

IMAGINE A PLACE WHERE...

People Care About Our Community

When all the boxes are opened and you're still searching, join us for a Willoughby Community Christmas.

A united, 65-minute Christmas experience of carols, readings and reflections on the origins and heart of the season.



Christmas Mailer

In anticipation of our Christmas Eve gathering and Willoughby Community Christmas event, residents in Willoughby and Clayton Heights will be receiving an invitation flyer in their mailboxes at the end of the week. Please use this opportunity to invite your neighbours to one of our gatherings. Please note that during the Willoughby Community Christmas event, we will have bouncy castles and craft stations available in the LEC gymnasium for children age 4 - grade 2. Additional flyers are available at the Welcome Centre today if you'd like to pass out personal invitations.



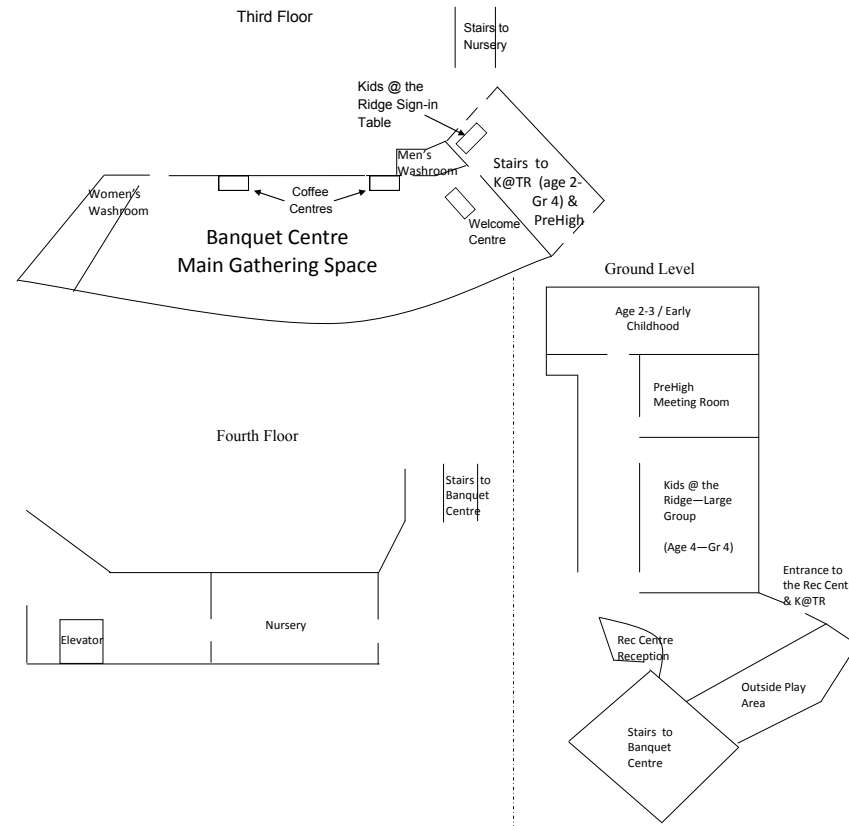
A Phoenix Christmas

Enjoy an evening far removed from the hustle and bustle of the season. A Phoenix Christmas, featuring the Phoenix chamber choir in concert, offers you a joy-filled evening of traditional carols and heart-warming music, both new and old, presented in a reflective ambiance that makes this concert one of Vancouver's favourite. Saturday, December 19 at North Langley Community Church. Doors open at 6:30, concert begins at 7:30. Tickets are \$15 each or 2 for \$25. All ticket sales will go to the Salvation Army's Gateway of Hope homeless shelter in Langley. For more information, please visit www.nlcc.ca.

Next Sunday:
Setup & Take Down:
Leo, Joel, Jon
FrontLines:
Brian, Dan, Laura, Leo, Betty, Jess
Nursery:
Karyn G, Anita M, Heidi, Dawn, Corinna

Coming up...
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve gathering (6-7 PM)
Dec 27 – Willoughby Community Christmas
Jan 8-10 – Vancouver Missions Fest
Jan 16 – Ministry Leaders Appreciation Event

Map of Langley Events Center



December 13, 2009



"The Real Cost of Christmas"

Matthew 2:1-11 Pastor Brad Sumner



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Welcome to Jericho Ridge Community Church

We're so glad that you decided to join us this morning. Here are some practical tips and tools to help you navigate through the morning here at JRCC:

