Looking Ahead

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
Jan. 11 - 13		Youth Snow Camp at Camp Valaqua
Sun., Jan. 13	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School resumes for all ages Worship Service with Don Stoesz
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 Church Alberta (MCA)

Advent is a season of prayerful waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth. MCA's Vision 20/20 is also entering a season of prayer. In the coming months, we are invited (as individuals and congregations) to open ourselves to God in prayer and listen for God's voice. What may God be calling us to be and do? How might we prepare the fertile soil of our hearts and minds to receive the seeds God has for us? As we celebrate the coming of the light of Christ into the world, may we open ourselves anew to hear the calling of God's voice. ~ Tim Wiebe-Neufeld, MCA Executive Minister

MCA extends a warm **thank you for your prayerful support and gifts** of generosity! We are so grateful for the continued strong commitment individuals and congregations have shown this past year to the ministries we share. Please consider a year-end donation in support of MCA's ministries and our shared nation-wide ministries. For more information, go to: www.mennonitechurch.ab.ca.

Snowcamp at Camp Valaqua - The Youth Leadership Team is excited to invite you to Snowcamp! Join us on January 11-13 for a weekend of food, fellowship, and broomball. For more information or to register, visit: http://campvalaqua.com/events/.

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"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2a NIV

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Sunday, December 23, 2018

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December 23, 2018

Fourth Advent Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

We Gather for Worship

Welcome	
Call to Worship	(Projected)
Opening Prayer	
Gathering Hymns	Come, thou long-expected Jesus (HWB #178)
	Blessed Assurance (HWB #332)

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Feature	Christine Hansplant
Lighting the Advent Candles	Sammy and Cole Felsmann
Sharing our Gifts	"No Wind at the Window" Moni, Jenn and Lisa
Song of Praise	My soul is filled with joy (STJ #13)
Scripture Reading	Luke 1: 39 - 55
Musical Selection	"Breath of Heaven" Jenn Ratzlaff
Message	"An Advent-ful Gathering"
	Pastor Caleb

We Respond to God and Each Other

Advent Theme Hymn	Poor of the Earth (Projected & back of HWB)
Sharing Joys and Concerns	
Prayers of the People	

We Go Out as God's Missionaries

Sharing Church Life	
Benediction	
Song of Sending	Peace before us (STS #16) vv. 1 & 2

Worship Leader: Jenny Felsmann
Song Leader: Lisa Burgess
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

Sunday School Classes ~ 10:00 am

Ages 3 - Grade 1	**Galilee** (Lower Sunday School Wing; left side)
Grades 2 - 6	**Egypt** (Upper Sunday School Wing, right side)
Grades 7 - 12	**Jericho** (Upper Sunday School Wing, left side)
Adult - Uniform Series	Main floor Sunday School Wing, end of hall

Praise & Prayer Notes

Please contact the church office for these redacted announcements

Here at First

Are you **looking for a way to serve in this church** on Sunday mornings? You may want to **consider becoming an usher**. Your primary responsibilities are to unlock and lock the doors, greet people with a smile, and hand out bulletins. We are looking for at least 2 more adults or a family of ushers and junior ushers. If you are interested, **contact Karen Janz**.

Coffee Time (after church) next **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.

Pete the Pig for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

Your **Pete the Pig** donations will support MCC's
"**Lifesaving Latrines" Project.**

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, tomorrow at 5:30 pm.**