

# Pumpkin Festival

Today from 3-5pm  
 At Roseberry Trails  
 705055 RR62  
 See insert for more information & map

## GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

Looking for a little surprise factor in life? Do you want to get to know people in our church better? Consider being a part of our "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" event!

On Sunday, October 20, you will be given the opportunity to sign up as a guest or a host. If you choose to sign up as a guest, you will also indicate any allergies to be considered in the menu. If you sign up as a host, you will need to indicate the number of guests you would like to receive.

The next day, Monday, October 21, the hosts will be informed of allergies to be considered in their menu planning.

The next Sunday morning, October 27 the guests will find out the address and phone number of where they are going for dinner at 5:30 that evening.

The surprise will be for all when the door is opened to receive the guests.

If you'd like more information (or to respond before October 20 if you can't be with us that Sunday), please contact Pam Gault or Mavis Wiebe.

### Baby Shower & Welcome Marcus

Arlene Ediger is hosting a shower for Jacqueline Hildebrandt and her baby boy, Marcus Victor Fester (born Sep. 21, weighing 6lb. 1oz.) on Thursday, October 10, at 7:00pm at 9236-49 Ave (in Wedgewood). Please RSVP to Arlene: 780-814-5642.

### Contact Us

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### Serving at the Grande Prairie Church of Christ

**Ministers:**  
 Everyone

#### Full Time Ministerial Staff:

Sr. Minister & Highland Park Site: Alan Jones  
 Mission Heights Site: Scott Pence  
 Creative Arts: Jim Biggs  
 Young Adults & Men's Ministries: Ryan Duford  
 Youth Ministries: Jaron Flett  
 Family, Children & Women's Ministries: Mavis Wiebe

#### Part Time Ministerial Staff:

Glory Garden: Karen Burns (.75 position)

#### Administrative Staff:

Communications: Alison Hofstede (.75 position)  
 Finances: Gail Biggs (.75 position)  
 Children's Ministry Administrator: Robyn Flett (.3 position)  
 Database & Plan To Protect: Sheena Jones (.2 position)

#### Part Time Janitorial Staff:

Christina Wood  
 Karly George

The purpose of the Grande Prairie Church of Christ is to praise and worship God and to mature and assist others in maturing toward the image of Christ



“EVERY GOOD GIFT AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE, COMING DOWN from the Father of lights, WITH WHOM CAN BE NO VARIATION, NOR TURNING SHADOW.”

- JAMES 1:17

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2013

# Community Announcements

## Upcoming Classes

Alan and Scott will be teaching at two seminars this fall. The first will be our "Distinctives" class on Saturday, October 19, looking at what makes us the GP Church of Christ, how we function. etc. The second class will explore the topic of "Preparing for Mission" on November 23. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Classes are held from 9:00am -- 4:00pm with breaks throughout.

## 55+ Luncheon

Thursday, October 17 at 10:45am at Westpointe Community Church (11305 Pinnacle Blvd) Enjoy a delicious meal, testimonies and music. For more info call 780-532-7464



## Seeking House for Aurora Home

Northern Alberta Home for Women Society would like to announce that Joan Manhas has been hired as the Program Director for Aurora Home. Now, we are seeking a house. Therefore, if you have or know of a house that we could rent or lease (for a very low rate), please contact Joan at 780-539-1887 or at aurahomeab@gmail.com. Thank-you.



## It's Time for New Photos!

Stay a few minutes after church on Sunday, October 27 or Sunday, November 3 to get your photo taken for our photo boards. Photographers will be Doug Doupllessis at Mission Heights and David Fast at Highland Park.

## Decorating Party

Anyone interested in helping decorate our church buildings (both sites) for Christmas (or any season), please contact our decor coordinator, Karen George at 780-830-0810. Karen would particularly like assistance with the decorating day she is planning for Saturday, November 16. Thanks!

## Plan to Protect Training

The final Plan to Protect training evening will be tomorrow, Monday, October 7 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm and will be hosted in Highland Park's Impact Studios. If you need to and have not participated in the complete training you will be asked to take the training online. If you haven't done so, please check your mail slots to see what you need to do to fulfill our societal responsibilities.



## Planning an Event?

In the main office Alison has a master calendar to record all church events, classes and building use. To prevent conflicts and confusion, please contact her if you are hoping to use one of the church buildings, or are planning something that people from church will be invited to.