- Complimentary fairly-traded organic **coffee** is available along with hot chocolate and tea 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 24 months. The nursery is located on the 4th floor concourse in the community suites area (please refer to the map on the back page for the specific location). 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 needed.
- **Kids @ the Ridge** is our program for children from age 3-grade 4. The check-in table is the place to sign in your children (for security) and to receive info on classes. Kids join us for the first 20 minutes of the main gathering before being dismissed to their classes in the Rec Centre (please refer to the map).
- **PreHigh** – Twice a month, our students in grades 5-8 meet together in the Rec Centre for a small group teaching time. The PreHighs also have an event once a month – please read through the Info Sheet for dates and details (a calendar is also available online).
- **Coffee and Connection Time** is a 10 minute window (usually from 10:50-11:00) that is dedicated to getting to know each other. This is the time for people to: help their child(ren) get settled into children's programming; grab a coffee; visit the Welcome Centre to register for events; interact with those around you.
- **First time** here? Please fill out a Welcome Card (located at the Welcome Centre) and place it in the offering bag or drop it off at the Welcome Centre. We'll contact you with any info that you request (no spam or overly persistent phone calls, we promise!).
- Want a **Bible**? We have complementary copies available at the Welcome Centre in an easy-to-read translation. Take it home as our gift to you.
- Please check out www.jerichoridge.com and sign-up for our weekly e-newsletter that will keep you up-to-date with JRCC programs and events.

Questions or comments? Please speak with someone who is wearing a nametag - they are part of our staff or volunteer teams. We hope your time with us will encourage and inspire you wherever you are at on your spiritual journey.

Today's Gathering Includes:

Children's Christmas Program

Coffee & Connection Time

"The Real Cost of Christmas"

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Communion

Singing Together

Aaron Rowe & Team

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

The Third Sunday of Advent

Advent refers to the period of time before Christmas – it's a season of expectant waiting and preparation for the birth of Christ. Over the past two weeks, we have lit the candles of hope and peace. Today, we will light the candle of joy, reminding us that Jesus is the bringer of true and everlasting joy.

JRCC Gift Guide and Christmas card info

Additional copies of the JRCC Gift Guide are available at the Welcome Centre. You can also view the Gift Guide online and download an order form off of the church website. When you submit an order, please use a separate order form for each Christmas card that you would like to receive (these cards can then be given as a gift). If you submit a Gift Guide order by Dec 17, your Christmas cards will be distributed to you during the Dec 20 gathering. The deadline for Christmas orders is Dec 20 (cards will be distributed at the Christmas Eve gathering).



gift guide

Benevolence Fund

We will be providing everyone with the opportunity to give toward our Benevolence Fund at the end of today's gathering. This fund provides JRCC with the means to assist people in the community who are in financial need. We encourage you to give to this fund as the Lord prompts you. Please designate your gift to the "Benevolence Fund" on your giving envelope.



Ministry Leaders Appreciation Event

On Saturday, Jan 16, our ministry team leaders will be treated to a Langley Chiefs game at the LEC. Please mark your calendar for this event and stay tuned for more details. The Chiefs will play host to the Surrey Eagles and the puck will drop at 7 PM.

Year-End Giving

In order to receive a charitable receipt for gifts in 2009, donations must be received by December 31. The church office will be open until 5:00 PM on this date.

January Baptisms

We'll be celebrating at least two baptisms in mid January! If you're interested in being baptised, please speak with Pastor Brad.



Christmas Eve Gathering: Thursday, Dec 24, 6:00-7:00 PM

Invite your friends and join us for a one-hour gathering on Christmas Eve. This is a family-friendly event that will include singing together, a reading of a children's story, and some delightful Christmas treats.



Mark your calendar for Vancouver's annual Missions Fest event. Due to the 2010 Olympics, Missions Fest will be hosted at Broadway Church from Fri-Sun, Jan 8-10. For information on speakers, conference seminars, and exhibits, please visit www.missionsfestvancouver.ca.



Kids @ the Ridge Christmas Performance

Today's gathering will feature a Christmas performance by our children and prehigh students. Please be in your seats and ready for the beginning of the performance at 10:30 AM.

Christmas Eve Goodies

Please bring a dozen of your favourite cookies to our Christmas Eve gathering. As part of our gathering time, we'll all enjoy the assortment of goodies along with hot apple cider.

