

Church Family News

September 2016

This Month @ RWCC

◆ **Community Fun Day - September 11th - noon to 3pm:** Plan to stay for a great day of fun and food. Food trucks will be available to purchase lunch. Games, bouncy castle, face painting, photo booth, live music and a ``Show and Shine` car show.... A great day of fun for everyone!

Weekday Ministries:

- ◆ **Youth on Fridays @ 7:30 (For all students in Grade 7-12)** See calendar for Details.
- ◆ **Young Adults on Wednesdays @ 7:30 (all age 18 - 25 "ish" are welcome and invited.)** See calendar for details.

Coming Events/News:

- ◆ **Sept 21 - Evening of Worship And Prayer - 7:30pm** here at the church. Plan for an evening of worship and prayer for our church, community and our world.

- ◆ **Open House for Arlen Peters Sept.9th - 7 pm.** Come join us for a night of music and refreshments. Arlen will also be sharing about his up coming mission trip to Thailand. We hope to see you here at the church in the fire-side room.
- ◆ **MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers** - Interested in connecting with other Moms? If you have any questions or would like to register, please text or call Mandi 780-722-8535, Alex 780-340-1335
- ◆ **MOPS Garage Sale** - Sat. Sept 17th. One man's junk is another mans treasure!! We will be collecting garage sale donations the week before and all proceeds will go towards the MOPS program at River West. Contact Mandi for more information: mandi_ayre@hotmail.com
- ◆ **Save the Date! - Safe Place Annual Training** - Sat, September 17th or Sat, October 15 for all those leading in a ministry with children and youth. Please bring your Safe Place policy and RSVP to Frances or Lindsey which date you will be attending.
- ◆ **The Parenting Course** - Thursdays - Oct 13-Nov 10th - The Parenting Children Course is for any parents, step-parents, prospective parents or carers of children aged 0 - 10 years. Over these five weekly sessions you will discover practical tools to help you build a strong family and teach your children about healthy relationships and values.



REMINDER: Sit and visit with people after the service. Let's get to know each other!

- ◆ **Please bring a travel mug to help with cost and waste.**

COMING THIS FALL!

River West Life Sessions: Developing Godly Habits to Grow in Christ

As a follower of Jesus it is your desire to grow in him and live for him every day. How are you going to do that? What should you do? You need to develop Godly habits that will build your spiritual stamina for everyday living as a Christian. The River West Life Sessions are designed to teach and practice several anchor habits to give you the ability to follow Jesus in all of life.

Session One – Connect with God through Transformative Scripture Reading -

When: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 23, 30 Noon-3 pm. Each session will begin on Sunday shortly after the morning worship service. A light lunch will be provided.

Cost: \$20/person for food and materials (if cost is prohibitive subsidies are available)

Who: Anyone who is interested in learning to read the Bible to better hear God and put His Word into practice.

How: Register online @ <http://www.riverwestchurch.org/our-community-river-west/life-sessions> or by contacting the office.

Future Sessions:

Session Two - Love Others - Nov 20, 27, Dec 4, & 11th

Session Three - Understand Yourself - Jan 22, 29, Feb 5 & 12

Session Four - Engage Your Calling Mar 19, 28, Apr 2 & 9

River West Life Sessions: Making Every Effort to Follow Jesus in All of Life

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September 2016						
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4 Communion	5	6 MOPS 9:30am -11:30am	7 Young Adults Bible Study	8	9 Arlen Peters Open House 7pm	10 Youth - Amazing Race
11 Community Fun Day Noon-3pm	12	13 MOPS 9:30am -11:30am	14 Young Adults Swimming at Tri-leisure	15	16 Youth - Coffee House	17 Safe Place Train- ing /MOPS Garage Sale
18	19	20 MOPS 9:30am -11:30am	21 Prayer & Worship Night / Young Adults Bible Study	22	23 Youth - Corn Maze	24
25 Life Sessions Session #1 Noon - 3pm	26	27 MOPS 9:30am -11:30am	28 Young Adults Craft Night @ RWCC	29	30 Youth - Games Night	



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Our Mission:
Following Jesus in All of Life

In our World

Let us be in prayer for those working in our schools and universities as the new year starts.

UPDATE: Lori Peters .

Back to School!

International students will flood back onto campus next week! Summer has zipped by and my team and I are busy making preparations for the arrival of the new students!

