

Looking Way Ahead

Tues., April 4	7:30 pm	Council of Church Ministries
Sun., April 9 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Pastor Ed
Tues., April 11	7:30 pm	Helping Hands Women in Mission (HHWM)
Fri., April 14	10:00 am	**Good Friday service here at First Mennonite Church**
Sun., April 16 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9:30 am 10:15 am 11:00 am	Easter Breakfast at First Mennonite Church (No S. School) Easter Egg Hunt Worship Service with Pastor Ed
Sun., April 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., April 30	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Pastor Ed Baby Shower honouring Billie and Dominic
Sat., May 6	Time TBA	Annual Highway Clean-Up Fundraiser

Beyond First

Maundy Thursday Services – April 13

Foothills Mennonite Church (2115 Urbana Rd. NW) at 7:00 pm. It will be a service of Communion and Remembering. You are invited to join with us as we remember, through scripture, song and prayer, the last evening with Jesus and his disciples before going to the Cross.

Trinity Mennonite Church (32023-232 Ave. W, Foothills, AB) at 7:00 pm. Join us for a multi-sensory trip through the Passion narrative, with song, prayer and reflection.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

You are invited to a **Blanket Exercise** hosted by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and members of the Blood Tribe on **Saturday, April 22, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm**. Walk through Indigenous & Settler history from an Indigenous perspective. Lunch & cultural teachings included. Registration is free; donations to MCC would gratefully be accepted. Location: Senator Gladstone Hall in Standoff, AB. RSVP: allisongoerzen@mccab.ca.

Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta (MHSA)

The Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta (MHSA) will be holding its AGM on Saturday, April 29 in the Bergthal Church, Didsbury. The afternoon session will focus on the history of Songfest. As a part of this focus, it is hoped that a choir could perform several pieces. 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 contact.

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Sunday, April 2, 2017

"Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!"

"I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life."

"Then you will know that I am the Lord."

Ezekiel 37:4-6

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April 2, 2017

Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

We Gather for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship Projected

Hymns of Gathering Holy Spirit, come with power (HWB #26)
Spirit of the living God (HWB #349)

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Feature Bernie Feddema

Reading God's Word JOHN 11: 1 - 45
Feddema Family

Message "Restore Us, O God! We Breathe"
Pastor Ed

We Respond to God and Each Other

Hymn of Response Breathe on me, breath of God (HWB #356)

Offering our Gifts

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Confession and Words of Assurance Projected

Prayers of the People

Hymns of Response You are all we have (STJ #29)
When peace, like a river (HWB #336)

Sharing Church Life

We Go Out as God's Missionaries

Benediction

Hymn of Sending Nothing is lost on the breath of God (STS #121)

Worship Leader: Jenny Felsmann

Song Leader: Laura Dyck

Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

Sunday School Classes ~ 10:00 am

Ages 3 - Grade 1
Grades 2 - 6
Grades 7 - 12
Adult - Uniform Series

Galilee (Lower Sunday School Wing; left side)
Egypt (Upper Sunday School Wing; right side)
Jericho (Upper Sunday School Wing; left side)
Main floor Sunday School Wing, end of hall

Praise & Prayer Notes

Mennonite Church Canada: In these unsettled times, pray that the Holy Spirit will whisper truths of love and encouragement to all those belonging to the Body of Christ. May we seek paths of love and respect, finding unity in the midst of disagreement, and hope in the face of despair.

Your prayers for the grieving families, friends, and colleagues of Mennonite peace builder and UN worker Michael Sharp, his colleague Zaida Catalan, and interpreter Betu Tshintela are deeply appreciated. Michael and his colleagues were kidnapped in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) last week and three of their bodies were found in a shallow grave. The fate the others remain unknown. Pray that the families may find some solace and comfort in the arms of God, and over time, healing for their hearts. Please also pray that the perpetrators of these evil deeds can re-orient themselves and align their souls with the peace they seek and the mercy offered in God through Jesus Christ. Finally, please pray for peace in the deeply conflicted region of Eastern Congo, where remnant factions of Rwandan warlords and the fight over conflict minerals and other natural resources is very real. Michael, 34, was a former MCC worker in Central Africa and the son of John and Michele Sharp of Hesston, KS.

Here at First

Good Friday Service – April 14 at 10:00 am here at **First Mennonite Church**. We will revisit the passion of our Lord through Pilate's question of Jesus, "**What is Truth?**". An offering will be received to support MCC's efforts to provide emergency food assistance and to increase the response to the crisis in South Sudan, Somalia, and Nigeria. Plan to join us in celebrating the Lord's Supper and in remembering Christ's death on our behalf. The service will conclude with an anticipation of His resurrection! **Childcare will be provided.**

On **Easter Sunday**, April 16, our Food Committee will host an **Easter Breakfast** here at church at **9:30 am**. You can **help by bringing paska** to share! Please let Karen Janz, Tanya Janssen or Birgitt Thiessen know (in advance) if you will be bringing paska.

A **Baby Shower** will be held on Sunday, **April 30** during Coffee Time for our newest FMC babies – Billie Rose Thiessen and Dominic Froese Chacon. 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.

Mark your calendars for **Highway Clean-Up** on Saturday, **May 6**. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted in the foyer on April 9. See Eric or Karen for details.