

HOUSE CHURCH SITES MEETING

Continuing discussion, education and prayer, seeking God's direction about the possibility of home church sites. Anyone interested is welcome to join!
Saturday, January 11 from 8am-noon at our Highland Park site

A Community Festival
Coming Soon...

Indoors and out, sample:
cinnamon buns, chowders,
chocolate, strolling or skiing
snowy scripture trails, sliding,
skating and encouraging in love...
received and passed on!

Winter Delight

January 26 (bad-weather-backup: February 23)

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

Want a little surprise factor in life? Or to get to know or spend time with some people in our church but have not made been able to make it happen? **Consider being a part of the next "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?!" event!**

On **Sunday, January 12**, you will be given the opportunity to sign up as a guest or a host. If you sign up as a guest, you will indicate any allergies to be considered in the menu. If you sign up as a host, you will indicate the number of guests you would like to receive.

On **Tuesday, January 14**, the hosts will be informed of allergies to be considered and final number of guests they will host to help with their menu planning.

The next Sunday morning, **January 19**, the guests will find out the address and phone number of where they are going for dinner at **5:30 that evening**. If you'd like more info (or to respond before January 12 if you can't be with us that Sunday), please contact Pam Gault or Mavis Wiebe.

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

Dinner Table



Discussions

Informative and collaborative presentations for parents and leaders of youth and/or children with opportunity for discussions over dinner and take-home resources. The next one will be on **February 2** from 3:30-6pm at Highland Park. Contact Mavis or Jaron for more information.

Contact Us

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Serving at the Grande Prairie Church of Christ

Ministers:

Everyone!

Ministerial Staff:

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

Administrative Staff:

Alison Hofstede - Communications Coordinator
Gail Biggs - Financial Administrator
Robyn Flett - Children's Ministry Administrator
Sheena Jones - Database & Plan To Protect Administrator
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The Church Board:

Elders: Todd DeHaan, Trevor Ginther, Erik Gault
Point Leaders: Paul Oostra - Deacons, Shaun Boivin - Benevolence,
Rosina Norris - Community, Brad Wright - Evangelism,
Linda Duplessis - Glory Garden, Karen Oostra - Missions,
Abe Neufeld - Stewardship, Nathaneal Sterr - Worship & Creative Arts,
Steve Hofstede - Youth & Young Adults

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



Worship



Community



Embodiment



Benevolence



Evangelism



"THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER
CEASES; HIS MERCIES NEVER COME TO AN
END; THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING;

great is your faithfulness.

"THE LORD IS MY PORTION,' SAYS MY SOUL,
'THEREFORE I WILL HOPE IN HIM.'"

- LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2013

Community Announcements

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Norton family on the passing of our sister Jean Norton late last week.

Thank You, Church Family

Jerry Tranter and family wish to thank the church family for their loving care over the past two and a half years as we dealt with Sharons sickness. Your love expressed in prayer, gifts of all kinds, but especially kind words, visits, phone calls and emails, food and flowers were humbling and encouraging.

The love and care was again expressed by all involved in the Celebration service for Sharon as well as the fantastic lunch provided afterwards.

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

How Christlike you have been!

-- Jerry and family

Christmas Dinner Theatre Thanks

The Christmas Dinner Theatre event on December 15th was well received and \$6,386.00 was raised that evening to support Aurora Home. Many thanks to all who donated and all who helped put on the event!

Glory Garden Needs Your Help

Glory Garden would greatly appreciate any gifts of small, disposable cups/ plates/cutlery; paper towels; facial tissue; small toys or nut-free treats; paper (plain, construction, etc). Please contact Karen for details: 780-814-9985.

Give the Gift of Your Family!

Children's & Family Ministries would like to encourage familiarity amongst families in our church. Each family is a gift from God, created uniquely, with a different story. **Please pick up (and return) a Family Story Card** at the sign in desks, take it home and return it for our display.

Thanks for sharing with us!

Washroom Renovations

If you are interested (or know someone who would be interested) in renovating the men's washroom in the East Wing at our Highland Park site, please contact the main office ASAP. Thanks!

Outreach Opportunities

Anybody with outreach ideas, and/or interested in joining the Evangelism Ministry Team, please contact the church office or Brad Wright, our Evangelism Point Leader: 780-832-2808 or bjwright99@hotmail.com.

