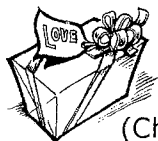


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December, 2011 - Christmas Church & Ministry Staff News

(Changes and additions since the October 2011 insert)

Thanks to . . .

- **Clint and Nikki Hartog** for 6 years of ministry at Herbert - first as Youth Pastor in the Mennonite Brethren Church and then as Director of the community youth ministry known as The Cube. Clint continues to volunteer his services at The Cube, but is now employed for Enterprise Saskatchewan and works out of Swift Current.
- **Sharon and Fred Koop** for 5 years of ministry at Faith River Christian Fellowship Church as Worship and Special Events Pastor concluding on January 31. Sharon and Fred have been involved in Faith River since its beginning in 2005.
- **Steve and Debbie Savage** for 5 years of ministry at West Portal Church as Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Care. They will conclude this ministry in March to assume the role of Lead Pastor at Port Rowan MB Church in Ontario.

Welcome . . .

- **Rod and Leanne Schellenberg** who will begin serving as Lead Pastor at Hepburn MB Church in January. They, along with their two children, Atticus (7) and Mari (5) are coming from Vancouver where Rod has been attending Regent College for the past two years.

Pastoral Needs . . .

- **Lead Pastors** for Glenbush and Herbert MB Churches
- **Director** for The Cube Youth Ministry in Herbert

Church Anniversaries . . .

- 1st Anniversary - **The Gathering**, Forest Grove's Broadway Site Congregation, celebrated their first anniversary on November 20. Congratulations!
- 100th Anniversary - **Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel** will celebrate one hundred years of ministry on April 29.

May your Christmas be full of God's extravagant love!

Provincial Convention . . .

- March 9 and 10 held at the Waldheim MB Church
- Bruce Enns, Lead Pastor at Forest Grove Community Church will be speaking.
- Registration information will be sent out in January and Delegate Handbooks will be available in February.

Congratulations & Thanks to the following Pastor . . .

- For 15 years of ministry in the same place . . .
 - **Gary and Joyce Sawatzky**, Lead Pastor at Dalmeny Community Church, Dalmeny

Do you know that . . .

- There will be 53 Sundays in 2012 instead of the usual 52?
- Funds are available through Project Reach Your World for your church to do an outreach event or project? Check our Web Site for details. At the Provincial Convention you will hear stories from churches that used these funds for a variety of events.

Retreat Options . . .

- **Immanuel Retreat Ministries** in Riverhurst will soon be available for small group and church leadership retreats. Watch for facility and booking details in the near future.
- **The Upper Room** on Deer Valley near Regina, still under construction, should be available in late 2012 for personal retreats for those involved in Pastoral or Ministry positions. Details and booking information will be forthcoming.
- **The Retreat Cabin** at Redberry Bible Camp is ready and available for pastors for personal retreats. To make a booking call the camp office at 477-4410.

Thanks for giving . . .



We want to take this opportunity to thank our member churches for supporting this ministry through their financial giving. A special thank you goes out to all the churches that send their contributions in throughout the year; it's much appreciated. Church donations to date are slightly down this year, so if your church is intending on sending in a year end cheque, please make certain that you do that as soon as possible. Thank you for your faithful support over the years. May you experience as much joy in giving as you do in celebrating the first coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

