

Noteworthy News



Borden: The congregation has grown substantially since "transplanting" into town from the country setting. The name of this new work is Riverbend Fellowship MB. The vacated building in the country is in the process of being sold.

Herbert: Clint Hartog, former youth pastor at Herbert MB is now the Director for the newly formed Herbert Community Youth Ministry known as "The Cube". This work is a combined effort on the part of the evangelical churches in Herbert. A building has been purchased and renovated for this exciting ministry. Clint and Nikki continue to attend the Herbert MB Church.

Main Centre: Pastor Ken Epp continues on his journey of recovery from cancer. He is rejoicing in God's goodness and is hopeful that he will be able to return to ministry in the Church. Thanks for praying.

Moose Jaw: Prairie Winds Church has just purchased a fine building located on South Hill where the focus of their ministry takes place. A "move in" date is pending. God is doing amazing things!

Meadow Lake: Thanks to the congregation at Northwest Community Church for hosting the recent Provincial MB Convention – not a detail was missed! Pray for this Congregation as they implement discoveries and clarify vision as they complete the ReFocusing process.

Regina: In December the congregation at Parliament Community Church was forced to vacate the building so proper clean-up and restoration of damage could take place following a burst water supply line. This was a 3 month disruption, however, attendance increased as the congregation met in an alternate location! Renovations were done to increase the sanctuary seating but even so space is limited since the expanded congregation has returned home.

Saskatoon: Forest Grove Community Church is considering their obligation and options to impact the city for Christ as they explore some "multi-site" options. About 60 Spanish speaking believers from within the congregation met for the first Spanish Worship Service at Forest Grove on March 28. This is an exciting time of learning what it means to be a diverse church with diverse ministry. It is also a potential step in the direction of multi-site.

Watrous: The congregation at Philadelphia MB Church celebrated the baptism of 9 individuals on March 21.

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There are two events which are pivotal in order for the Church to be truly missional. Both of these sacred events are often overlooked in the Church calendar.

Ascension Day takes place 40 days after Easter which is on May 13 this year. The ascension of Christ paved the way for the coming of the Holy Spirit (John 16:7). Following the ascension of Christ, His followers were reminded that this same Jesus will come back in the same way that He went into heaven (Acts 1:11). The ascension of Christ increases the urgency for us to complete the assignment of the Great Commission before He returns.



Pentecost takes place 50 days after Easter which is on May 23 this year. The coming of the Holy Spirit empowers us to fulfill the Great Commission to be witnesses (Acts 1:8), making disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them (Matthew 28:19).

We have a mission! We must be missional! The work can only be done as we allow ourselves to be filled and empowered with the Holy Spirit and as we realize that Christ is with us to the very end of the age.

Important Future Events



July 12 – 18, 2010 – Gathering 2010 including a 150th anniversary celebration of Mennonite Brethren held in the Vancouver area.

October 3 – 5, 2010 – SK MB Pastoral Retreat held at Dallas Valley Ranch Camp.

November 20, 2010 – SK MB Conference Leadership Forum held at Forest Grove Community Church.

Church & Ministry Staff News

(Changes and additions since the January 2010 insert)

Thanks to . . .

- **Judy Johnson** as she concludes her role as Parish Nurse at Forest Grove Community Church on June 30. Judy will be moving to Ontario to care for her recently widowed mother.
- **Marilyn Muller**, recent Children's Minister at Forest Grove Community Church, as she begins ministry as Discipleship Pastor at Spring Garden Church in Toronto. God's rich blessing on Marilyn as she adjusts to life and ministry in a new setting.

Pastoral Needs . . .

Lead Pastors are/will be needed for:

- Bridgeway Community Church, Swift Current
- Herbert MB Church, Herbert
- Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel, Blaine Lake

Youth/Associate Pastors needed at:

- Hepburn MB Church, Hepburn (Associate/Youth)
- Forest Grove Community Church (Pastor of Children's Ministries)



New Baby . . . Congratulations!

- **Matthew and Robin Roger**, Associate Pastor at Northwest Community Church, Meadow Lake, were pleased to welcome their daughter, Zoe Maria, born on February 16.

Congratulations & Thanks to the following Pastors . . .

- For 15 years of ministry in the same place . . .
 - **Conrad and Lynne Hunchak**, Lead Pastor at Hafford Gospel Fellowship.
- For 5 years of ministry in the same place . . .
 - **Dave and Marianne Grimes**, Lead Pastor at Carrot River Gospel Mission.

On Sabbatical . . . Rest, Refresh & Renew!

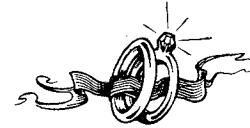
- **Steve & Trish White**, Lanigan – January 1 – June 30
- **Jason & Karina Dyck**, Dalmeny – April 1 – July 31
- **Justin & Jodi Klassen**, Waldheim – May 1 – July 31



Ordination . . .

Dion Grimm, Lead Pastor at Kelstern Community Church, will be Ordained to the ministry on July 4. The Ordination will take place as a part of the Kelstern Sunday morning Centennial Worship Service.

Wedding Congratulations . . .



- **Kristen Willems**, Director of Ministry to Children at Parliament Community Church in Regina married **Tyler Durston** on April 24. Kristen will continue in her ministry position.
- This is a year of weddings for many **children of ministry staff**:
 - May 21 – **Sheryl Epp** to Zachary Ward
 - May 24 – **Kenton Stobbe** to Lana Nagyl
 - June 26 – **Megan Whyte** to Mike Schmidt
 - July 3 – **Andra-Lynne Dirksen** to Nathan Banting
 - July 3 – **Gregory Sawatzky** to Karmen Rennert
 - July 9 – **Heather Epp** to Donny Sparrow
 - October 16 – **Kendra Barkman** to Peter Dueck
 - December 31 – **Reisha Dirksen** to Seth Peters



Centennial (100th Anniversary) Church Celebrations . . .

June 26 & 27 – Woodrow Gospel Chapel – diane_engel@hotmail.com
July 3 & 4 – Kelstern Community Church – h.r.ohlmann@sasktel.net
July 30 – August 1 – Hepburn MB Church – office@hepburnmb.com

Pastors Credentialing Orientation – June 8 – 11 . . .

The following pastors/ministry staff will be attending this event at Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary – ACTS in Langley, BC

- Kristen Durston, Director of Ministry to Children, Regina
- Dion Grimm, Lead Pastor, Kelstern
- Willard Hasmatali, Pastor/Elder, Moose Jaw
- Dale Kary, Youth Pastor, Hope Fellowship, Saskatoon
- Manfred Koehler, Lead Pastor, Foam Lake
- Brian Ray, Lead Pastor, Yorkton
- Doug Rempel, Pastor/Elder, Moose Jaw
- Terry Wicks, Lead Pastor, Glenbush
- Kelly Wiens, Associate Pastor, Beechy



Welcome to . . .

- **Chandra (Kirk) Styles** who has served as Interim Pastor of Junior High Ministries at Forest Grove Community Church. She has now accepted this position on a permanent basis.
- **Richard & Julie Hovey** and their 3 young daughters as they serve the Woodrow Gospel Chapel as part time Pastor. Richard is entering his final year at Briercrest Seminary. They will drive out on weekends and make the manse their "weekend home".
- **Frank & Irene Poirier** who serve Emmanuel Community Church in Pierceland as part time Pastor. The Poirier's live in Cold Lake, AB.