

## Looking Ahead

Tues., April 10	7:30 pm	Helping Hands Women in Mission <b>**Note time**</b>
Sun., April 15	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Tom and Christine Poovong
Sun., April 22	10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Brenda Dyck HHWM Fundraiser & Talent Show
Sun., April 29	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Jon Olfert Coffee Time - sign up sheet on bulletin board in foyer

## Beyond First

### **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)**

**New Blood** is a widely acclaimed production which tells the story of Chief Vincent Yellow Old Woman and his experience as a child in residential school, how he reclaimed his way of life, and became chief of his people. It blends Blackfoot music with contemporary **music by Peter Gabriel** to create an amazing piece of theatre celebrating Blackfoot history and traditions. Hosted by MCC, the show will take place at **Foothills Mennonite Church** (2115 Urbana Road NW) this **Friday, April 13 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$14.00 and can be purchased by contacting: [allisongoerzen@mccab.ca](mailto:allisongoerzen@mccab.ca) or at: [eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca).

**Stories from East Africa:** Ken & Laura Litwiller, MCC Area Directors for East Africa, will be visiting the Calgary MCC Office (210, 2946 32 St. NE) on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 pm. Come and hear about MCC's peace work in South Sudan and Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia.

**Grow Hope** with MCC Alberta & Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB): Sponsor an acre of land for \$300 on Richard & Esther Goerzen's farm. They will farm the land and donate the proceeds to MCC and CFGB. Learn more at: [mccab.ca/grow-hope](http://mccab.ca/grow-hope).

**MCC Learning Tour to Nepal** - For more information, visit: [mccab.ca/lt-nepal](http://mccab.ca/lt-nepal).

**MCC Relief Sale - June 1 & 2 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex** - We need helpers with the "Borscht Booth" and possibly other food preparation venues. If you can help, please contact Marguerite Jack as soon as possible. To register items you wish to donate, please go to: [mccreliefsale.com](http://mccreliefsale.com).

### **Heritage Retreat**

You are invited to the Heritage Retreat (50+) at Camp Valaqua on **Wednesday, June 13** from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. \$30.00/person includes noon meal. Register by June 10. See the poster in the foyer for more information.

### **Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA)**

Registration is now open for the annual **Women's Retreat** which will be held **June 8-10** at the Sunnyside Retreat Centre in **Sylvan Lake**. Our speaker is Rachel Miller Jacobs (Associate Professor of Congregational Formation at AMBS) and the theme will be "Ordinary Forgiveness." Register online: [www.mcawomen.ca](http://www.mcawomen.ca). All are welcome!

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## Sunday, April 8, 2018

*Farewell  
Celebration*



**Pastor:** Caleb Kowalko will be joining us in mid May

**Children's Worker:** Christine Hansplant  
email: [christine@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca](mailto:christine@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca)

*April 8, 2018*

*Kauffman's Farewell Service ~ 11:00 am*

Welcome and Prayer	Erv Thiessen
Songs of Gathering	I will come to you in the silence (STS #49) Be thou my vision (HWB #545)
Favourite Scriptures	Proverbs 3: 5 & James 3: 18 - Early Childhood Class
Tributes	Robert Fiss - Deacons Gary Braun - Council of Church Ministries
Songs of Praise	My life flows on (HWB #580) Longing for light (STJ #54)
Favourite Scriptures	1 Colossians 1: 15 - 20 - Middler Class
Sharing Church Life	
Offering our Gifts	Offertory by Ed and Gay
Tributes	Corey Janssen - Council of Church Ministries Birgitt Thiessen - Helping Hands Women in Mission Lisa Burgess - Worship Team
Tribute Song and Video	
Presentation of Gift	Karen Janz - Congregational Life Ministry
Favourite Scriptures	Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14 & 2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 20 - Youth Class
Song of Praise	Nothing is lost on the breath of God (STS #121)
Tributes	Christine Hansplant - Children's Worker Moni Janssen - Worship Team
Prayers of the People	Ed Kauffman
Blessing and Release of Pastor	(Projected)
Response from Ed and Gay	
Benediction	
Song of Sending	Wonderful grace of Jesus (HWB #150)

**Worship and Song Leaders:** Jenn Ratzlaff and Erv Thiessen  
**Accompanist:** Elsie Wiebe

**Following the Farewell Service, join us downstairs  
for a Potluck Lunch and Open House honouring Ed and Gay.**

*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 Central Committee (MCC) Alberta:** Thank you to all who so generously supported MCC's emergency and ongoing assistance to the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo through the offering at the Good Friday service. Almost \$10,000 was received!

**Menno Simons Christian School (MSCS)**  
is pleased to present the production:

***Seussical the Musical!***

"Oh, the things you can think" when Dr. Seuss' best-loved characters collide and cavort in an unforgettable musical caper!

The show runs nightly - **April 26, 27 and 28 at 7:00 pm.**  
Tickets are \$10.00/adult & \$5.00/children age under 10.

**Tickets can be purchased from Eugena Lee  
in the foyer after the service**



Mark your calendars for **Highway Clean-Up** on Saturday, **May 5.**  
A volunteer sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer.  
See Eric Hansplant or Karen Janz for more details.

**Here at First**

**Help Wanted:** The **Kauffmans** are looking for some help to **load their U-Haul** truck this Tuesday, **April 10** beginning around 1:00 pm. If you can help, please let Ed know.

The Helping Hands Women in Mission (HHWM) **Fundraiser & Talent Show** will take place on **April 22 at 6:00 pm.** If you are willing to share your gifts with us, you are invited to talk to Birgitt TODAY.

**April 29 Coffee Time:** Please remember to indicate on the sign - up sheet (on the bulletin board in the foyer) if you can help to set up coffee, bring goodies, or help to clean up.