THIS WEEK ~ February 19 - 26

Sunday – 12

5 PM – Communion Potluck in the fireside room. Please bring **faspa finger foods only**. Families with young children are welcomed!

Monday – 13

9:30 AM — ESL Classes. We would love for you to come and join us for coffee at 10:30 AM and converse with the students.

1 – 3 PM — FRESHWAVE soup making in the kitchen.

Tuesday – 21

1 – 2 PM — Food Bank in the gym.

7:30 PM — Council Meeting in the fireside room.

Wednesday – 22

9:30 AM — ESL Classes. We would love for you to come and join us for coffee at 10:30 AM and converse with the students.

5:30 - 10 PM — Regent College invites those who are interested to learn more about God and themselves, to the "Experience Regent" events. Visitors can have a taste of life at Regent as they sit in on some classes, meet with faculty over a meal, attend Chapel and get a tour of the campus. To learn more about the events, or to register your attendance go to: www.regent-college.edu/visit or contact the Admissions office at admissions@regent-college.edu.

7 PM — Ash Wednesday Service in the fireside room.

Thursday – 23

9 AM - 3 PM — MCC Blanket-making in the fireside room.

7:30 PM — Peace Choir Rehearsal. The choir practices weekly and sings approximately once a month in the morning worship service. **All singing levels are welcome—no experience necessary!**

Sunday – 26 – Lent I

Pastor Tim Kuepfer will continue the series called *Radical Faith* on the book of James with the message "Faith in Action" (James 1:19-27).

"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:1b,2

February 19, 2012

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Our Mennonite Church Vision Statement:
God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

Peace Mennonite Church
February 19, 2012 – 9:30 AM

Prelude .....Dieter Nickel
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship.....Gerd Bartel
Worship in Song
Prayer of Praise and Confession
Worship in Song
Children's Worship..... Heidi Epp
Scripture Reading: James 1:1-18 .....Winnie Chiu
Message: "Persevere" .....Pastor Tim Kuepfer
Song of Response
Commissioning of Linda Enns as Pastor of Senior's Ministry
.....Pastor Garry Janzen
Prayers of the People
Offertory
Benediction
Sending Song

A special welcome to Executive Minister of MCBC, **Garry Janzen,** who is with us this morning for the commissioning service of Linda Enns.

STUDY HOUR AT 11:10 AM

Please make your way into the gym following the worship service for conversation in the gym.

Adult Study — There is no adult study this week.

Sunday School for Children — upstairs. At 11 AM children from preschool (age 3) to Grade 7 are to meet in room 1A for a time of singing, snacks and learning.

Youth — meet upstairs in the youth room 1B at 11:15 AM.

Bible Study for Newcomers — please meet in the associate pastor's office.

Today is the ice cream sale for Freshwave. There is a lot of ice cream so feel free to buy some after church for the coffee hour and buy some to take home with you! The bars will be sold individually for $1 each or $5. for a box of five. The large Breyers Vanilla Double churn 3.79 litre tubs of ice cream are $10. each. The ice cream bar flavours are: Orange Swirl, Almond and Milk Chocolate & Reese Peanut Butter

WELCOME TO PEACE MENNONITE CHURCH

We hope that you will experience the goodness of God and the hospitality of God's people this morning. Here is some information that may be of help to you. Please don't hesitate to ask an usher or greeter if you have any questions. If you are new to our church, **Guest Cards** are in the pews. Please fill one out and deposit it in the offering bag.

Church Information. There are numerous resources available by the bulletin board which explains who we are, what we believe, and the various activities of the church. These include brochures on "*Who are the Mennonites,*" our "*Confession of Faith*" and "*You're Invited.*" Please feel free to take them or any of the periodicals on the shelf.

Offerings are collected each Sunday. They are used to maintain the staff, the church facility and programs as well as our mission and relief commitments. As a guest, please do not feel obligated to give.

A Tape is made of the Worship Service. Please speak to the PA operator to borrow it or to request a copy be made for you.

Large Print Hymnals are available. Please ask an usher.

Coffee and tea are served in the gym following the service.

PRAYER & PEOPLE NEWS

Please continue to pray for our sister Elvira (Elvie) Wiebe who has ALS disease. Elvie continues to receive 24 hour care. Remember her family, her elderly parents, and friends as they seek to come along side their beloved daughter, sister and friend.

Pray for our Pastoral Search Committee. Pray too that **God would be working in the heart of our new associate pastor**, that he or she would be a good fit for our mission at Peace. A form advising the congregation of the committee's progress has been posted on the bulletin board closest to the gym.

Dann Pantoja is in Vancouver. Dann received news that his 91 year old mother is in serious medical condition and in palliative care. Please remember Dann and Joji in your prayers as they walk their mom through the passing of this life into the next. Pray too that his mother would sense Christ's peace.

Copies of the **Peacebuilders Community** semi-annual report (Aug 2011 – Jan 2012) are available on the shelves by the "Missions" bulletin board. Please help yourselves to a copy. Extra copies are available from the church office.

