

## 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 next week is: 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](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)

### **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

250.860.2427

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## **November 22, 2009**

Welcome to Mission Creek. We enjoy the opportunity to worship with you today. As your calendar fills with events and gatherings over the next few weeks, we encourage you to join us each weekend to focus on your spiritual journey. The Christmas season is a built-in opportunity to deepen your walk with God and share the good news of Jesus with people God brings across your path.

Our celebration of communion this morning is a great reminder of all Jesus has done for us and a chance to celebrate what we have in common. We hope you make this an occasion to draw close to God and build healthy relationships. Today, Quentin Steen completes the sermon series on "Religious Treadmills".

Next Sunday, Greg Baker, our intern from Ambrose University College, is our speaker. He will preach on the subject of caring for one another. Next Sunday is also the first Sunday of Advent, which we incorporate in our services through the season.

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  
**Meeting in the Youth Room**

### **Tuesday**

9:00 am Women In Touch—Morning Edition  
Gifts to Grandmas feature this week.

7:00 pm Young Adults—at Pastor Jesse's

### **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

## 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.

## Family Christmas Dinner

5:00 pm on

December 11 before the Xplore Production

December 12 following the Xplore production

### **Limited seating each night**

We will prepare the turkey, roast beef, potatoes, veggies, stuffing and beverages – you get to bring salads, buns, or dessert.

### **Cost:**

- \$8 per person (when you bring one of the side dishes)
- \$10 per person (when not bringing one of the side dishes)
- \$25 per family of 4 (children under 5 free)
- \$5 for each additional family member
- sign up to bring a side dish

### **Other fun ways to participate:**

- ◆ construct a Ginger Bread House for the annual contest
- ◆ bring guests to one of the Xplore Music Productions and enjoy a meal together
- ◆ serve at the dinner you are not attending (we need 10 volunteers for each of the sittings, for food serve, set up and clean up)

Tickets available next week



## 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)

Church Serve fundraiser "A Touch of Christmas" Fair, December 5th 9:30 am–3:30 pm  
Crafters and Vendors, Silent Auction, Live Music, Fresh Christmas Trees and Great Food! Join us for the festivities and support our community!  
For more information about Church Serve contact us at [churchserveinfo@shaw.ca](mailto:churchserveinfo@shaw.ca) or call 250-861-5465.

Now available at the table in the foyer: Our Daily Bread, December 2009 – February 2010 issue, regular print edition.

### *Thank you!*

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard to set up and carry out "Threads," our MCA free clothing event on November 14th. Thanks to each of you, it was an immense success! We estimate that well over 300 people came to avail themselves of the free winter coats, clothing, stuffies, Bibles and apples.

Our special thanks go to: June Shaw and Carol Ohlsen who so ably oversaw this project and Willie and Katie Janzen who donated and packaged several hundred pounds of apples which were gratefully received!

## Children's Ministries

### 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

**November 25<sup>th</sup>** - Planet Lazer – 6:15-8:00 pm.  
Drop off at Planet Lazer & pick up at Mission Creek Alliance Church. 5\$/person.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Mission Impossible here at the Church. 6:30-8:00 pm.

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** – No 5/6 Club due to Xplore Production rehearsals

**December 16<sup>th</sup>** – Final 5/6 of 2009 – Christmas Party – Bring a wrapped wacky present under \$3



**Come join us on Fridays  
in the church gym**

**9:30-11:30 am**

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** – Church Gym

**December 4<sup>th</sup>** – Room 219 at Church

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** – Room 219 at Church

**December 18<sup>th</sup>** – Church Gym

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!



New this year – Our Xplore kids and families will be partnering with Now Canada to give HOPE this Christmas to homeless women and children by asking attendees to bring a donation to one of the performances for our “Angel Tree”. 100% of donations will be going to the Now Canada Alexander Gardner Renovation House Project. On November 29<sup>th</sup> come and check out our Angel tree in the foyer and see how you and your family can give this Christmas.

Donations that we are looking for:

- Bedding in a bag
- Sets of towels
- Toiletries for mom, boy, or girl
- Socks for mom, boy, or girl
- Underwear for mom, boy, or girl
- Cash

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** – Sneak Preview at Orchard Park Mall 2:00-2:30 pm the Xplore Choir will be singing in front of SportChek.

## Board Report

Your Board met again this Tuesday, November 17th. We had a lively meeting with all members active in discussion and not one monopolizing the discussion. We discussed our Budget process and accountability. We left with a high general sense of unity.

The Pastoral Search Committee continues to move ahead in its function with small encouraging results. We plan to meet jointly next Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> to review information together. Please continue to pray. We will be very clear when we have someone come to candidate. Not a single one of the excellent speakers we have had was a candidate.

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

## SING! WITH THE 3 CHRISTIAN TENORS.

Following their sold out premiere show in Vancouver last year, The Christian Tenors, will be bringing their show to Kelowna January 23, 2010! 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 Cathedrals 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 and performing for you some of their favorite songs You'll Never Walk Alone, In The Sweet By And By, His Eye Is On The Sparrow and many more!

Each of them accomplished soloists in their own right and collectively having sung to millions, they now join together and bring their beautiful and thrilling show, SING! To Mission Creek Alliance Church on January 23, 2010. Tickets go on sale Wednesday, November 18 at the church office. Great Christmas Present! !! The Christian Tenors January 23, 2010 at Mission Creek Alliance.



## PRIME TIMERS CHRISTMAS BANQUET

WHAT'S ON GOD'S CHRISTMAS LIST?

**Tuesday, December 1, 2009**

Punch: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Special guest speaker:  
Mike Penninga



A grad of Trinity Western University and ACTS seminary with a background in broadcast journalism, Mike has a passion for sharing the life changing news of Jesus Christ in understandable and captivating ways. He has been the lead pastor at Kelowna Gospel Fellowship since March 2009.

Special music by Freedom Singers

Tickets are available in the foyer on November 22nd and 29th for \$12 a person.

## 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

## Church Directory Update

### Last Chance

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.

## 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 \$12,775.97**



Why not consider **being** the church by volunteering in our community. You could volunteer at the Gospel Mission or Church Serve

The next Be The Church week is coming up on November 29th. If you have a story to tell about your Be The Church involvement, you can email Pastor Terry at [terry@missioncreekalliance.com](mailto:terry@missioncreekalliance.com)

### Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box

#### Update:

Thank you for donating 221 shoe boxes this year!

## Women In Touch

### ~Evening Edition~

Monday evenings (except Holidays) from 7:00 —9:00 pm in the Youth 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.

## Young Adults

### Ugly Christmas Sweater Party/Grey Cup Party—Sunday, November 29th

If you are between 18 and Mid-20's then we want you to come to our Ugly Christmas Sweater Party/Gray Cup Party. We want to have a Christmas party before life gets too crazy for everyone. So bring your favorite Christmas dish to share and a \$5 fun gift for a gift exchange, and watch the football game. The main meat will be provided by Pastor Jesse, and don't forget your Sweater. Everything starts at 3:00 pm at Pastor Jesse's house. For directions email him at [jesse@missioncreekalliance.com](mailto:jesse@missioncreekalliance.com).

## 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 December 8th.

### 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.

## 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.

## 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.