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- We take a 10-minute break during the gathering to fill up on coffee, talk with one another, and dismiss children to their classes. We call it [Coffee & Connection Time](#). It's a good time. We hope you aren't scared off by it.
- [Nursery care](#) is available for babies who are 24 months and younger. The nursery is located on the 4th floor past the Sunday Cinema rooms. You can take your child there at anytime and our trained staff and volunteers will put your mind at ease.
- [Kids @ the Ridge](#) is our program for kids age 2-grade 5. Sign-in for age 4-grade 5 is available at our sign-in table in the Banquet Hall. Sign-in for age 2-3 is in Room A on the 4th floor. Because of this large concrete building, we ask that parents escort their kids to the classrooms on the 4th floor during our Coffee & Connection Time. You can pick up your child from their room after the gathering. Be prepared for your child to come home with a bunch of papers and stories to tell. Make sure to ask them what they learned. They might teach you something
- If you're a student in grades 6-12, you should check out [The Source](#), our small group Bible study that meets on the first and last Sunday of each month in Room 3 of the Rec Centre. You'll want to ask other students about our youth functions on Thursday nights. The group has some awesome times together.
- Want a [Bible](#)? We have free copies at the Welcome Centre for you to take home. No strings attached. Just take it and read it.
- Want someone to [pray](#) with you? We'll have people who can pray with you available at the end of our gathering. You can tell them as much or as little as you'd like. They won't be nosy and they'll keep it to themselves.

We'd love for you to fill out a Welcome Card at the Welcome Centre. This will give us an idea of who you are and help us respond to any questions that you might have. It's also a good idea to visit our website, www.jerichoridge.com, and join our weekly e-newsletter group or facebook page. Don't worry, we won't bother you with annoying phone calls or spam mail. Promise.

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Benevolence Sunday

Part of our regular practice on communion Sundays is to encourage giving to our benevolence fund. This fund is used to give financial assistance to those who are in extreme need (both within JRCC and in the local community). If you would like to contribute to this fund, please use an offering envelope (located at the Welcome Centre) and write "Benevolence" in the designation line.

JRCC's Gift Guide

You can ensure that your Christmas gift won't be wasted by giving the gift of revolutionary love this Christmas! You can give a gift such as a beehive, overseas flight, or computer monitor and know that your gift will have an immediate impact. Copies of JRCC's 2010 Gift Guide are located at the Welcome Centre. If you choose to complete a support form, please remember that they need to be returned this week if you would like to receive a printed thank you card acknowledging the gift (which will be given to you on Dec 19). If a Gift Guide item is on your personal wish list, please let others know that they can access the Gift Guide from the front page of JRCC's website. The Gift Guide will be open for giving through Dec 31.



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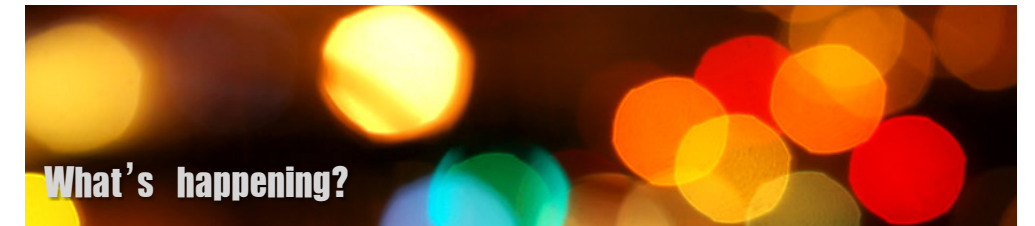
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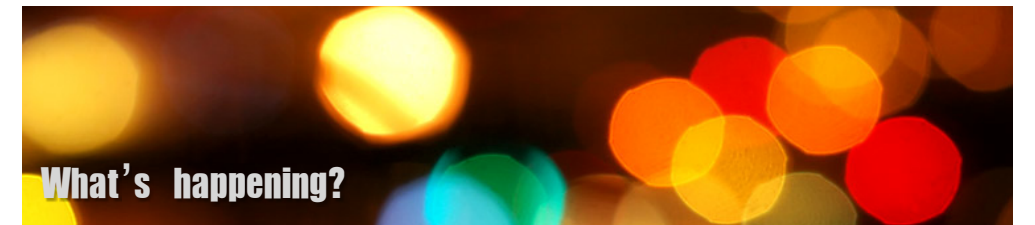
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On Sunday, Dec 26, we'll be partnering with six other churches to host our 2nd annual Willoughby Community Christmas. This event will be held in the West and Centre Gyms and special events for the kids will be hosted in the Langley Gymnastics Foundation space (both locations are on the ground floor of the LEC). PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY!! We suggest that you arrive at 10:00 am so that you can find parking, drop off your kids in their programming, and find a seat. The program will be a 65-minute experience of carols, readings, and reflections on the origins and heart of the season.

MediaShout Help

We're looking for someone to operate the MediaShout computer program on Sunday mornings. This person will work with our Technical Ministries team and our worship band to deliver the visual components (song lyrics, films, PowerPoint slides, etc) during our gathering time. Qualifications include basic computer knowledge, attention to detail, and a commitment to excellence. Please speak with Eric Bylenga (ebylenga@gmail.com) for a full position description. We're hoping the new team member will begin in January.



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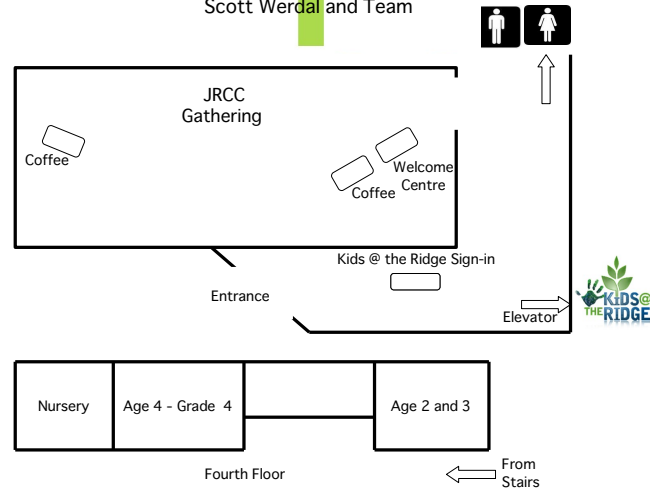
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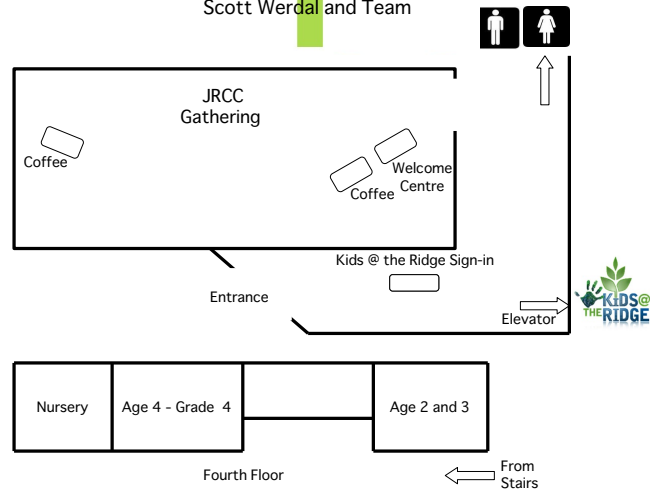


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