

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 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 8, 2009

Freedom. It means different things to different people, and is experienced in varying measures by people in all corners of the world. Our nation's history is marked by men and women who have put themselves on the line, and in many cases, in harm's way, for the sake of freedom. They have done, and do now, for our freedom and other's pursuit of freedom. Today we honour them.

Our guest speaker this morning is Dr. Gerald Sharon. Dr. Sharon serves as the North American Director of the Purpose Driven Network. Prior to leading the work of Purpose Driven in North America he was a pastor in the local church for 21 years. In addition to his role with the pastors and churches of North America, Gerald is one of Saddleback Church's weekend teaching pastors.

Next Sunday we will be receiving the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes. Bring them with you into the service and join us for a special dedication time during worship. Quentin Steen continues the three part series on "Religious Treadmills".

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

The office will be closed on Wednesday in observance of Remembrance Day.

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

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

3:30 pm Xplore Music

Friday

9:30 am POPS at the church

Thank you to those who helped with the outdoor fall cleaning last week! Your help was so greatly appreciated.

Percy Lujan

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.



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.

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.

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

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

Families with small children or nursing Moms

We have recently renovated our Parent room to provide a comfortable and quiet space for you to care for your little one at any time you are in our facility. This room is located next to the Nursery. Also a BIG THANK YOU goes to Henry Hansen for painting this room for us.

5/6 Club (For those in Grades 5 & 6)

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

November 11th – No 5/6 Club this week

November 18th – Musical Games & pizza making night

Coming Family Events

Tonight 6:30 – 8:00pm

EnergyPlex Family

Fun Night!



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 12months – Free). Pay at the door!!!

Snacks/Food is available at a nominal fee at the Energy Café. Coffee, Tea & juice will be provided by MCA.

“Plan 2 Protect” Training Sunday November 15th from 11:00am – 1:00pm Mission Creek Room

This workshop will focus on safety and ministry related procedures targeted to volunteers who serve in Children & Youth. This is a requirement for all those who are new to serving in Children's, Youth &/or in Childcare positions. Also for those who need to upgrade their “Plan 2 Protect” status. Lunch will be provided and you must RSVP by November 13th through the Church office or through Pastor Lynae.



**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

Youth Group November 12th

IMPACT Community Night: We are building shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please be at the church for 7:00 pm and some money for shopping or items to put into the box. Youth will be over at 9:00 pm.

YA LIFE

We have LIFE Group this Tuesday night at Pastor Jesse's house (Contact him for directions). Everything starts at 7:00 pm.

O CANADA

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North, strong and free,
From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.

Refrain

God keep our land,
Glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada! Where pines and maples grow,
Great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow,
How dear to us Thy broad domain,
From East to Western Sea
Thou land of hope for all who toil!
Thou True North, strong and free.

O Canada, beneath thy shining skies
May stalwart sons and gentle maidens rise
To keep thee steadfast through the years
From East to Western Sea,
Our own beloved native land,
Our True North, strong and free.

Ruler Supreme, who hearest humble prayer,
Hold our Dominion in thy loving care;
Help us to find, O God in Thee
A lasting rich reward,
As, waiting for the better day,
We ever stand on guard.

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found -
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease;
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught
My heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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

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.



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.

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 \$12,690.97

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.

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 November 17th.

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.