

## Looking Ahead

Tues., Dec. 4	10:30 am 7:30 pm	Joining Over Java Council of Church Ministries
Sat., Dec. 8	5:30 pm	Christmas Banquet & Silent Auction - get tickets today!
Sun., Dec. 9 <i>Second Advent</i>	10:00 am 11:00 am 2 - 5:00 pm	Sunday School for all ages/Rehearsal Worship Service with Lauren Harms Open House at Caleb & Triana's home
Tues., Dec. 11	10:00 am 10:30 am	Helping Hands Women in Mission (HHWM) Joining Over Java
Sat., Dec. 15	12:00 pm	HHWM Christmas Program
Sun., Dec. 16 <i>Third Advent</i>	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School for all ages/Rehearsal Worship Service
Tues., Dec. 18	10:30 am	Joining Over Java
Sun., Dec. 23	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
Tues., Dec. 25		No Christmas Day Service & No Joining Over Java today
Sun., Dec. 30	11:00 am	Hymn Sing Sunday - NO Sunday School today
Mon., Jan. 14 2019	DEADLINE	Annual Reports due to the church office
Sun., Feb. 3 2019	afternoon	Annual General Meeting - First Mennonite Church

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

The **Calgary MCC Thrift Shop** is looking for a **full-time warehouse worker**. Drop your resume off at the MCC Thrift Shop: 2946 32 St. NE.

Mennonite Central Committee (**MCC**) **Christmas Giving** - Are you looking for a gift that is a meaningful expression of God's love? Considering purchasing a goat, tools, classes, meals, a hive, a well, etc. There are **25 Ways To Give**. When you donate, you'll get a gift card that you can present to your loved one describing the gift you've given in their name. Purchase online at: [mccab.ca/christmas](http://mccab.ca/christmas); in person 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.

The **Corpus Christi Male Chorale** presents its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Christmas Concert**: December 7 at 7:30 pm at Northmont Baptist Church and again on December 9 at 7:30 pm at Lakeview United Church. See the poster in the foyer for more information. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available at the door or from Jake Wiebe (403-242-7370).

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### *Sunday, December 2, 2018*



"Ari Tree" fair trade wall art is available for purchase at Ten Thousand Villages



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*December 2, 2018*

***First Advent Worship Service ~ 11:00 am***

**We Gather for Worship**

Welcome

Call to Worship (Projected)

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymns O come, O come, Immanuel (HWB #172)  
Longing for light (STJ #54)

**We Listen for God's Word**

Children's Feature Richard Gorecki

Lighting the Advent Candle

Sharing our Gifts

Advent Theme Hymn Poor of the Earth (Projected & back of HWB)

Scripture LUKE 21: 25 - 36

Message "Watching From Winter"  
Pastor Caleb

Hymn of Transition Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (HWB #582)

**We Respond to God and Each Other**

Communion

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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

Sharing Church Life

Benediction

Hymn of Sending Come, thou long-expected Jesus (HWB #178)

**Worship and Song Leader:** Jenn Ratzlaff  
**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

**Here at First**

The **Annual Inter-Mennonite Advent Hymn Sing** will be held **TONIGHT** at **6:30 pm here** at First Mennonite Church. Please **bring finger-food snacks** to share during the fellowship time following the service. An offering for MCC will be taken.

**Caleb and Triana** warmly invite you to their **Open House** on Sunday, December 9 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm.

The **Helping Hands Women in Mission Christmas Program** will be a potluck luncheon on Saturday, December 15 at 12:00 noon. Members and guests are invited. As usual, we each bring enough food for ourselves and a guest. There will be a short program and good food for what we do best - EAT! ~ Laura Dyck.

Our **December 30** worship service will be a **Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing**, featuring the beloved Christmas hymns/songs of our congregation. Please contact Jenn and let her know which song you'd like to sing and why it is special to you. If you don't receive a response email within a few days, please contact Jenn by phone.

*Please contact the church office for this redacted announcement.*

**Annual Christmas Banquet & Silent Auction**

**Saturday, December 8 at 5:30 pm**

If you have homemade or baked goods that you wish to donate to the Silent Auction, please let **Rita Fiss** in the church office know.

**Only NEW items** will be accepted as donations for the Silent Auction.

Please bring your Silent Auction donations to the church board room no later than Wednesday, December 5.

Donated items **cannot be accepted after Wednesday, December 5.\***

\*If you have informed Rita, in advance, that you are bringing baked goods they can be brought to the church on the day of the Silent Auction.\*

**Get your tickets TODAY!**