

## Merry Christmas

Each December I am amazed at the increased commercialization of the Christmas season. The newspaper that arrives on my door becomes a thin "envelope" of local news that holds three inches of flyers telling about all the great deals for Christmas presents. Our in-box at home has become alive with every online vendor pushing full colour animated emails into my house highlighting great gift ideas. Some have even chosen to open our lives up even more to this advertising as we subscribe to phone apps that are sending out regular notifications of offers we don't want to miss, at prices that will never be seen again. In this tsunami of advertising it is sometimes hard to bring our heads above water long enough to catch a breath and think about the real meaning of Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ! We remember His miraculous arrival on earth and His life of purpose and sacrifice. For some Christmas is about spending time with friends and family and enjoying the company of those you love; for that I am thankful as well. My hope and prayer is that over this Christmas, you would find a way to strip out the commercial hype of the season, find peace in a time that is full of hectic demands, and spend time with the people you love. Deep in my heart I would pray that through this Christmas each of us would open our hearts to the real reason for Christmas, the birth of Jesus.

On behalf of FPA,  
Jeff



### Holiday Hours

In order for us all to have time to enjoy the holidays & for our staff to have a well-deserved rest, the office will close on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm & will re-open Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

### Dates to Remember

Mid-February - Personal Tax appointment letters will be sent to you.

February 28 - All T3, T4, T5, etc. slips must be filed by this date.

March 31 - Deadline for the filing of Family Trusts.

April 30 - Deadline for the filing of Personal Tax Returns.

**Staff News** — Ted and Alice Friesen retired in April and will enjoy spending their time travelling and keeping up with the grandkids. John and Crystal Pankratz welcomed their third grandchild this year. Jae Lee and his wife Christine welcomed their second child, a daughter this time!

**From our office family to yours, we thank you for trusting us with your accounting needs  
& wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS & a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*John, Jeff & Sandy,*

*Diana, David, Greta, Trevor, Jae, Christian, Davinder*

*Eleanor, Paula, Tina & Oxana*