- *Please pray that God would draw students out to these initial events and that they would find community and experience the love of Christ as we seek to help them practically, socially, and spiritually.
- *Pray for many students to join Exploration Bible Studies for seekers.
- *Pray for volunteers to help with cooking & serving at the International feast.
- *Pray that many of the students that we survey will be interested in knowing more about God and studying the Bible.

Please keep the first events of the semester in your prayers

- September 1 - International Students Orientation
- September 2 - All Students Orientation
- September 3 - Ultimate Frisbee & Soccer
- September 4 - Movie Night
- September 6 & 9- English Conversation Corner
- September 8 - International Welcome Feast
- September 11-ESL Alpha Class Launch
- September 12-Alpha for New Immigrants Launch
- September 13-16 Launch 4 Exploration Bible Studies
- September 30-October 2 - Summit - Student Retreat

In our Community

◆ Are you looking for an enjoyable, rewarding and impactful way to spend some of your free time? The Edmonton MCC Thrift Shop has a critical need for Customer Service Representatives. You can work directly with many diverse people and help create a helpful, friendly community atmosphere. In only two hours a day, you can make a difference for families in Edmonton and help spread MCC's message of peace, relief and development. Interested? Contact Marsha – Volunteer Coordinator @ marshashack@mccab.ca - 780 443 4047 - or pop by – 9251 34 Ave



- ◆ **Golf for MCC!** Sept.10 in Tofield. Support MCC's work in Central America. More info and registration at mccab.ca/tofield-golf
- ◆ **MUGS needed:** Operation Friendship Seniors Society (OFSS) is in need of mugs for their drop in centre. Their goal is 10,000 mugs by September 1st. If you have extra mugs around your house drop them off at 9526-106 Avenue. The drop in centre is open Monday to Friday 8am till 630pm and Saturday and Sunday 1030am-630pm (also stat holidays)

Check the Coming Events Bulletin Board in the Foyer for more info on events in our area.

Check out the board in the foyer for more information about the people we support overseas.

UPDATE: R. E.

Hey Team, So I hope you enjoyed your summer, cause I hate to tell you... its almost gone :(

I hardly dare write the words. But the consolation prize is that "back to school" shopping is like dancing through the fields of rainbow erasers and clean empty notebooks.

So if you're trying to get back into the educational mindset, here's an interesting thought to kick start your day.

"Why does the world want to learn English?"

Sometimes people asked me this. So, being a good teacher I turned it on my students. "What is the use of having a global language like English?" Even as I said it I was clenching slightly, waiting for them to take a more political take on the question.

But I was stunned. They started putting in their 2 cents, "So that people everywhere can talk to each other" "So we can understand each other better" "Because we need to work together and communicate clearly" "It's important that international discussions can happen"

In light of all recent news that we sometimes see, these students gave me a hope-boost. I responded in the moment by telling them that what they had said was exactly the reason I became an English teacher. They hit the nail on the head.

- ◆ Pray for R. as she meets with people, shares what she is doing with others, does fundraising, and takes some time to refresh and prepare for the next term in Asia.
- ◆ Praise God for the unity and cooperation on her team. Pray for them as they adjust to changes and

welcome a new teacher. There is still room for more people to join if God so leads.

- ◆ Pray for safety as she travels back on Sept. 19th, to a neighboring country for visa and paperwork stuff, and then back to teach in her Asian country. Pray for the adjustment to spending Christmas holidays overseas for the first time.
- ◆ Pray for more one-on-one interactions with students and teachers and opportunities to have deeper conversations.

Discipleship On Mission (DOM):

Arlen Peters will be participating the MB Mission "Discipleship on Mission" program from Sept 2016- April 2017. He will be joining a MB Mission team that works with churches and long-term workers in Thailand as they reach out to their congregations and communities. They will serve in children's camps, construction projects and church services, but their main goal is to build relationships and support the local ministry of the church.

As part of this mission Arlen needs to raise around \$15,000 for the year. If you would like to participate in this important ministry by contributing to MB Mission's Discipleship on Mission program and supporting the development of young leaders like Arlen you can send your support to: MB Missions 1310 Taylor Ave, Winnipeg, R3M 3Z6. Please include C7915, ID484,641 in the memo line of your cheque to ensure your donation helps the ministry Arlen will be part of.