

AAC Family Newsletter



Upcoming Special Events

- **Family Gingerbread Curb Side Pick Up**

December 12th 4:30

To pre-register email

aac.heather@gmail.com

- **Ladies Virtual Christmas Tea**

December 13th 11:45-12:45

Please see details on Page 3

To pre-register email

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Baby News

Congratulations to Karlee and Derek Bysterfeld on the birth of their first child, a son named Hayes Wheeler! Son, Mom and Dad are well and adjusting to a new way of life at home.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Hasn't our world changed in 9 months? As I watched the fly over for Remembrance Day out our front door, I realized that this is the first Remembrance Day service I've missed in well over 60 years. The thread of analogy between war and the pandemic is not hard to find; both change our culture substantially.



Remembrance Day Fly Over
Aldergrove, November 11, 2020

Freedom Session Update

It has been quite the year for this last group doing the program. We have witnessed healing and an excitement to continue living lives authentically as Christ followers that have filled my heart more than I can express. The men and women bonded together in a way I had never seen before in this program. There was support and a raw vulnerability that was wonderful to see. Hearing how FS changed their lives (even during COVID) was a blessing! It would have been wonderful to graduate however due to some Covid-related issues we were unable to do so.

We recently met for our last session. It was so bitter sweet. We started the year with 3 men and 4 women, but there were just 3 of us that night. What a great night we had together sharing so much and we were happy to be together at the end. I have asked that everyone share their testimony with you as our way of saying thank you for all of the support and the prayer. Aldergrove Alliance has blessed each one of us. Thank you for all your prayers and support of this group. Aldergrove Alliance has been a blessing in making this freedom session happening over the past number of years!

Please join us on
YouTube

@AldergroveAlliance

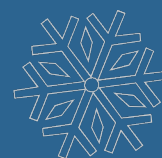
10:30 am for our Advent

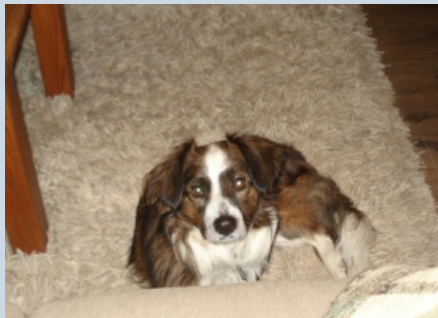
Sunday series. We

began this week in

Luke 1 with 'God's Gift

of the Impossible'.





Little Herman

A Reminder of God's Faithfulness from Mary Kruk

Last year, about the middle of November my little dog, Herman & I had the most amazing day. To say that God had directed our day would be an understatement as He has His hand on all of our days, but this one was undeniable. First, let me tell you a bit about Herman. He is a rescue dog that I have had for 8 years, after a couple found him running along a country road north of Saskatoon. He was dragging one of his back legs. They were able to get him into their car & take him to a veterinarian in Saskatoon. The vet had to amputate his leg & found gunshot in it. She figured that Herman had been running for a couple of weeks, so he's a tough little guy.

Fast forward to last November. It was a Wednesday afternoon & I could tell that Herman wasn't feeling well, so I called the vet but couldn't get in until Friday. By then his cheek was swollen and his eye was pushed off center, this poor little guy didn't deserve any more pain. The vet determined that he had an abscess at the back of his mouth & would need surgery. She gave me a quote on what it would cost & told me she would phone later when I could pick him up.

Now for the remarkable part of the story! With scheduled donations to charities, I wondered how I would pay for Herman's surgery so on the way to the vet I asked the Lord to help me out with this. He is helping & guiding us all the time, but this was the most recognizable time for me. I got home and about a half hour later the phone rang and it was a call, a real voice, telling me that I had \$400 available in the travel part of my MasterCard. Then about 15 minutes later the doorbell rang & a fellow from Valley Gravel sales gave me \$85.00 cash as a refund for a load of rocks that I had had delivered about 2 months earlier. Then I headed down to my mailbox & found 2 rebate cheques that I had totally forgotten about. Adding it up, it covered the bill for Herman! Later that day I went to pick up my little friend... his surgery was successful... thanking our gracious God on the drive there. Now if you know anything about vets, usually the final price is more than the quote & the bill increased by \$200. I got home with my little buddy & was bringing him up the stairs & there was \$200.00 tucked under my doormat! Wow, God is so good!

