

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.

Malcolm and Shirley Green are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Nicole Green, to Andrew James Friesen, son of Mark and Cindy Friesen of Sherwood Park, AB (and grandson of Henry and Agnes Hansen). A summer wedding in 2011 is planned in Kelowna.

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

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 29, 2009

Welcome to Mission Creek! This is the first Sunday of Advent, and our church family is taking some time in each of the next four Sundays to celebrate the season. The first candle that is lit today represents God's people, the candle of hope. Our prayer is that this kind of Christmas tradition would not only remind us of the significance of Jesus coming to earth, but also to spur each of us on in our spiritual journey.

As the candle this morning reminds us, God's people, you and I, bring hope to the world. We are blessed in order to bless others. That is part of what it means to "Be the Church", to bring hope to individuals who lack hope, and bring hope to a world that is in desperate need.

This morning our intern from Ambrose University College, Greg Baker, is our speaker. His message is centered around caring for others. And then next Sunday we begin a Christmas series titled, "Christmas: The Ancient Story Revisited." You won't want to miss any of the engaging Sundays to come.

Chorus sheets and children's bulletins are available from the ushers.

First Sunday of Advent

Prophecy Candle – Hope

As we light the first candle of Advent, we are proclaiming the hope of the promised Messiah, Jesus! Long ago the prophet Isaiah proclaimed to the struggling nation of Israel:

Isaiah 9:6-7

"For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever."

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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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First Sunday of Advent continued

The hope of God's people would one day arrive as a little child, but He would grow up to become the Savior of the world.

This first candle then testifies to God's faithful fulfillment of thousands of years of Old Testament prophecy regarding the Messiah – Jesus Christ.

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

5:30 pm Prime Timers Christmas Banquet

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

Family Christmas Dinner

5:00 pm on

December 11 before the Xplore Program

December 12 after the Xplore Program

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 now available



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

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 or call 250-861-5465.

Now Available:

- At the table in the foyer: Our Daily Bread, December 2009 – February 2010 issue, regular print edition.
- At the Welcome Centre (formerly Info Desk):
- Church directory update. One copy per household, please.
- At the table by the elevator: Praise & Prayer, a monthly prayer calendar of the Alliance in Canada, December 2009 issue.

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.

7:00 pm Saturday, January 23, 2010

Mission Creek Alliance Church

MARK DAVID WILLIAMS
JASON CATRON
SHANE WIEBE

Featuring choirs
from KSS
under the direction
of Sheila French



Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at door. You can purchase tickets at the church office. Limited seating available.

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 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!

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

* **Pick up the Children's Ministry Winter newsletter – available at all classrooms and at the info desk.**

5/6 Club

December 2nd – Mission Impossible here at the Church. 6:30-8:00 pm.

December 9th – No 5/6 Club due to Xplore Production rehearsals

December 16th – 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 27th – Church Gym

December 4th – Room 219 at Church

December 11th – Room 219 at Church

December 18th – 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 29th 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 5th

Sneak Preview at Orchard Park Mall 2:00-2:30 pm the Xplore Choir will be singing in front of SportChek.

Sunday, December 6th

Xplore Choir will be singing in both our Adult services two songs from their Musical.



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 today
for \$12 a person.

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

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

The next Band of Brothers Canada monthly Kelowna Men's Worship Night is Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:30 pm at Willow Park Church South on Raymer Road.

Christmas Hampers

Please drop off nonperishable items for the MCA Christmas Hampers at the church between now and December 20th.

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.

Youth Group Information

December 3 and 10 Impact Night ALL YOUTH

Impact is a time of fellowship and small groups. This month we will be getting ourselves focused on Christmas and the true meaning behind the holiday. It will be an awesome time together and all students are welcome. Impact meets at the church and starts at 7pm. Pick-up is at 9:00 pm.

December 5 SNL Presents: Christmas Banquet

The theme this year is a Celebration of Light. It will be a night to celebrate the year we have just had, and a chance to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. There will be food, games, and a small gift exchange. The dress for the banquet is semi-formal (no blue jeans). So come to the church for 6:30 pm with \$10 (for the event) and a \$5 gift for the gift exchange. Pick-up will be at 10:00 pm.

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~

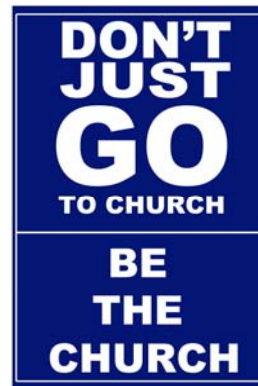
Tuesday mornings*** from 9:00—11:00 am in the Mission Creek Room.

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.



Why not consider **being** the church by volunteering in our community?

Why not volunteer at the Kelowna Food Bank, Church Serve or the Gospel Mission this week?

If you have a story to tell about your Be The Church involvement, you can email Pastor Terry at terry@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.