

CHURCH CALENDAR 

- SUN (8) -Worship Service with Baptism & Communion, **10:30 AM**
-NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
-Sr. Youth leaders meeting, 7:00 pm
- TUES (10) -Worship Committee meeting, 7:30 pm
-Jr. Youth leaders meeting, 7:30 pm
- WED (11) -Morning Out registration, 9:30 am
-Deacons meeting, 7:00 pm
- THURS (12) -Choir, 7:30 pm
- SUN (15) -Worship Services - 9:30 & 11:00 AM,
-Sunday School, 9:30 AM
-Sr. Youth, 7:00 pm

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS AT DOUGLAS **JUNIOR YOUTH (GR. 7-9)**

- Tuesday, January 10, 7:30-9:00pm – Leaders’ meeting
- Tuesday, January 17, 7:30-9:00pm - Jr Youth starts up again
- Jr Youth Retreat at Red Rock - January 20-22. Forms are available on our bulletin board. Please get them back to us as soon as possible.

SENIOR YOUTH (GR. 10-12)

- Sunday, January 8, 7:00-8:30pm – Leaders’ meeting
- Sunday, January 15, 7:00-9:00pm - Sr Youth starts up again
- SOAR HEARTLAND - The Sr Youth will be participating in SOAR Heartland this year (March 22-31st, during Spring Break). Forms are available on our bulletin board.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY 

- Congratulations to Darlene and Mike E on the birth of their son **Ryan David** who was born on Christmas Day. We pray for God's blessings on Ryan and his family.
- Congratulations to **Daniel D** and **Rachel H** who got engaged over the Christmas holidays. Daniel is from our congregation and is the son of Frank and Anne Marie D and Rachel is from Grant Memorial Church and is the daughter of Bruce and Sheryl H. They are planning a September wedding. We wish them God's blessings on their life together.
- **George B Sr.**, father to George (Heidi) B and grandfather to Danika, Leah and Rachel, passed away on Friday, December 30. The funeral was January 4 at Klassens Funeral Home. We pray for God's comfort and consolation for George, Heidi and their family at this time.

Worship Services**FOR JANUARY 8, 2012****10:30 AM BAPTISM & COMMUNION SERVICE**

SCRIPTURE	John 15: 1-8
SERMON	Fact or Fiction: 'Believing Makes Me a Christian'
WORSHIP LEADER	Adam R
SPEAKER	Don RB
SONG LEADER	Worship Team with Kathleen RB
BAPTISM CANDIDATES	Brittany K, Ryan K and Tara K

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ" 1 Corinthians 3:11

- **From the Discernment Committee:** Looking for an opportunity to serve? Want to get involved? Is God leading you to make a difference right here at Douglas? We are still looking to fill nine positions at Douglas Mennonite Church. Some of these are...
Council Vice-chair, Food Committee Chair, Grounds Committee Chair, Property Committee Chair, Sunday School Coordinator, Creative Visuals (2 openings), Discernment Committee member at large
Please talk to members of the Discernment Committee if you are interested (Reinhard K, Hilde N, Peter T or Robert M)
- **Good things come in SMALL GROUPS!!** They are a great way to study God's word, care for one another, and serve others. This winter we are offering two short-term groups that will meet twice per month at church. A Monday evening group will be led by Adam Robinson, our Associate Minister, and a Thursday evening group will be lead by Don Rempel Boschman, our Leading Minister. The studies and discussions will be based on material prepared by our Ministerial team to align with the sermon topics during January, February, March and April. A number of long term groups are also open to new members. If you are interested in joining a short- or long-term group, or have questions, ***please see Pat Funk at the sign-up table in the upper foyer today, or next Sunday, January 15.***
- **REMINDER – AGM REPORTS ARE DUE JANUARY 16. Thank you.**
- **REMINDER:** Cheques should now be dated with **2012**.
- **Monday Night Yoga** will be starting up again January 16. Please see bulletin board for details. Everyone is welcome to join.
- **INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN CHOIR** - The Douglas Church family would like to acknowledge and thank all the former singers in the German Choir. The conductors, pianists and singers faithfully served the congregation since its beginnings in 1980. Ingrid E has agreed to lead the present choir, together with former German Choir members in both services on Sunday, January 29, 2012. Please come out to a special practice on Thursday, January 26, from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Ingrid will practice three German song selections, which will be a part of the services on the following Sunday. We invite you to participate!!! Please come out and enjoy the fellowship, singing and worshipping, through the words and music of three familiar German songs.
- **Douglas Newsletter** – send all newsletter submissions to Doug F.

SAY YES TO THE CALENDAR: AGING AND MORTALITY

Beginning on January 22 John H. Neufeld will be leading a three week adult education series on the topic, *Say Yes to the Calendar: Aging and Mortality*.

There will be input as well as time for questions and discussion in each session.

What's this all about? Everyone entering the last third of their lives, as well as their family and loved ones, faces a unique set of challenges and questions. Here's a few of them:

What is it that most of us ought to expect as we enter this segment of our lives? How can we play an active role in the shaping of our lives as seniors or does aging simply shape us? What would we imagine "abundant life" to be like for seniors? What are the changes and challenges that we will face as we get older? What are the issues that most concern seniors during these years?

Here's an outline of what will be covered:

Session 1 – January 22 - Initial exploration of the last third of life using Numbers 13:18-19, 27-28, 33, and John 10:10 as a launch pad. Some quotations and a bit of history. The first two specific challenges – our context and being intentional.

Session 2 – January 29 - In this session we will continue to deal with challenges seniors face: fears, diminishment, health issues and wrestling with memories and questions.

Session 3 – February 5 - The final session will focus on life's biggest challenge – our mortality. People over 60 think about their own dying, but many do not talk about it. Dying is the last thing that each of us will do and there is a lot to think and talk about when it comes to approaching the end of our lives. (Genesis 48:21, Psalm 90) How can we enjoy life knowing that we will die?

BEYOND DOUGLAS @

- **GREAT OPPORTUNITY!!** River East MB Church is offering a FREE Interior Decorating Workshop with decorators Sherry Toews & Connie Epp (CID). How can your home become a more inviting and inspiring space? You will receive simple yet valuable tips that keep your everyday lifestyle, budget, and care for the earth in mind. Call weekday mornings (663-5096) or email office@remb.ca to reserve your spot for January 18 (7-9 pm) at 755 McLeod Ave.

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