

Family Matters

~ **Caring for one another** ~

Please take time this week to pray for:

At Home:

Kay Hawley
Tillie Brown

In Hospital:

Needing special prayer for medical concerns:

Fred & Anne Braun Dan Willms
Helen Shalagan

Home-bound

Twin Maples – Muriel Makaroff
Mountainview – Maude Stevenson
Sutherland Hills - Irene McCarthy
Rose Marie Mathers
Joseph Benjamin – Laura Stark
SunPointe Village – Margaret Burns
Don Sipe, Bob Sharp, Esther Tjosvold
Fernbrae Manor – Tena Schellenberg
Margaret Imrie
Cottonwoods—Isabel Jasper

If you know of someone who is in hospital or anyone who needs a friendly visit or other help, please contact Lorna at the church office.

Mission to Mexico Fundraiser

We are collecting refundable beverage containers as a fundraiser for our Mexico Missions trip next Spring Break. However, due to limited storage space, we are asking that they be brought in during specified weeks, and the STM team will then sort them. The weeks are: November 2nd-8th, November 30th-December 6th. Many thanks. For information call Pastor Barrie at 250.260.8626.

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
Greg Baker: Intern

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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November 1, 2009

Do you get thrown by the time change? How about any change at all? God loves you completely, but loves you too much to leave you as you are. He wants to change you from the inside out, and that is part of the reason we gather each week. We desire to see God change us, to transform us, so we can better love him and love others. That's another aspect of what it means to "be the church".

This Sunday Quentin Steen will preach the first message in a three-part series - What Does it Take to Please God? Galatians 1:1-10. Religious "treadmills" come in many different forms. They're easy to jump on and difficult to stop. Left unchecked, they have the capacity to destroy the foundation of Christian Faith-the person and work of Jesus Christ. This series exposes three specific "treadmills" embedded in the popular spiritual questions of: ***How Can I Earn God's Favour? What Does It take To Please God? and How Can I Avoid Displeasing Him?***

Next week we will recognize Remembrance Day in our services. The theme for the Sunday will be "Freedom". Our guest speaker will be Dr. Gerald Sharon, a senior staff member at well known Saddleback Church in California. We are also looking forward to a live report of what God is doing in Afghanistan.

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
Please note: meeting in the Board Room this week only.

Tuesday

9:00 am Women In Touch—Morning Edition
2:00 pm Prayerline

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
3:30 pm Xplore Music

Friday

9:30 am POPS at the church



Shoebox Gifts

MCA once again enthusiastically participates in the Samaritan's Purse project that sends thousands of "shoebox" gifts to underprivileged children around the globe. Shoeboxes and brochures are available in the lobby. Please read carefully regarding the types of items to be avoided. Filled boxes may be returned to the church each Sunday up until November 15th. For more details, call Pastor Barrie at 250.260.8626.

New to Mission Creek Alliance?

Please accept this as your invitation to our
Welcome Luncheon
Today from 12:15—1:45 pm

This a great opportunity for you to:

- meet the Pastoral staff
- discover more about MCA
- become acquainted with other folk who are also new.

Please reply by filling out a Connections Card today or by calling the church office at 250.860.2427

Church Directory Update

Don't Be Left Out!

If you are not yet listed in our church directory, we would love to include you. Please stop by the Info Desk today to fill out the form provided.

If you're already in our directory, please check the draft update at the Info Desk to see if your contact information is correct. If there are no changes, just initial your listing to approve it. Please indicate any changes on the form provided.

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 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

Okanagan Bible College is offering a **free** credit course "A Survey Of The Parables" at MCA, on November 6th (7:00-9:00 pm) and November 7th, (9:00 am-4:00 pm). The guest lecturer is Dr. Gerald Sharon, Director of Purpose Driven Network, with the Saddleback Church in California. To register, please call Fred Braun at 250.860.1144.

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.



November 6th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Warm up with a nice cup of hot apple cider, a piece of cheesecake or pie and some good friends.

Enjoy a night of games, crafts and good conversation with friends both old and new!

Bring a \$5 ornament for our 1st annual ornament exchange.

If you want to do a craft please sign up at the Info Desk so we can have the supplies on hand.

Cost is \$5.00 per person at the door

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.

Women In Touch

~Evening Edition~

Monday evenings (except Holidays) from 7:00 —9:00 pm in the Board Room this week.

Featuring:

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

~Morning Edition~

Tuesday mornings*** from 9:00—11:00 am in the Mission Creek Room.