Please update your telephone directory information for:
Helen Jantzen: #430 – 31954 Sunrise Court, Abbotsford, B.C., V2T 1N6
Phone Number: 1.604.744.8317
Korney & Susie Hildebrandt: new e-mail address kosie61@telus.net

COMING EVENTS

All Youth are welcome — invite your friends too!

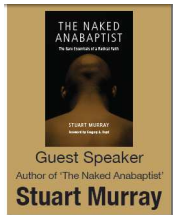
Wed Feb 22 – 7:30 PM — Youth night.
Wed Feb 29 – 7:30 PM — Youth Night.
Wed Mar 7 – 7:30 PM — Youth Night - small groups.
Fri – Sun Apr 27 – 29 — Jr. IMPACT Retreat at Camp Squeah.

Tues Feb 28 – 8 AM – 4 PM — Regent College invites those who are interested to learn more about God and themselves, to the "Experience Regent" events. Have a taste of life at Regent, sit in on some classes, meet with faculty over a meal, attend Chapel and tour the campus. To register go to: www.regent-college.edu/visit.

Tue Feb 28 - 10 AM — German Worship Service at FUMC with guest speaker Werner Brau**n.**

Fri Mar 2 – 9 AM — MCBC LEAD Conference at Emmanuel Mennonite Church.
Sat Mar 3 – 1 PM — MCBC Annual Meeting. A list of the workshops is posted on the church office door.
Sat Mar 3 – 5:30 PM — MCBC Annual Meeting & 75th Anniversary Celebration Banquet. Celebration Service begins at 7 PM. Tickets for the banquet are $25.

If you would like to attend any of these events, please register with Heidi McAlary in the office by **Tue Feb 21st.**



Fri Mar 2 - 7 PM — Dr. Stuart Murray, internationally esteemed author of The Naked Anabaptist: the Bare Essentials of a Radical Faith will give the keynote address to the Mennonite Faith and Learning Society. This free dessert evening is being held at Emmanuel Mennonite Church**,** 3471 Clearbrook Road in Abbotsford. Call Ed Janzen at 1.604.852.0095 if you would like to attend. Brochures are on the table in the church office.

Sun Mar 4 - 11 AM — Introduction to Christian Discipleship class. Are you interested in baptism or in becoming a member at Peace Church? Please speak to Pastors Tim or Kevin if you are interested in joining the class.

Sat Mar 3 – 5:30 PM — MCBC 75th Anniversary. Come celebrate, reminisce with friends around the banquet table at Emmanuel Mennonite Church. Tickets are available from the church office or the MCBC Office for $25 per person. Enjoy delicious food that gives a taste of the multi-cultural flavour of MCBC, and stay for the evening worship service at 7 PM with Stuart Murray as he speaks on what the future of the Anabaptist Church could look like – also at Emmanuel Mennonite Church.

Peace church is looking for people who would like to be **host/hostess to outside renters.** Hosts help our renters feel welcome and help ensure that the managing of our space runs smoothly. This is a paid position $15 an hour. Hosts are not often required but we would like to have a few people to call upon. If you are interested, or would like more information, please speak to Heidi McAlary in the office 604.278.0111.

Sun Mar 4 – 5 PM — Celebration of Gerd Bartel & Philippine Ministry Fundraiser here at Peace church. Plan to attend a fundraiser and information night for **Mennonite Church Canada's peace ministry** in the Philippines, in honour of **Gerd's** faithful ministry with MC Canada. Learn about the work of Dann and Joji Pantoja, enjoy the Coffee for Peace brand, along with snacks, presentations, and inspiration about an amazing reconciliation ministry in a land of conflict. Christina and Darnell Barkman will introduce their upcoming church planting assignment in Manilla. RSVP Daniel Horne at dhorne@mennonitechurch.ca or call 1.204.960-5234.

Mon Mar 5 – 6 PM — AMBS Dinner at Peace Church. This is an opportunity for those who are interested, and those who support AMBS, to meet their new president **Sara Wenger Shenk. RSVP by Feb 22** to Suzanne Huffman at shuffman@ambs.edu.

Fri Mar 9 – 4 - 9 PM & Sat Mar 10 – 9 AM - 4 PM — MCCBC Abuse Response and Prevention Program is offering training for Counselors, Students, Pastors, Support Workers and Advocates. *Understanding Abuse in Relationships* training will be held at ACTS Seminary. For more information, go to www.bc.mcc.org/abuse or contact Elsie Goerzen, endabuse@mccbc.com; 1.604.850.6639.

Sat Mar 24 – 7 PM — MHSBC presents an evening of selected stories from the book *Cities of Refuge* as told by Author Dr. Harry Loewen at the Garden Park Tower, Magnolia Room, 2825 Clearbrook Road, Abbotsford, Dr. Loewen will tell stories that are new to most and some that may even shock, but are historically true. We can learn from them about what it means to be an Anabaptist-Mennonite. Admission is free, light refreshments to follow.

Thur July 12 – Sun July 15 — Mennonite Church Canada Assembly 2012 will be held at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond. Some delegates will require billeting. If you could provide a place for delegates that is pet free, scent free, and a smoke free environment, please contact John Sawatzky at e-mail: assembly2012billet@gmail.com or by phone: 604.278.4661. Please state whether single or double occupancy is available and if transportation can be provided to the assembly venue.