

## Looking Ahead

Tues., Dec. 18	10:30 am	Joining Over Java - Tamale making with Olaya!
Sun., Dec. 23 <i>Fourth Advent</i>	10:00 am 11:00 am 12 - 2:00 pm	Sunday School for all ages/Rehearsal Worship Service Dress Rehearsal following lunch (provided)
Mon., Dec. 24	5:30 pm	Christmas Eve Program - Bring your Pete the Pig
Tues., Dec. 25		No Christmas Day Service & No Joining Over Java
Sun., Dec. 30	11:00 am	Hymn Sing Sunday - No Sunday School today
Tues., Jan. 1		No Joining Over Java
Sun., Jan. 6	11:00 am	Worship Service (No Sunday School)
Tues., Jan. 8	10:00 am 10:30 am 7:30 pm	Helping Hands Women in Mission Joining Over Java Council of Church Ministries
Mon., Jan. 14	DEADLINE	Annual Reports due to the church office - Arial 12pt font
Sun., Feb. 3	afternoon	Annual General Meeting - First Mennonite Church



## Beyond First

### Mennonite Mutual Insurance (MMI)

MMI is pleased to announce the appointment of Sandra van Raalten as the CEO and General Manager, effective January 14, 2019. If you would like more information about Sandra, or the work of MMI, please visit: [www.mmiab.ca](http://www.mmiab.ca).

### Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

The MCC Alberta Board is **seeking new Board Members**. If you want to make a difference in lives around the world and have a passion for the work God is doing through MCC, contact Barb at: [barb.heidebrecht@gmail.com](mailto:barb.heidebrecht@gmail.com).

**MCC Christmas Giving** – Are you looking for a gift that is a meaningful expression of God's love? There are **25 Ways To Give**. Purchase online at: [mccab.ca/christmas](http://mccab.ca/christmas); at Ten Thousand Villages or the MCC office; or call: 1-888-622-6337. Booklets are available in the foyer, under the poster.

**MCC Ottawa Student Seminar**, "People on the Move: Human Rights and Global Migration" **February 14 - 16, 2019**. For more information, go to: [mcccanada.ca](http://mcccanada.ca). Travel subsidies are available from MCC Alberta; call Carol at: 403-275-6935.

### Camp Valaqua

Camp Valaqua is in need of some used vehicles. Do you have a vehicle to donate?

## CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

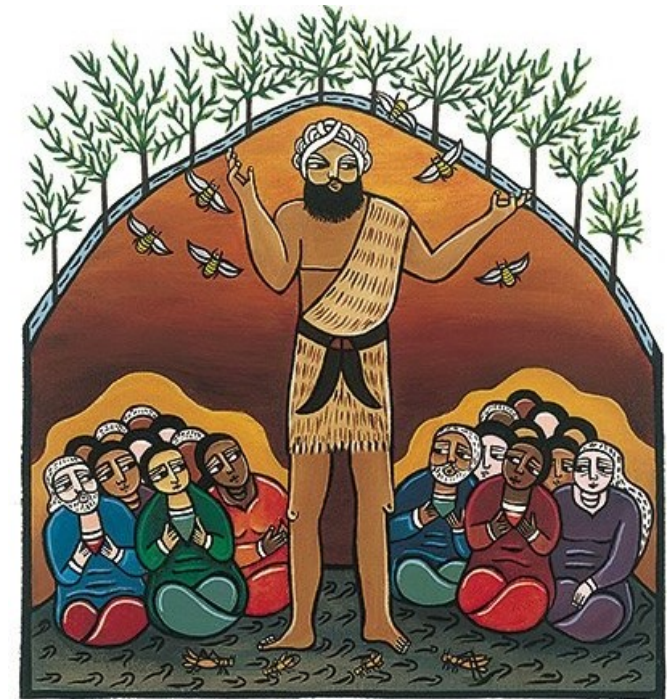
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## Sunday, December 16, 2018



"JOHN THE BAPTIST" BY LAURA JAMES



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*December 16, 2018*

*Third Advent Worship Service ~ 11:00 am*

**We Gather for Worship**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymns It came upon a midnight clear (HWB #195)  
vv. 2, 3, 4 & 5

I will come to you in the silence (STS #49)

**We Listen for God's Word**

Children's Feature Margo Ratzlaff, Katrina Janssen, Jade Janssen

Lighting the Advent Candles Danaka Feddema and Daniel Pytyck

Sharing our Gifts Handbells  
"Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Advent Theme Hymn Poor of the Earth (Projected & back of HWB)  
vv. 1, 2 & 3

Reading God's Word LUKE 3: 7 - 18

Message "Craving"  
Pastor Caleb

**We Respond to God and Each Other**

Hymn of Response Wild and lone the prophet's voice (STS #8)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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

Sharing Church Life

Benediction

Hymn of Sending Hark! The glad sound (HW #184)  
vv. 1 & 2

**Worship Leader:** Ted Regehr  
**Song Leader:** Moni Janssen

*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**

After prayerful consideration and discernment, First Mennonite Church in Edmonton has called Craig Neufeld (currently serving at Rosthern Mennonite Church) as pastor.

**Thank you** to those who donated items to the **Silent Auction** and thank you also to everyone who bid so generously. The Silent Auction (including the Sweater Auction) brought in **\$1755.00!** The proceeds from the Silent Auction will support the 2020 Youth Mission Trip.

**First Mennonite Financial Summary as of November 30**

Budget Line	Budget Amount (\$)	Actual Amount (\$)	% Complete
<b>Operating Budget</b>			
Income	275,400	205,476	75
Transfers to Conferences	49,000	29,600	60
Total Expenditures	275,400	206,828	75
<b>Capital Budget</b>			
Income	5,000	4,583	92
Total Expenditures	15,000	12,513	81
<b>All Other Funds</b>			
Income	n/a	19,018	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	22,021	n/a

**Here at First**

Your **Pete the Pig** donations will go to the Mennonite Central Committee's "Lifesaving Latrines" project; protecting the health of communities around the world. Latrines built through MCC are a powerful tool to prevent the spread of disease. Pick up a Pete the Pig from the foyer and **bring your fattened piggies to the Christmas Eve Service.**

Our **December 30** worship service will be a **Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing**, featuring the beloved Christmas hymns/songs of our congregation. Please contact Jenn Ratzlaff and let her know which song you would like to sing and why it is special to you.

**Coffee Time** (after church) **on Sunday, December 30:** You are encouraged to indicate your willingness to help with Coffee Time. Please let us know (by printing your name on the sign-up sheet located in the foyer) that you will be setting up, cleaning up, or bringing goodies for Coffee Time.