

## Looking Ahead

Tues., Feb. 14	10:30 am	Helping Hands Women in Mission (HHWM)
Sun., Feb. 19	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Pastor Ed
Sun., Feb. 26	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Pastor Ed <b>Potluck and Minute-to-Win-It</b> event for all ages

## Beyond First

### Future Directions Update

Draft proposals for the **restructuring of our Area and National Church** are now available at: [futuredirectionsmc.ca](http://futuredirectionsmc.ca). Give your feedback on the website, at the upcoming Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) Annual Assembly March 17 - 18 at Trinity Mennonite Church, or to Tim Wiebe-Neufeld, your Future Directions Coordinator: [tim@mennonitechurch.ab.ca](mailto:tim@mennonitechurch.ab.ca) or call: 780-490-7009. The proposals will be further developed and refined before being presented for approval at a Special Delegate Assembly of Mennonite Church Canada, October 13 - 15 in Winnipeg. Each MCA church is encouraged to support delegates in attending the Mennonite Church Alberta and Mennonite Church Canada Assemblies!

### Camp Valaqua

Calling all campers! **Camp Valaqua** is getting ready for an amazing summer at camp and we think **YOU SHOULD COME!** Online registration is now available through the camp website at: [campvalaqua.com](http://campvalaqua.com) or contact us at the camp office: 403-637-2510, [valaqua@xplornet.com](mailto:valaqua@xplornet.com).

Save the date! **Camp Valaqua** is pleased to announce its first ever **Garden Party** on Sunday, **June 18** from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Join us for a party in our beautiful corner of God's garden as we celebrate camp. There will be a morning worship service, lunch, and afternoon activities. The event is free and donations are gratefully accepted. See you there.

### Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) Annual Sessions - March 17 & 18 Trinity Mennonite Church

**"Sharing the Light of Jesus"** This year's theme will focus on how we present and share Jesus with those around us. Donna Entz, who relates to Muslims; Pastor Leng Thang, who pastors the Chin Church; and Jon Olfert, who directs our camp for children and youth will be sharing their experiences. As well, a special event happening after the Sessions (March 18 starting at 4:00 pm) will be a Coffee House where all are welcomed for a time of entertainment, refreshments and visiting. Music will be provided by Ana Loewen on the harp, Danika Warkentin with piano/vocal performances, along with anyone else who wishes to share their talent. We hope to see you there!

~MCA Program and Festival Committee~

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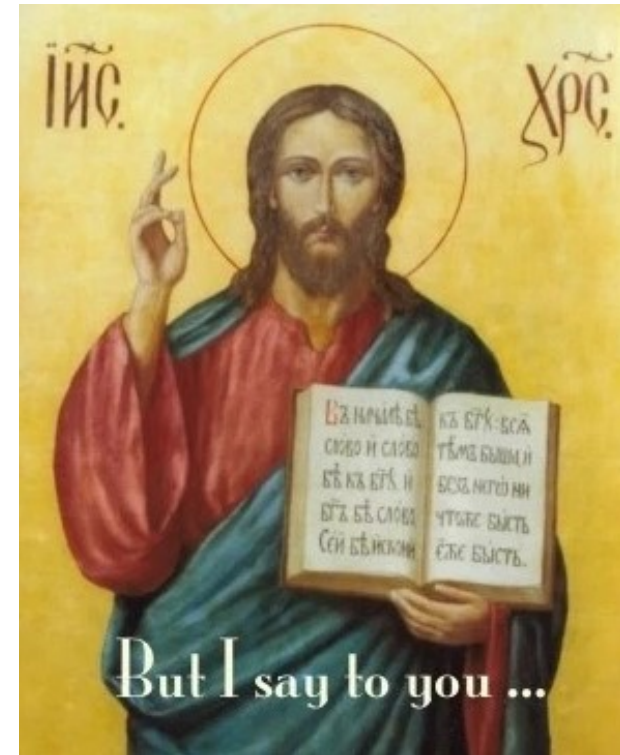
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*Sunday, February 12, 2017*



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February 12, 2017

Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

**We Gather for Worship**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Songs of Gathering I want to walk as a child of the light (STJ #95)  
Obey my voice (HWB #163)

**We Listen for God's Word**

Children's Feature Richard Gorecki

Reading God's Word Psalm 119: 1 - 8 and Matthew 5: 21 - 37

Hymn of Praise The word of God is solid ground (HWB #314)

Message "But I Say..."  
Pastor Ed

**We Respond to God and Each Other**

Hymn of Response Teach me, O Lord (HWB #487)

Offering our Gifts

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sharing Church Life

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

Benediction

Hymn of Sending When we walk with the Lord (HWB #544)

**Worship Leader:** Betty Janssen  
**Song Leader:** Gay Kauffman  
**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:** Water is essential to life. For Indigenous peoples, that makes water sacred. Pray that the Holy Spirit will stir our communities to discern what the protection of sacred waters and defence of Indigenous land rights means to all of us. Pray for those seeking to protect water sources along the path of the Dakota pipeline at Standing Rock in North Dakota. See the latest issue of "Intotemak, Yours, Mine, Ours: Unravelling the Doctrine of Discovery" available at: [www.commonword.ca/go/974](http://www.commonword.ca/go/974).

**Here at First**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The **2017 Birthday List** and the **2016 Pictorial Directory** were both distributed last Sunday. If you didn't get yours, contact Rita in the church office.

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)**

**Grow Hope with MCC Alberta & Canadian Foodgrains Banks (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 & CFGB. Thank you to everyone who joined in the Grow Hope with Matt Epp event on February 3! Over 40 acres have been sold. Only 57 acres left! Learn more at: [mccab.ca/grow-hope](http://mccab.ca/grow-hope).

**MCC Uprooted - May 1 - 25**

MCC Alberta is accepting applications for Uprooted, a 3-week young adult learning tour to the northern & southern borders of Mexico. Visit: [mccab.ca/uprooted](http://mccab.ca/uprooted) to apply. Application deadline is March 3. For more information, contact Thomas at: [thomascoldwell@mccab.ca](mailto:thomascoldwell@mccab.ca).

**MCC Planting Peace - May 6 - 19**

MCC Alberta is accepting applications for Planting Peace, a 2-week cross-cultural peace learning opportunity for twenty young adults from Canada and abroad. Visit: [mccab.ca/planting-peace](http://mccab.ca/planting-peace) to apply. Application deadline is February 27. For more information, contact Thomas at: [thomascoldwell@mccab.ca](mailto:thomascoldwell@mccab.ca).

**Mennonite Mixed Open Curling Bonspiel**

Bergthal Mennonite Church (Didsbury) is hosting a curling bonspiel on March 4. To register your team or join us for supper, please contact Angela at: [ang.bennett15@gmail.com](mailto:ang.bennett15@gmail.com). Funds raised will support the MCC Summerfest and Auction.