

## Christmas Eve Services:

Highland Park Service at 7:00pm

Mission Heights Service at 7:00pm



## HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER GIFT FUND

The giving for the orphanage has already surpassed our original goal set! \$424.28 has been counted and the rest will be counted this week! Thanks to everyone that took time to collect their change.

### Birthday Celebration

You are invited to attend an open house on December 28th from 2:00-5:00pm at our MISSION HEIGHTS SITE (8321 Mission Heights Drive) to celebrate Dale Adam's 60th birthday. Please RSVP to Brenda by email: bdadams@telusplanet.net or phone: 780-532-0301 Hope to see you there!



# GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

Want some surprise factor? Or to get to know others in our church a bit better? Sign up on January 12th to be a host or guest for our next "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner!?" event on January 19th at 5:30pm.

Hosts will indicate how many you can serve. Guests will let us know allergies to consider! Further details to follow!

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



## Coming Soon...

Indoors and out, sample: ciders, soups, sweets and savory snacks, strolling or skiing snowy scripture trails, sliding, skating and socializing

# Winter Delight

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

## 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  
Christina Wood - Janitorial Care

### 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



"MAY GOD, THE SOURCE OF HOPE,  
FILL YOU WITH JOY AND PEACE  
*through your faith in him.*  
THEN YOU WILL OVERFLOW WITH HOPE  
BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

- ROMANS 15:13

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2013

# Community Announcements

## Thank You, Church Family

Jerry Tranter and family wish to thank the church family, both from Highland Park and at Mission Heights, for their loving care for Sharon and myself these past two and a half years as we dealt with Sharon's sickness. Your love expressed in prayer, which we both felt, gifts of all kinds... and especially kind words, visits, phone calls and emails, food and flowers were humbling and encouraging.

The love and care was again expressed this past week in the work involved, by many, in the Celebration service for Sharon on Monday, as well as the fantastic lunch provided afterwards.

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

How Christ like you have been!

*-- Jerry and family*

## 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**

## 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.

## 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.

## Christmas Dinner Theatre Thanks

Last Sunday's Christmas Dinner Theatre event was well received and raised \$6,386.00 for Aurora Home. Many thanks to all who donated and all who helped put on the event!

## 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!

**The Northern Alberta Home for Women Society** is seeking a mature, compassionate individual with genuine empathy for the sexually exploited to be a live-in volunteer at Aurora Home. Although we are not able to pay wages for the position, it is rent free and all utilities will be paid. We will accept someone who is working full-time elsewhere but willing to spend evenings and weekends (with some respite) with the women in the home. Should you have any questions or be interested in applying for this position, please contact Joan Manhas at aurorahomeab@gmail.com or by calling 780-897-1544.

## Next Week: One Service at Highland Park



On December 29 (NEXT WEEK) our Highland Park site will have only **one service at 10am**. Regular service times of 9am and 11am will resume on January 5th.

## December Schedule for Children's Ministries

Please note that on December 29, kids are invited to remain with their parents in corporate worship. Activity packages will be provided for kids ages 3 and up and the program areas for infants and toddlers will be open if parents need to access those areas. Program will resume January 5, 2014!

## 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.

## 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!

## From the Office...

### Admin Office Closed

From December 23-27 the administrative office will be closed. Bulletins for Sunday, December 29 will have been printed early.

### Bulletin Announcements

must be submitted to Alison at the admin office by 4:00pm Wednesday. E-mail is preferred: office@gpchurchofchrist.com

### 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.

### 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.

### Monthly Offering Budget

Monthly donations needed to meet budget: \$88,991.13  
Donations toward budget for DECEMBER: \$46,826.50

### Planning an Event?

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

# Weekly Ministries

## 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)

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** - 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