Three choices available:

- "Esther - It's Tough Being A Woman" Beth Moore DVD Bible study
- "God's Good Gifts" Scrapbooking Bible Study
- "Growing In Christ" Beginning steps in your Christian life

***Excellent childcare available for ages 0 to Kindergarten

For more information on Women's Ministries contact Pastor Jan at 250.860.2427 #223.



Threads No Strings Attached Free Winter Clothing Event

**Saturday, November 14th
from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
At Mission Creek Alliance.**

Bring your family
Bring your friends

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 in the Connections Café. 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

Men's Fraternity Ministry is now under way. It is a developmental curriculum so it is difficult for new people to join midway, but we would be pleased to answer any questions about it. We are into the first year of a three-year program called "The Quest for Authentic Manhood" which is focused on helping men to *"understand their masculine identity and how 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

Weekday Bible Study

Tom Koop's weekly Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Mission Creek Room with a look at the Book of Revelation.

Board Report

Your Board met again this Tuesday, October 20th. We have a conundrum. We are busting at the seams: more youth in Youth, more women in Women's, more men in Men's, more Prime Timers in Prime Timers, more kids in Kids, etc. and yet we are over \$30,000 behind in our targeted giving to this point of the year. We are in better shape than other similar sized churches, but that is a small consolation. Please pray for each other. We understand many may be having challenging times.

The PSC have been in dialogue with potential candidates and have seen some movement but have nothing to announce at this time. CMA in Alberta has over a dozen vacancies, and we have received much less response that we expected. Please continue to pray.

The Board formally approved our Desired Key Results and recorded them as an Ends Statement in our Policy Manual. It is our expression of "Deeper and Wider with God".

In order to align our fiscal year with our ministry year, the BOE has approved a staff motion to change in our fiscal yearend from Dec 31 to July 31, beginning in the 2010 year.

I continue to believe the local church is the best source of Spiritual Encouragement and our best investment because it is accountable to you.

Perry Hildebrandt
Board Chair

Children's Ministries

Parents: Please pick up a letter available at all classrooms regarding our health policies.

9:30am service

Nursery Age 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 (For those in Grades 5 & 6)

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm – Come on out and bring a friend!

November 4th – Meet at the Church 6:30 pm for Wacky games night!

November 11th – No 5/6 Club this week

Coming Family Event

EnergyPlex Family Fun night!

Sunday November 8th 6:30 – 8:00pm

We have booked the Energyplex for 1.5 hrs to play on the Climbing Tower, the Energy Cube and to tumble in the Gymnastics Zone! Fun for all ages... childcare is not provided – children must attend with an adult.



Cost is \$15 for a family of 3. Each additional family member is \$2 (under 12 months – Free).

Must RSVP to reserve your spot. **Sign up today at the info desk.** Snacks/Food is available at a nominal fee at the Energy Café. Coffee, Tea & juice will be provided by MCA.



**come join us on Fridays
in the church gym
9:30-11:30 am**

Preschoolers will love this weekly 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!



Youth & YA Life News

Please be in prayer for our youth this weekend. We have over 50 students at a youth retreat at Eagle Bay Camp this weekend.

YA LIFE Group

YA Life is a place for young adults aged 18-mid 20's. There are newsletters available at the Info Desk with all our event information up to December.

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.

2009 Projects

The following have been designated as 2009 Projects:

1. New gym floor
2. A shower on the 2nd floor
3. Re-carpet the Mission Creek Room
4. Seal the parking lot

We are offering an opportunity for those who want to give toward a worthwhile project. As our ministries grow, the stress on our building increases. Our 2009 Projects opportunity is to remove obstacles toward growth and effective ministry. Our desire is to properly plan for the facility needs and at the same time continue to make our facility a functional tool for our church family as well as community ministries.

Please designate "2009 Projects" on your offering envelopes.

Money received to date \$9,430.97



You can participate in a variety of ways.

Why not consider **being** the church by helping out in your neighbourhood? You could rake a neighbour's lawn or clean up your neighbourhood park.

Some ways you can participate:

- A local family needs help cleaning up their yard
- The church needs help with its fall cleanup
- Donate clothing to our Threads Fall Clothing Event
- Volunteer to help at the Flu Clinic
- Get your family together and make a shoebox
- Donate blood—because it's in you to give!

Sign up today at the Be The Church table in the foyer.

These are simply suggestions of things you can do. However, don't be limited by our suggestions, use your creativity and find another way that you can be the church in our community.