## Glory Garden Seeking Bookkeeper

Glory Garden is looking for a part time payroll/bookkeeper. 5 – 8 hours per week, \$20.00/hr. Bookkeeping experience, knowledge of the program "Simply Accounting" and formal membership of the Grande Prairie Church of Christ is required. Please hand resumes into the church office. If you have any questions please call Janice at 780-978-1200.

## Adoption Journey

The Hughes family invites you, as part of their church family, to stay updated on their latest adoption adventure. Check out their blog for updates while they are in the Ukraine and beyond! <http://hugsfamjourney.blogspot.ca/>

## Help Still Needed in Children's Ministries

- FLOATERS at both sites, to be available if extra help is needed  
- ONE MORE LEADER at Highland Park to serve the grades 1&2 group every second month during the 11:00 am service.  
- TWO CARING ADULTS at Highland Park's 11:00 am service to take turns working with youth assistants in the 3 year olds' room.  
Please call Mavis or Robyn at the church office to volunteer or for more info.

## From the Office...

### Bulletin Announcements

Announcements for Sunday's bulletin must be submitted to Alison at the main office **by 4:00pm Wednesday. E-mail is preferred.** Remember announcements should run for at least two weeks prior to an event to reach as many people as possible. Personal items (eg: Baby / Anniversary / Funeral / Needs) are only included as submissions are received at the main office.

### Offering Envelopes

Requests for envelopes can be made via the welcome cards (fill out the card inserted in your bulletin and place in the offering bag as it is passed or drop in the welcome card box at the back table). Envelopes will be placed in your mail slot. Mail slots are located by the front door at Mission Heights and by the main entrance at Highland Park.

### Administrative Office Hours

Regularly open from 9am - 4pm Monday - Friday, closed from 12pm -1pm for lunch and closed on statutory holidays. Admin staff are only available during office hours. Staff meetings are held on Tuesday mornings but messages for staff members can be left at the front desk.

### Monthly Offering Budget

Monthly donations needed to meet budget: \$88,991.13  
Donations toward budget for SEPTEMBER: \$99,632.27

### Want More Information?

For information about our church, upcoming events, bulletins, becoming a member and more, check out the Information Centre in the front foyer at both sites or our website: [www.gpchurchofchrist.com](http://www.gpchurchofchrist.com)

# Weekly Ministries Update

## Seniors Bible Study

All seniors (55+) are invited to a Bible study group led by our senior minister every Wednesday afternoon from 1:45-2:45pm. Feel free to contact Betty with any questions: 780-532-2168

## Soul Sisters - Women's Ministries

Small groups are starting up again! If you want to get involved in a small group, please contact the office for information on times and locations.

## Higher Ground - Men's Ministries

Ryan is coordinating small groups for Bible studies and activities. Contact him at 780-512-7062 for more information or if you'd like to plan a "guys event".

## Young Adults (18-25ish)

Topical Study on Sunday nights from 7-9pm at 10950 O'Brien Lake Crescent. Call Ryan with any Questions: 780-512-7062

## Heroes Academy (grades 1-6)

All students in grades one through six are invited to participate in this mid-week program we are launching as an extension of our Pineridge Adventure Camp ministry. The adventure continues... Wednesday nights from 6-8pm at Highland Park. Contact Jeremy at 587-298-7463 with questions.

## Children's Ministries (Nursery - Grade 6)

After joining corporate worship for welcome and singing, children are invited to attend age-appropriate and fun Bible-based programs. Sign-in and sign-out are required up to grade 4 to keep our children's areas safe.

## Youth Ministries (grades 7-12)

**ignite** **IGNITE** - We are continuing our "Fuel Nights" every Friday from 7:00-9:00pm at Highland Park until further notice. Remember that pick-up time is 9:00 sharp.

**GIRLS & GUYS GROUPS** - Girls Group meets the last Sunday of each month at Robyn's house (9502-125Ave) from 7-9pm. The Guys Group will begin last Sunday in October at Jason and Christina Wood's house from 7-9pm.

**YOUTH HIKING TRIP** - Has been postponed to Saturday, October 15. Meet at Highland Park at 7:00am and we will head out to Mt. Louis.

**YL CAMPAIGNERS** - Meeting at the YL office on Thursday mornings from 7:15am-8:15am for breakfast, talking about life, faith, and how we can serve our friends. Contact Jaron, Steve or Alison for more info.

**CLUB** - Monday nights starting on September 30. Meet at PWA front doors at 7:00pm each week (excluding holidays) for location info & carpooling. Call/text Steve Hofstede for more info on anything Young Life. 780-832-6584