

IMAGINE A PLACE WHERE...

People Care About Our Community



Penny Power

Our kids are currently participating in Mennonite Central Committee BC's annual Penny Power coin drive. Last year, children from BC, along with individual donors, MCC thrift stores, and Ten Thousand Villages, raised \$48,000 in BC by collecting pennies, nickels, and dimes! This year's goal is to raise \$50,000 to support the food project in India. We encourage you to teach your children about compassion and justice as you fill up your jars with coins and bring them on Sunday morning to be donated. For more details visit mcc.org/bc/festivals/pennypower.html or www.pennypower.org

Benevolence Sunday

During today's gathering, we will be providing everyone with the opportunity to give toward our Benevolence Fund. This fund provides JRCC with the means to help people in the community who are in financial need. We encourage you to give to this fund as the Lord prompts you.

How Donuts Help

Ever wonder how those donuts magically appear at JRCC every Sunday morning? The truth of the matter is that Carsten and Rochelle Ivany have been picking up donuts from Tim Hortons ever since we have had doughnuts at JRCC. The Ivanys are expecting twins later this summer and we're looking forward to seeing another individual take charge of our "donut ministry." :) All of the proceeds of our donut sales go to the hercommunity ministry program, which greatly reduces the childcare costs for our Friday morning women's group. If you're interested in visiting Tim Hortons on a more regular basis, please contact Meg Sumner by emailing: her@jerichoridge.com.



Prayer and Praises!

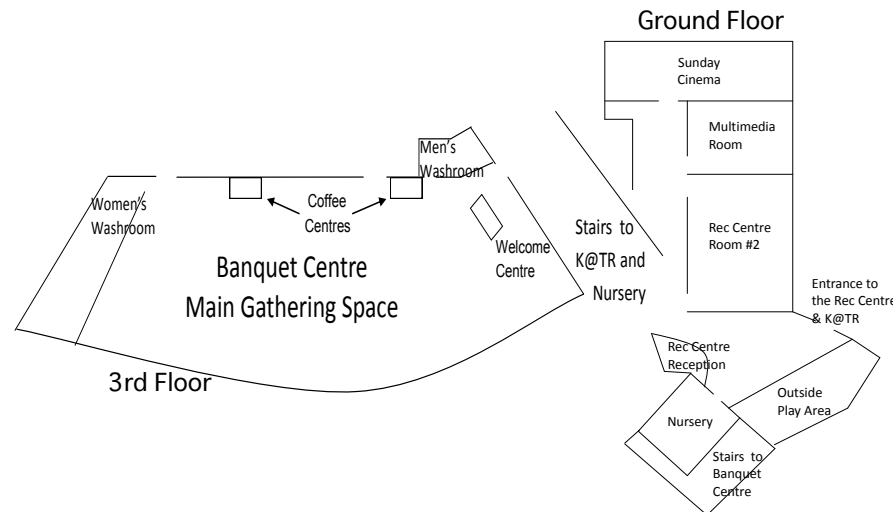
- Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar (Aug 22-Sept 20), is a time period of intense religious fervour in the Muslim world. This often results in heavier persecution against known converts to Christianity. Please pray for those who are counted worthy to suffer for the sake of Christ. Pray too for the liberating movement of God's Spirit among the 1.3 billion people who identify themselves as Muslims. In order to equip yourself to pray during Ramadan, you can pick up a free copy of an informative daily prayer guide for Muslims which is located at the Welcome Centre.
- Pray for Melissa Reed's uncle who was hospitalized this past week with an unknown virus that is causing extreme fatigue. Please pray that he will be strengthened with the hope and presence of Christ and that he will be healed from his physical ailment.
- Pray for the elders team as they prepare for their prayer and planning retreat this upcoming weekend.
- An Iranian man who gave his life to Christ last summer is planning on attending bible school this fall. He is in need of financial assistance to purchase a laptop and other school supplies for his program. If you are able to assist him, please contact Gary Stevenson. Join others in praying that our brother in Christ will have the means to attend school this fall.

Next Sunday:
Nursery:
 Rebecca, Kristen, Dawn, Deb
Setup & Take Down:
 Bryan R, Trevor, Joel K, Ryan B
FrontLines:
 Jeneah, Tamara



- August 9: PreHigh Interest Meeting and Picnic in the Park
- August 11: Final book club meeting at 7:30 PM
- August 14-15: Elders Retreat
- August 19-20: Staff Retreat (church office will be closed)

Map of Langley Events Center



August 9, 2009



"Blinded by the Light"

Acts 9 Pastor Brad Sumner



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Welcome to the Langley Events Centre!

