last Sunday. Because of your generous gifts we were able to send \$5,711.14 for Haiti relief. This combined with the government's matching means that MCA contributed \$11,422.28!

If you would still like to contribute towards the Haiti Relief fund, envelopes are available at the Welcome Centre.

## 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**

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.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

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 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 collections can be brought to the church anytime.

Please come out and support us on those days.