

## Looking Ahead

Sun., Apr. 23	10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Pastor Ed Helping Hands Talent Show/Fundraiser
Sun., Apr. 30	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 - 1:30pm	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Pastor Ed Coffee Time & Baby Shower ~ **Sign up sheet - in foyer
Sat., May 6	Time TBA	Highway Clean-Up Fundraiser ~ **Sign-up sheet - foyer
Sun., May 7	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Abe Janzen

## Beyond First

Join **Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Alberta** for their **Dessert Night & Fundraiser** at Bergthal Mennonite Church (Didsbury) at 7:00 pm on **April 28**. Kevin King, Executive Director of MDS BiNational, will tell stories about building hope, and pianist Phyllis Geddart will play your favorite hymns while you enjoy dessert. Contact Richard Goerzen (403-818-8925) for more details.

Weekly **volunteers are needed** starting May 14 to begin rebuilding in Fort McMurray. Volunteers have two options: Sign up for Fort McMurray, where volunteers will construct basements; or sign up for Saskatoon, where volunteers will build ready-to-move homes to be placed on the basements. Contact Darin Bontrager at: [dbontrager@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:dbontrager@mds.mennonite.net); or call: 1-800-241-8111. You can also apply through the MDS website.

The **Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta (MSHA)** will be holding its AGM on Saturday, April 29 in the Bergthal Church, Didsbury. The afternoon session will focus on the history of Songfest. You are invited to sing! Come to ONE REHEARSAL ONLY, Thursday, April 27 at 7:30 pm at First Mennonite Church, Calgary. We will also meet Saturday, April 29 at 12:30 pm, in Didsbury, where other singers will be joining us. Jake & Elsie Wiebe are in charge. To help in the planning, please call Jake at: 403-242-7370 or email: [jelsy@shaw.ca](mailto:jelsy@shaw.ca).

**Camp Valaqua** Spring Work Day will take place on May 6. Join us for a day of fellowship and work as we prepare the camp for summer. Help split wood, set up tipis, and many other tasks. Lunch, snacks, and coffee is provided.

**Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) Annual Christian Faith Studies:** "Called to Peacemaking with All Creation: Living Faithfully in the Age of the Anthropocene" from May 15 - 17 at Holyrood Mennonite Church (Edmonton). In a time when humanity has become a geological force, with dramatic impact on our planet, how do we integrate care for creation into our Christian faith? This 3-day event will feature Randy Haluza-DeLay, award-winning writer & social scientist at King's University. Register for the full event or attend open sessions (by donation) on Monday & Tuesday evening. See the poster & brochures in the foyer; call Tim Wiebe-Neufeld at: 780-994-1021; or go to: [mennonitechurch.ab.ca](http://mennonitechurch.ab.ca).

**Calling all women!** It's time to retreat with your Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) sisters and friends at the Sunnyside Christian Retreat Centre in Sylvan Lake, June 9 - 11. Our special speaker is Sara Wenger-Shenk, President of AMBS, and our theme is "Wisdom 2017: Our Legacy". Come and be strengthened in your walk with God and prepare to have fun at the Variety Show on Saturday night! Online registration is now open at: [www.mcawomen.com](http://www.mcawomen.com).

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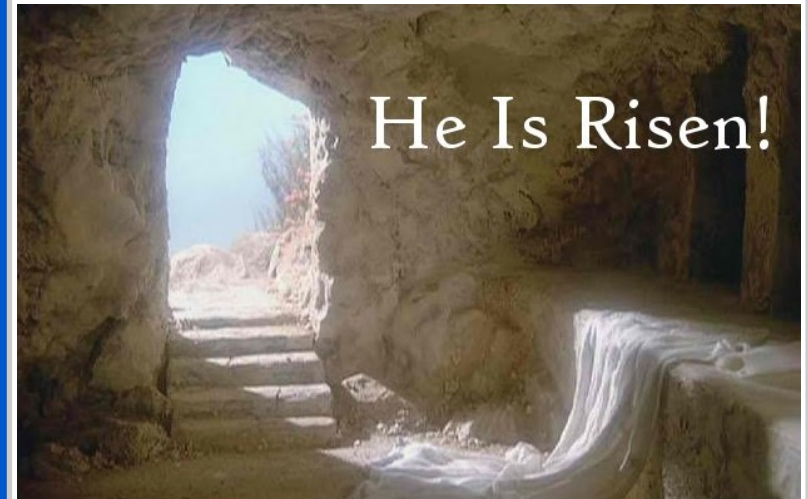
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## Sunday, April 16, 2017



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*April 16, 2017*

Worship Service ~ 11:00 am  
He is Risen!