This is our new home for the Sunday morning gatherings of Jericho Ridge. Please take a moment to read through these tips which will orient you to our new location:

- Complimentary fairly-traded organic coffee is available along with juice or tea at two stations at the back of the Banquet Hall. We encourage you to bring your own mug next week to keep your drink hot and to be eco-friendly!
- **Nursery care** is provided for children from birth to age 2 years 11 months. You can take your child there anytime and our trained staff and volunteers will provide you with a pager so that we can contact you if necessary throughout the morning.
- **Kids @ the Ridge** is our program for children from age 3 - grade 4. The check-in table in the foyer is the place to sign in your children (for security) and to receive info on classes. Kids join us for the first 20 minutes before heading to their classes.
- **PreHigh** – Two times a month, we have a small group on Sunday mornings for grades 5-7. We also have an event once a month - check the Info Sheet for details and dates (a calendar is also available online).
- **Coffee and Connection Time** is a 10 minute window (usually from 10:50-11 AM) which is dedicated to getting to know one another. During this time you can: help your kids get settled into their time of singing and learning at Kids @ the Ridge; grab a coffee; visit the Welcome Centre to find out more about JRCC and to sign up for upcoming events; and interact with those around you.
- **First time** here? Please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering bag as it comes around or drop it off at the Welcome Centre. We'll be in touch with any info that you request (no spam or persistent phone calls: we promise!).
- **Want a Bible?** We have available copies for you at the Welcome Centre in an easy-to-read translation. Please take it home with you as our gift to you.
- Our website www.jerichoridge.com has all the information you need to contact us as well as the wide range of programming available for various age categories and interests. While there, sign up for our weekly e-news updates that will help you stay in the loop with our current events and various LIFE Groups (perfect for connecting with others around JRCC).

If you have any other questions or comments today, hunt down anyone with a nametag... they are part of our volunteer or staff teams and are happy to answer any questions you might have. We hope your time with us will encourage and inspire you wherever you are at on your spiritual journey.

IMAGINE A PLACE WHERE... People Connect With Each Other



The Banquet Hall will continue to be our regular gathering place for the summer months. Please note that our primary route in and out of the facility is through the southwestern stairwell and into the Hall on the third floor. If you would prefer to use the elevator, please speak with an usher who can escort you to the elevator which is located outside of the north entrance to the Banquet Hall.

- * Our nursery is open for babies and toddlers who are younger than 2 years, 11 months. The nursery is located in the Willoughby Rec Centre and you can find your way there by going down the stairs to the ground floor, exiting outside, and turning left. After a brief walk, you will see the entrance signs to the Rec Centre.
- * Children who were born in 2003-2006 are encouraged to join our Sunday Cinema program which is located in the Rec Centre.
- * Children who are going into grade 2 and beyond will stay with their parents in the main gathering for the teaching and worship time. Our Family Friendly format is designed to help younger children engage in the teaching time.



Summer Picnics in the Park

Want to get to know more people around Jericho or get to know people better? Join us each Sunday right after the gathering in the park beside the Langley Events Centre to eat lunch together. Bring your favourite picnic lunch, along with a blanket or chair(s), and spend time over lunch getting to know others. If you forgot your lunch feel free to go grab something and come back to the park. You have to eat lunch so why not build friendships at the same time!

Celebrate Sport 2009

Let's celebrate sport with the rest of the community on Sunday, September 13. We'll be hosting this public event in the parking lots at the Langley Events Centre during our regular gathering time, beginning at 10:30 AM. This will be an interactive morning for all participants... guests will have the chance to meet athletes from several teams (such as the BC Lions, TWU Spartans, Langley Chiefs, and Langley Gymnastics Foundation) and there will be a number of activities for people of all ages. Please make this date a priority on your calendar and we'll provide you with additional details in the coming weeks.

Sunday Cinema

Children age 3 – grade 1 are invited to join our Sunday Cinema program today. Each week, the children watch an exciting film and participate in a craft together. You can escort your children to Sunday Cinema (located in the Rec Centre) during Coffee and Connection Time.

Volunteer Opportunities

Find your fit at JRCC! Pick up our volunteer opportunities brochure and check out how you can use your gifts and interests in a ministry team context. The brochures are available at the Welcome Centre and if you'd like more information about any of our volunteer positions, you can speak with Pastor Keith.

PreHigh Interest Meeting

We'll be having a PreHigh interest meeting TODAY after the main gathering. The meeting is for parents of PreHigh students and anyone else who is interested in volunteering this fall with the PreHigh group. We'll be discussing the following topics: parent volunteerism, Sunday volunteer scheduling, PreHigh involvement with Sunday ministry teams, and our student ministry long-term vision. Please meet us this afternoon during lunch at Picnic in the Park. Bring your lunch and we'll see you outside of the LEC between the water park and the Rec Centre. For more information, please speak with Anita Manderson.

Summer Book Club

Our final book club meeting is this week! Join us at the Starbucks on 86th Ave & 200th St for our last discussion of "The Book of Negroes." We'll begin our conversation at 7:30 PM on Tuesday.

Today's Gathering Includes:

- Singing Together
Kevin Klassen and Team
- Family News & Upcoming Events
- Coffee and Connection Time
- "Blinded by the Light"
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