The Northern Alberta Home for Women Society is seeking a live-in volunteer to spend evenings and weekends (with some respite) with the women in the home at Aurora Home. Rent free, utilities covered. To apply, or to ask questions, contact Joan Manhas by email at aurorahomeab@gmail.com or by calling 780-897-1544.

Mini Gospel Jamboree

A Benefit for the Cleardale Gospel Jamboree. Friday, January 24 at Christian Fellowship Assembly (CFA) at 7:00pm. Call Ken for more info: 780-532-1830.

Grandparent's Day on January 12 in KidsPact

All kids ages 4 – Grade 4 are welcome to invite their grandparents to KidsPact on **January 12** for a time of celebration and appreciation. As well, this is a time for grandparents to encourage their grandchildren through storytelling, praising, learning, eating and visiting! A good time it will be for all.

Today: One Service at Highland Park

Our Highland Park site will have only **one service at 10am today**. Kids are invited to remain with their parents in corporate worship.

Activity packages are available for kids ages 3 and up and the program areas for infants and toddlers will be open if parents need to access those areas. **Regular service times with children's programs will resume on January 5th.**

From the Office...

Planning an Event?

Contact Alison at the main office to check the master calendar for conflicts!

Get Informed

If you would like to know more about our church, upcoming events, becoming a member and more, check out our website, www.gpchurchofchrist.com For printed information, go to the Information Centre in the front foyer.

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.

How to Get Offering Envelopes

Fill out the "Welcome" card in your bulletin and place in the offering bag as it is passed. OR drop in the welcome card box on the back table in the auditorium. Envelopes will be placed in your mail slot the next week. Mail slots are by the front door at Mission Heights and by the main entrance at Highland Park.

Monthly Offering Update Error

Last week, I published the wrong information for the monthly offering update. Apologies! Please see the correct amount below. Sincerely, Alison

Monthly Offering Update

Monthly donations needed to meet budget: \$88,991.13
Donations toward budget for DECEMBER: \$65,555.68

Admin Office Regular Hours

Regularly open Monday - Friday from 9am - 4pm. Closed on statutory holidays and from 12pm - 1pm for lunch. 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.

What's Happening This Week?

Saturday Night Supper

Saturdays from 4-8pm in the Fellowship Hall at Highland Park. Come visit, play a game, wash dishes or help prepare a meal for low-income or homeless individuals in our city. Contact Jared for more info: saturdaymeal@gmail.com

Seniors Bible Study (55+)

Taking a break for the holidays! Will resume our Wednesday afternoon study on **January 8th**. Contact Betty with any questions: 780-532-2168

"Soul Sisters" - Women's Ministries

Our year-end large group event is on December 18th from 1am-1pm at Highland Park. Enjoy lunch & visiting with other women. Call Mavis with any Qs.

"ManDate" - Men's Ministries

Men's groups are happening! Contact Ryan at 780-512-7062 if you'd like to connect with a group or if you'd like to help plan guys events.

Young Adults (17-25ish)

For our Christmas "party" this year we are helping with the Dinner Theatre on December 15! **Our Sunday night studies will resume in the new year.** Call or text Ryan with any questions: 780-512-7062


"Heroes Academy" (grades 1-6)

Will resume meeting on **January 15th!** Wednesdays from 6-8pm at Highland Park. Contact Jeremy at 587-298-7463 for more information.

Children's Ministries (nursery - grade 6)


TODAY... Activity packages are available for kids ages 3+, and program areas for infants and toddlers will be open if parents wish to access those areas. Regular children's programs will resume January 5th.

Youth Ministries (grades 7-12)

 **IGNITE** - Friday night youth group will start up again in the new year. Watch for more info here or online, or contact Jaron at the office to find out how you can get involved in the new year!

Girls & Guys Groups - small group studies for guys and girls both meet the last Sunday of each month from 7-9pm. Jr. High & Sr. High welcome.

- Girls meet at Robyn's (9502-125Ave)
- Guys meet at the Wood's (9514-125 Ave).

 **Campaigners** - Talking about life, faith, and how we can serve our friends. Contact Jaron or Steve for more info. **Resumes in the New Year!**

Club - Resumes in the new year. Contact Steve for more info: 780-832-6584

South Africa Trip - Over Spring Break we're joining other YL areas to do some humanitarian work in South Africa! Contact our area director, Dylan for more info, or to make a donation: dbressey@younglife.ca 780.402.4166