



"Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened." Billy Graham

**REMEMBRANCE DAY November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**A CONVERSATION WITH ANDY REEVES**

Duncan Ledsham

I sat down with Andy after the service one Sunday to get an update on his health challenges and specific prayer needs. He was quite gracious about accommodating this request and waved off any concerns about confidentiality.



Andy has a small benign tumour on the right side of his brain that is giving him migraines, a general unsteadiness and potential for epileptic seizures. He is on medication for this. He is not driving and is off work.

I asked how is he doing and he said "*I am doing well...my hope is that I can stay focused on God and let him peel away what He needs to peel away to make me more in His image as a child of God.*"

He appreciates the prayers of our church family and he is thankful that God gave he and Sue an early diagnosis and that it is benign. Let's

continue to pray for continued peace, joy and patience as the Reeves' walk through these tough times!

**GROW IN HIS LOVE**

Terry Bannerman

According to Hebrews 10:25, we should encourage one another. This passage also encourages us to continue meeting together. What an opportunity to be blessed by worshipping God and by meeting and getting to know one another!

Have you met **B.J. Thompson**? She chose to worship our Lord and Saviour here at Park Meadows two years ago. You may have seen her play Volleyball on a Monday evening, or heard her as she plays the piano with the worship team. B.J. is encouraged by Psalm 46:10, "*I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly*". God Bless you, B.J., as you continue to grow in the Lord and fellowship at PMBC. Take time to talk to B.J., to get to know her, remember, the more we know each other, the better we are together.



**Thank you to everyone who stayed for our Congregational Conversation last Sunday. We had a good family discussion about matters concerning the future of the church. If you were unable to attend, talk to any Deacon. Written comments and ideas will be accepted until November 8<sup>th</sup> at the church office.**

## Fall Clothing Drive/Free Sale

Good used clothing and shoes for all ages, bedding, books and toys for children are needed for this clothing drive.



Make your donations in the big box in the foyer.

If you would like to help sort and fold clothing, please sign up at the table in the foyer for one or more of the dates. The free sale will be held November 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

This picture was taken at the spring sale.

## SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

Duncan Ledsham

### Co-Ed

**Volleyball** is offered on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in a drop-in format.



Everyone is welcome but some skill and experience is appreciated!

**Basketball** is now being played on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. Please contact Robb Woodring at 403-381-1587 for more information.



Come join us Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., for **indoor disc golf putting**. It is open to anyone who is interested. It is held here at the church in the gym hosted by Bridge City Gunners. The evening is organized into several different games and there is lots of fun had by all. Plan to bring your own putter.

(<http://www.lethbridgediscgolf.ca>)

## EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Diane Cossette and Joyce Kenzie

We would like you to mark your calendars for the 50+ Christmas Event on Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm. This year we are doing something new. We are bringing in a Christian one person drama - Deanna Storfie. Deanna originally comes from Prince George B.C., and currently lives in Lethbridge.



Those who have seen her dramas can testify to her ability to communicate God's love through the true stories of others. The drama she will be presenting is about George Muller called "**An Orphan's Christmas**". Because of her sound system requirements, we will host it in our church gym. Please bring your favourite potluck dish. A free will offering will be taken at the door to cover the cost of the entertainment. We hope you will be able to attend and have a great time visiting, eating, singing, and being blessed by the drama.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year's shoebox mall blitz will be November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and November 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help during the mall hours. Please sign up at the table in the foyer.

The final week for dropping off the filled shoeboxes at PMBC is November 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to pray for the child who will receive your gift, you may also wish include a personal note and photo.



**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS  
SARAH AND HANK VANDE BEEK  
WHO GAVE THEIR TESTIMONIES ON  
OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

### **THANKSGIVING BANQUET**

Marge Williams

This annual event was held the evening of October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Coast Hotel with 200 adults and 37 children attending. Everyone was encouraged to bring one non-perishable food item for our benevolent cupboard and a perishable item for the soup kitchen – two tables were filled to overflowing. A free-will offering was taken to support the many missions sponsored by PMBC. Each table had the opportunity to do a craft – here are two samples.



### **KOROCHOGO SLUM**

Anyone wanting to know more about the Kid's Bible Camp in Kenya's Korochocho slum as presented by Jack Hazelwood at the banquet should talk to Jack or go to [www.cmaid.org](http://www.cmaid.org).

### **THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

Marge Williams

What a Sunday! Not only was it Thanksgiving Day, it was also Pastor Appreciation Sunday, a baptism, and a sermon from our own Pastor Barry Seifert. His sermon, following our October theme, was titled **"How to Love Others...When Loving is Hard"** based on Romans 23:14-21. Anyone who missed can listen to it, and all sermons, on-line at [www.parkmeadowschurch.ca](http://www.parkmeadowschurch.ca)

Caleb Dick's testimony: *"I have been going to this church my whole life, with my family. I asked Jesus into my heart when I was 6. My Mom and I prayed together in my room. I know Jesus would be the best friend I needed and that I was a sinner and*



*only He could save me. I can't really tell you what my life was like before I accepted Jesus but I can tell you how He has made a difference. I have an anxiety disorder so it is very hard for me to try new things or make new friends. God has not taken this away but He does help me through those hard times. I believe that God has given me a real heart of compassion. I love kids and enjoy writing to our family's 4 sponsor children. I also save money on my own by doing chores so that I can pack my own shoe boxes. This year I helped in VBS and will be helping in Sunday school this fall. I want to help others find Jesus. Although I was scared to come up here and talk, God showed He is faithful in helping me. Philippians 4:13 says "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

