

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 inform either Pastor Jan or Lorna at the church office.

In hospital this week:

Children's Hospital, Vancouver: Elan Epp and Aaron Wong

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

Congratulations to Ed and Dinie Haasdyk on the arrival of a new grandchild on February 14, 2010. Katherine Joy (Katie) was born (weighing 8 lb. 4 oz) to the Haasdyks' daughter, Caroline and Byron Porritt of Calgary.

Our sympathy to Fred and Leona Mentanko on the passing of Fred's brother in Winnipeg this week.

Congratulations to Mary Haywood who is celebrating her 90th birthday today.

If you attended a recent evening with Missionary to Cambodia, Marie Ens, and ordered her children's book, "My Forever Home" please pick up your copy from Lorna in the office (Monday-Thursday).

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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March 7, 2010

Welcome to Mission Creek Alliance Church! Are you still basking in the glow of the Olympic games? Are you looking forward to the Paralympics? Are you experiencing some withdrawal from the extensive coverage and national euphoria? During the month of March we are investigating the enduring Word. We'll investigate aspects of the Bible including: revelation—God revealing Himself to us, the origins of the Scriptures, the role of the Holy Spirit in bringing the Bible to life, and the Living Word.

This morning Pastor Terry will introduce our series on The Word and explores the idea of revelation. God pursues us and deeply desires to reveal Himself to you and me. What difference does that make? How does God reveal Himself to us?

Next Sunday our series on The Word continues with Brian Derksen speaking on: How did we get the Book we have? The Bible is a book of ancient writing that has relevance to our lives today. We look forward to seeing you again next week!

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!

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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

12:15 pm Welcome Lunch

7:30 pm Men's Floor Hockey

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

Friday

9:30 am POPS

Welcome Luncheon

Today from 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.

Board Report

The Board met face-to-face with a prospective candidate last 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

Financial Update

Thank you for your continued faithful giving to God for His ministries through Mission Creek Alliance Church.

Total general fund giving for 2009 was \$712,820. This was quite a bit less than the budgeted amount of \$765,300. However, MCA's expenses for 2009 were also less than the expected \$765,300. Taking everything into account, MCA finished 2009 with expenditures exceeding giving by \$11,983.

Below is a giving update for the 2010 year so far. Please watch for this monthly update in the first bulletin of each month.

Year to date 2010

Total general fund giving to the end of February 2010	\$102,738
General Fund faith giving goal to the end of February	\$ 96,325
Exceeded faith giving goal by	\$ 6,413

Giving to the end of February 2009	\$ 94,174
Exceeded giving in 2010 as compared to 2009	\$ 8,564

Month of February 2010

Total general fund giving for February 2010	\$ 50,099
General Fund faith giving goal for February 2010	\$ 49,905
Exceeded faith giving goal for month by	\$ 194

Giving for February 2009	\$ 7,562
Exceeded giving in Feb 2010 as compared to 2009	\$ 2,537

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

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 19-21st at the Delta Grand Okanagan Hotel. For information or to register 1.800.247.3180 or familylifecanada.com

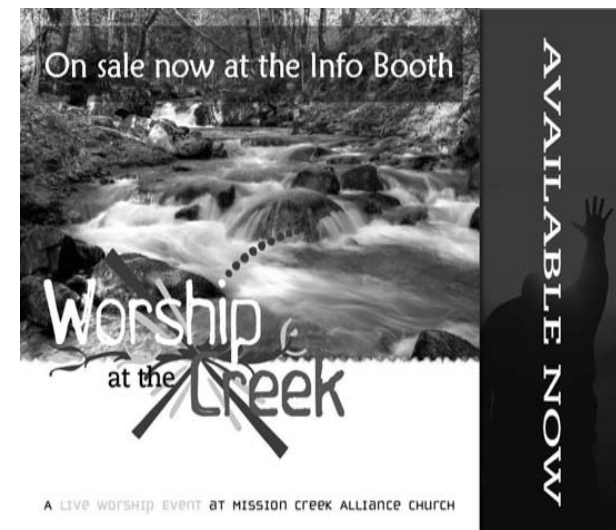
Church Serve is growing and has clients who need volunteer assistance! In anticipation of meeting these needs we are offering volunteer orientation Saturday, March 27th from 9:00—11:30 am at St. David's Presbyterian, 271 Glenmore Rd.

If you are interested in an evening of fabulous young singers, musicians, dancers and more, Rhonda Draper invites you to the "Kelowna's Got Amazing Young Talent" concert on March 25th, at 6:15 or 8:00 pm at the Kelowna Community Theater. Tickets are \$10.00 and 100% of the proceeds go to education projects in Uganda. If you love the voices of children, many of them from this congregation, please come out and support us! The young talent is stunning and inspiring. Let's support young performers!

Now available on the table by the elevator: BC Christian News March 2010 issue.

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.



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 6 with Rick Nicol, and prayer, followed by breakfast at a nearby restaurant. Contact Neil Toews 250.862.3566 for information.

Men's Fraternity March 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.

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 16th.

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.

Women In Touch

~Evening Edition~ All done for this semester. See you in September!

~Morning Edition~

Tuesdays 9:00-11:00 am

No Women In Touch Morning Edition until March 23rd. Please join us then as we look at the Second Chances National Project video. On March 30th we will have a special presentation from Dr. Sarah Brears for the Okanagan Valley Pregnancy Care Centre.

Girlfriends Unlimited presents:

Scrapbooking/Card Making Day

March 27th

9:00 am—9:00 pm

Looking for a day of being creative? Join us for this great day of laughter, creativity and of course lots of fun!

