

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.



Sunday, December 27 • 10:30am

Langley Events Centre Banquet Hall • 7888 200th Street

Willoughby Community Christmas

JRCC is partnering with six other churches in Willoughby to host a united Christmas event here at the LEC on Sunday, Dec 27. The main gathering will feature the singing of carols, the reading of the Christmas story, and reflections on the heart of the season. Children from birth to age 3 can participate in the nursery which will be located in the Rec Centre. Children from age 4 to grade 2 can play in our Kids' Fun Zone (full of bouncy castles and craft stations) which will be setup in the West Gym.

This past week, invitation flyers were mailed out to residents in Willoughby and Clayton Heights. Please use this opportunity to speak with your neighbours and invite them to this seasonal event. Additional flyers are available at the Welcome Centre if you'd like to pass out personal invitations.

January 3 – Communitas Gathering

Our first Sunday of the New Year will be dedicated to giving our gratitude to God and sharing with each other our plans for growth in the upcoming year. We call this gathering "Communitas," which is a Latin word that means the very spirit of community. Our purpose for the morning is to share in the spirit of thankfulness for all that God has done and look ahead with anticipation for ways that we can grow in love and grace. Each of us will have the opportunity to share publicly - perhaps through a story, photograph, craft, or song... think of it as a visual for "Show & Tell" time. So please come prepared to verbalize your thoughts and showcase your art on January 3. Because Communitas is a family friendly event, older children will remain with their parents in the main gathering. Children who are age 3 - grade 1 can participate in Sunday Cinema and the nursery will be available for toddlers and babies who are under 3 years of age.



Next Sunday:
Setup & Take Down:
Leo, Joel, Jon
FrontLines:
Brian, Dan, Laura, Leo, Betty, Jess
Nursery:
None

Coming up...

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve gathering (6-7 PM)

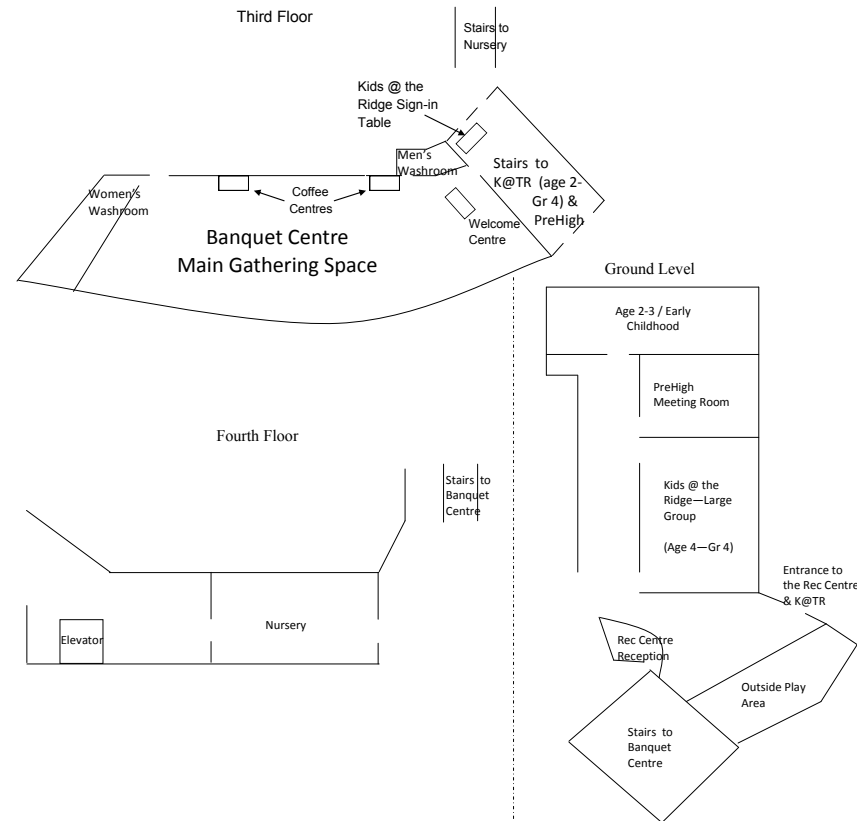
Dec 27 – Willoughby Community Christmas

Jan 3 – Communitas Sunday

Jan 8-10 – Vancouver Missions Fest

Jan 16 – Ministry Leaders Appreciation Event

Map of Langley Events Center



December 20, 2009



“The Time for Love”

1 John 4:7-12 Pastor Keith Reed



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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:

Singing Together

Jared Crossley & Team

Family News & Upcoming Events

Coffee & Connection Time

"The Time for Love"

1 John 4:7-12 Pastor Keith Reed

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

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today, we will light the fourth Advent candle as we are reminded of God's gift of love. The Bible teaches us that it is because of God's great love for the world that Jesus was sent to earth. The candle that signifies love will be lit along with the candles of hope, peace, and joy that were lit in previous weeks.

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

Celebrate the night before Christmas with a one-hour worship 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. Please note that childcare will not be available, but children's toys will be setup in a dedicated area for children 24 months and younger and their parents. Goodie-bags will also be given out to the kids.



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.

JRCC Gift Guide and Christmas card info

Please act today if you'd like to receive a Christmas card from your JRCC Gift Guide order to give as a gift before Christmas. If you submit your order today, we'll have a Christmas card available for you to pick up on Christmas Eve. If you've already placed your order, you can pick up your cards at the Welcome Centre today. Additional copies of the Gift Guide are also available at the Welcome Centre and you can also view the guide online and download an order form off of the church website. Please remember to use a separate order form for each Christmas card that you would like to receive when you submit your order.



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.

Baptism tonight!

We'll be celebrating the baptism of Audrey Bowen tonight at 7 PM at Langley Evangelical Free Church (20719 48th Ave). Audrey is a resident at the Langley Seniors Village and is a good friend of Fen and Alice Dorozio. Please join others from JRCC to support Audrey as she publicly declares her faith in Jesus and is baptised.



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.

To help us in our discipleship focus for 2010, we'll be printing our own momentum journals. These journals will have discussion questions for LIFE Group interaction and personal reflection based on Sunday sermons, resources based on the current sermon series, a Bible reading schedule, journaling pages, and a prayer guide. Journals will be available on Jan 3 for the series beginning on Jan 10. The cost for each journal will be about \$3.



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.

January Covenant Membership Meeting

In January, we'll be organizing a covenant membership meeting for all who are interested. The date and location will be confirmed in the New Year. Please connect with Pastor Brad or Pastor Keith for more details.



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.