Prayer Requests

- Sharon and Bill Hurney: Sharon began chemo treatments Tuesday December 1 at the Abbotsford Hospital.
- Randy Mayer as he continues to recover at home. Randy is well, his next appointment is December 15 at St. Paul's hospital.
- For our school teachers: Michael and Tracy Opp; Angie Cottrell; Alexis Pelling; Andrea and Steve Laird and Lori Krahn.
- For AAC leadership as they navigate and process the latest public health order. Pray for a reasonable compromise Monday December 7.
- For our International workers who have participated at AAC in the past two years: Dave and Patti Ens – Cambodia; Don and Betty Orr – Northern Iraq; Jon and Carmen – North Africa
- Pray for Ruth Penner and the Mount of Olives Children's Village.
- Pray for Maria Mach and her work with Wycliffe Bible Translators.
- Pray for Tim Nielsen and Three Peaks Recreational Organization, an outdoor program geared toward at risk youth in Abbotsford. Pray for strong mentors to join them as volunteers.
- Pray for Erik Nielsen (ER nurse at Abbotsford Hospital) and for Julie Chambers (a community nurse in the Fraser Valley).
- Pray for Ray Winters (Transit police), Brian Pederson (Abbotsford Fire Department), Mike Henry (RCMP), Irene Mayer (trainer-supervisor for 911 operators).

Financial Update: January – October 2020

General Fund:	332,639.20
Expenses:	338,083.20
Variance:	(15,444.46)

Benevolence:	8,740.00
Global Advance:	24,970.00
	(Alliance missions)

Excerpt from an encouraging email sent by our Women of Grace Tuesday group:

"We are praying for you and the board as you lead, for wisdom and discernment. And we are thankful, so thankful, for being a part of a church that we dearly miss. In our Bible study, we have been reading through Philippians and now Colossians. We have noticed again and again how we are told to be thankful, to give praise, to rejoice. We are choosing to rejoice and give praise in the midst of this. This past Tuesday, we finished our time together with two words "chosen & "beloved". We are chosen, we are beloved. May that encourage you now.

Christmas reminds us that God always takes the initiative. Jesus Christ is a gift of love who cares for us and calls us into God's saving purposes. Mary (the mother of Jesus) is the ultimate example of what always happens when God is at work by grace through human beings. Gabriel told Mary that the Holy Spirit would come upon her enabling and empowering her (as the Holy Spirit always does), to do and be more than she could be by herself.

God's sovereign power from the "outside", and the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit from the inside, together result in things being done which would have been unthinkable otherwise. This Christmas season let's be "Mary-like" in our response to what God is saying and doing in and through our lives. Mary's son, Jesus, has gone before us into the heart of a very real battle for the purpose of calling us to Himself to be forgiven so we can receive forgiveness and give joy. (Luke 1:28-38)

Our kids' favorite
Christmas joke:

*What do you call a person who is
afraid of Santa Claus?*

Claustrophobic!



Aldergrove Alliance Church Presents:

**Family
Holiday
Challenge**

Drive Thru Edition!

To register
Email: aac.heather@gmail.com or call 604-856-3447

An illustration of a red car driving through a snowy landscape with trees and a large red gift box.

Pick up a Gingerbread House and your Family Challenge Package!

Saturday, December 12th 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Registration is required as quantities are limited.

Drive thru time will be assigned upon registration!

Enjoy the festive atmosphere as you drive thru, then go home and decorate the house together. Send a pic to be posted on the church Social media!

Bring a
Food-bank
donation!

AAC Ladies Christmas Tea
Sunday Dec 13th

Pick up your surprise box curbside in front of the church following the online service. (11:45–12:45)
Delivery is available for those in quarantine or self-isolation or unable to pick one up.

Time: 2 pm Online Party on Zoom!

Aldergrove Food Bank donations will be accepted in lieu of tickets.
Please have the surprise box, your favourite Christmas tree ornament/decoration, your favourite hot beverage & a match or lighter with you during the Zoom call.

Contact Sue Priebe at sue.priebe@gmail.com or 604-788-4647 to register by December 4th.
Registration by this date is required to receive a surprise box.
The Zoom link will be emailed to you after you register.

An illustration of a Christmas tree, holly leaves, and a teacup.