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 are able. Not very creative but want to join us? Why not come for supper and the evening?

Bring your own lunch and a snack to share.

Cost for the entire day: \$10. Cost for just dinner: \$7 and cost for a portion of the day: \$5.

Sign up today at the Welcome Centre.

Baby Shower

The women of the church are invited to a baby shower for Kristy Towson and her daughter Kailey on Sunday, March 14th at 2:30 pm in the Connections Café. Kailey will be five months old at the time of the shower. Join us for an afternoon of celebration as we bless this family!

Mission to Mexico

After a year of preparation we are finally in Mexico City connecting

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.

We want to again 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 on our way, 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.



Pastors at General Assembly

Pastors Terry Dyck and Jesse Criss will be travelling to our denomination's biennial general assembly this week. Every second year our denomination (Christian & Missionary Alliance) holds the highest governing meetings (General Assembly) involving delegates and workers from churches across Canada.

These meetings are reporting on what God is doing across our nation, and through international workers in many countries of the world. The time is also spent in visioning the future, dealing with legislative matters, elections and business of the denomination.

Pastor Terry is serving on the Nominations Committee for the assembly. This year we will be electing members to the Board of Directors and establishing a Nominations Committee for a presidential election in two years' time. Pastor Jesse will be serving on the Finance Committee at General Assembly.

Following General Assembly Pastor Jesse will be participating in a short term mission in Poland with the Orrs, who are C&MA international workers in that country. Pastor Terry and Sandy will be travelling to the Ukraine after General Assembly to help with ESL classes, Terry will be preaching in prison ministry and together they will be involved in a food distribution program.

Pray for them during these next weeks and for the General Assembly.

Mission Creek Alliance presents a dramatic presentation of...

The Sermon on the Mount



By special guest
Craig Erickson

Easter Sunday
April 4th
9:30 am
&
11:00 am

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.

Third Reading of Lent

"Out-everyone out. We must take Him to our chief priest. "

The guards move quickly, dragging Jesus in their midst. A bystander runs outside to spread the news. "He's coming—they're bringing the prisoner through the courtyard to Caiaphas." Word spreads from servant to maid, from guard to priest, from fire to fire. Peter's hands begin to shake. He has tried to remain hidden since they recognized his Galilean accent. But the coals from the fire where he stands have burst into flame, lighting up his face.

"You—it is you! You're the one who cut off my uncle's ear when they tried to arrest the Carpenter. You are one of His men."

Spewing foul and angry words, Peter denies ever having been in the presence of Jesus the Christ. But no one is listening now, the commotion across the way having caught their attention. The prisoner is being jerked and shoved through the courtyard.

Suddenly Jesus stops. For a brief second silence fills the air. He looks straight into the eyes of Simon Peter, His boisterous and bold disciple. What does He see? Shame? Defeat? Hopelessness?

Does He wish He could reach out to Peter, to comfort him in some way and reassure him of His love?

"Get moving," a guard yells, and the rope is pulled once again. Jesus moves on.

Peter feels as if his stomach has been turned inside out. He must get out of here. Pushing his way toward the gate, a distant screech pierces the raucous revelry of the crowd, stopping Peter in his tracks. A rooster crows for the second time.

Haunting words batter his mind, relentless words, sickening words: Before a rooster crows twice, you yourself will deny Me three times.

Peter turns and runs, hot tears burning his cheeks—past the castle gate, down a dark road, running, running, until he can run no more. Collapsing on the hard ground, he sheds bitter tears, remorse filling every fiber of his being.

He has failed his Teacher, his Lord, his Friend. And nothing can ever soothe the ache in his gut, except perhaps a touch from Christ Himself. But for now, that cannot be. Before this night is over, the Master will face the sentence of death. And Peter can only weep.

RESPOND

We often think of Peter as the one who betrayed Christ, but in reality, he was one of the few who stayed near Him after the arrest.

What might have been his thoughts, feelings, and fears as he followed at a distance? Place yourself in the courtyard that night. See yourself being asked about your relationship to Christ. How would it feel to deny Him as Peter did? Do you at times deny Him by your life? By your words or lack of words?

Jesus was neither surprised nor discouraged at Peter's failure—He knew it would happen. In fact, after His resurrection, it seems He may have sought Peter out. Their conversation is not recorded—just the fact that it took place (see 1 Corinthians 15:3-5). Imagine those moments together. If it were you, what would you want to say? To do?

Consider your own weaknesses, failures, and sin. Christ is not surprised or discouraged. Come to Him today to receive His love and forgiveness, and to pour out your heart in love.

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

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 Meeting

— set for today has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for April 11th, 11:00am-12:00pm.



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!

No POPS on Friday April 2nd – Good Friday. Join us for our Church wide "Journey to the Cross" guided experience.

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

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.



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.

Check www.drivenyouth.ca for more info.

YOUTH INFORMATION

Next IMPACT March 25th.

For more information on Youth events go to the Youth and YA LIFE website at:

www.drivenyouth.ca

March 27 SNL Presents: March Madness

March Madness will be an all youth group shopping/photo scavenger hunt. Meet at the church for 7:00 pm with \$10 in hand and some friends at your side. You will be put into teams and be given a shopping list of things you will need to find and buy, as well as pictures your group will need to take. Pick up will be at 10pm.

BONUS: Each item you buy will be donated to a local charity like the food bank or the pregnancy care centre. So when you're having fun you can also be helping others. It's going to be a great night.

April 25th—Baptism Sunday. If you are interested in baptism, please contact the church office.

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.