A little more about Caleb, he will soon be 13 years old and attends

Immanuel Christian Secondary School in grade 7. Pastor Barry was chosen for the baptism because Barry was his Mom's pastor from youth until Barry left the church. Barry baptized his Mom, married his parents (**Grace and Martie**) and dedicated Caleb as a baby. Caleb and Pastor Barry had a very special relationship, Barry spent time with Caleb, and they would go for ice cream or just visit when Caleb needed a friend to talk to. Caleb worked with **Kellie Wirzba** in VBS; she was so happy with him she told Pastor James who asked Caleb if he would help in Sunday school this fall. Mom Grace: ***"the biggest thing we continue to notice and have had others comment on is his compassionate heart. I have had many say they have never seen anything like it in a boy of his age"***.

Caleb has blessed us with his testimony, let's think of ways we can bless him in his walk with the Lord.



Is the unlit candle calling you to baptism? According to [Romans 6:1-10](#), baptism is important for every believer. Contact any one of the Pastors when you are ready.

### AXE THROWING

Marge Williams



October 25<sup>th</sup> was the date of the latest Men's Ministry adventure – axe throwing. **Oliver Miller** attended with his dad, **Keith Miller**, and was willing to tell me a little about what actually happened that evening. Approximately 45 men turned out and it got started with pizza

and a lesson by **Al Fritz** about devotion and having each other's backs. They were then broken into three groups of 15 and received an orientation on safety procedures and how the game would be played in a round robin format. Axes were thrown into what looked like a big dart board. Each team played off until there was one winner, then the three winners played off until there was one winner. Congratulations to **Daryn Wenaas** for taking home the grand prize of a water bottle donated by True North Axe. It was a great opportunity for outreach as there were a few new faces in the participants.

***"It was very nice being with other guys, talking about guy stuff, socializing and throwing stuff."***

*Oliver Miller*

### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Congregational Election Meeting will be held on **November 26<sup>th</sup>** following the service. To nominate someone to serve on the Deacon Board use the Nomination Sheet available from the Information Desk. Both the person nominating and the nominee must be active members and both are required to sign the Nomination Sheet along with two additional active members. The Nomination Sheets must be handed into the Church Office by **November 12<sup>th</sup>** and will be forwarded to the Resource for review. The Resource Committee is comprised of Moderator Jeremy Poettcker, Pastor Lorne Willms and two members-at-large from the congregation. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor during the Election Meeting.

### NEED PRAYER OR RIDE?

If you have a Prayer Chain request or if you need a ride to church, call the church office: Phone 403-327-4422, Fax 403-327-8868 or E-mail: [admin@parkmeadows.ca](mailto:admin@parkmeadows.ca)

## WE ARE PMBC NEWS

We would love to hear from you:

- Help us cover all church events. When you attend a church function take some pictures, do a little write up and send them in.
- Share your thoughts and comments regarding any of our articles. Although we love to hear positive reinforcement we would also like to hear what you would like to see in the news and, yes, your constructive criticisms as well.

Please send everything you have to [news@parkmeadows.ca](mailto:news@parkmeadows.ca) Thank you.

The “NEWS” is available on our website:

[www.parkmeadowschurch.ca](http://www.parkmeadowschurch.ca) and at the Information Desk.

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- 12<sup>th</sup> - Deadline for Board Nominations
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> – OCC Shoe Box Return to PMBC
- 17-19<sup>th</sup> - ABA Middle School Retreat at Camp Caroline
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Free Clothing Sale 10:00 – noon
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Lamplighters Lunch
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Deanna Storfie 5:30 p.m. 50+ Christmas Potluck
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Communion
  - Congregational Meeting for Board Elections (following service)

**Ladies FYI - Coming to Calgary – Evangelist/Author Beth Moore is coming June 22/23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. Tickets are \$69 until March 26<sup>th</sup> and \$79 thereafter. Register online at [lifeway.com](http://lifeway.com) or contact 1-800-254-2022. This is her only Canadian connection so – tickets will go quickly.**



### NOVEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – Mommy & Me 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Glitz & Glam (Fabulous 50's) for ladies 14+, Tickets are \$5 each available at the church office
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Young Adults Movie Marathon
  - Turn clocks back 1 hour
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Child Dedication
  - Newcomer's Lunch
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for written suggestions and comments arising from the Congregational Conversation. They will all be reviewed by the Board.
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Church office closed
  - 50+ at E-Free 6:00 pm Potluck and entertainment by 4ever Praise Quartet
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Potluck and church wide folding following service for clothing drive

### CHRISTIAN MOVIE: ALL SAINTS

Duncan Ledsham

Now playing at the Movie Mill, movie times: 1:00 and 6:55 daily.

Based on the inspiring true story of a salesman-turned-pastor, the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all.

*"I always enjoy movies based on true stories and this one was quite moving. It takes you through the ups and downs of a pastor and his family as he tries to listen to God and take faith risks along the way.*

*God teaches him some important lessons about relationships and eternal priorities. Genuinely encouraging and worth the \$5!"*