**We Gather for Worship**

Call to Worship Projected

Words of Welcome

Songs of Gathering Christ the Lord is risen today (HWB #280)  
All hail the power of Jesus' name (HWB #285)  
You are all we have (STJ #29)

**We Listen for God's Word**

Children's Feature Jenn Ratzlaff

Music Feature Thine is the glory  
Natalie Ratzlaff

Song of Praise Thine is the glory (HWB #269)

Reading the Word COLOSSIANS 3: 1 - 4 & MATTHEW 28: 1 - 10

Message "Restore us, O God! We live"  
Pastor Ed

**We Respond to God and Each Other**

Hymns of Praise Christ is alive (STS #89)  
Low in the grave he lay (HWB # 273)

Offering our Gifts

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**We Go Out as God's Missionaries**

Sharing Church Life

Benediction

Song of Sending Praise God from whom (HWB #118)

**Worship Leader:** Erv Thiessen

**Song Leader:** Moni Janssen

**Accompanist:** Elsie Wiebe

Sunday School for all ages will resume next Sunday, April 23

**Praise & Prayer Notes**

**Mennonite Church Canada:** Leaders of all Area Churches of Mennonite Church Canada will be meeting in Winnipeg April 20 - 22 for the Spring Leadership Assembly. Please pray for wisdom & grace as they meet to discuss and discern God's calling.

**Here at First**

There is still room for your talent to be shared at the Annual **Helping Hands Talent Show/Fundraiser on April 23 at 6:00 pm!** All ages and skill levels are welcome and appreciated! Please talk with Birgitt Thiessen or e-mail Gay Kauffman if you have something to share. We also need an audience, so please plan to attend. Refreshments will be served following the program. Funds raised will be donated to ministries of Mennonite Church Alberta, Mennonite Central Committee and other worthy causes.

A **Baby Shower** will be held on Sunday, **April 30** during Coffee Time for our newest FMC babies. If you wish to contribute to gifts for the families, please see Birgitt, Karen, Tanya or Eric. A special collection will also be taken in April.

Thank you to all who helped with Coffee Time in March, it was wonderful and appreciated by all of us. We are now inviting help for the **April 30 Coffee Time**, which **will include the Baby Shower**. The sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer. Thank you in advance for all your help.

Mark your calendars for **Highway Clean-Up** on Saturday, **May 6**. A volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. See Eric or Karen for details.

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)**

**MCC Summerfest and Auction** - May 26 & 27 at Sherwood Park Millennium Place. Please consider donating auction items - all proceeds support international ministries. Collect your coins for "My Coins Count" to support St. Johns Primary School, a water project in Uganda. For more information, please visit: [mccreliefsale.com](http://mccreliefsale.com).

**WANTED:** Relief Kits and Relief Kit items for MCC's Material Resources Program. For details, contact Linda at: [lindadickinson@mccab.ca](mailto:lindadickinson@mccab.ca) or: 403-275-6935.

You are invited to a **Blanket Exercise** hosted by MCC and members of the Blood Tribe on Saturday, **April 22**, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Lunch & cultural teachings included. Registration is free; donations to MCC will be accepted. Location: Senator Gladstone Hall in Standoff, AB. RSVP: [allisongoerzen@mccab.ca](mailto:allisongoerzen@mccab.ca).

Meet Blaine Derstine & Rebecca Burkholder at the MCC Office (210, 2946 32 St. NE) on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm. Hear their stories of MCC's work in Afghanistan, South Korea and India.