

Looking Ahead

Mon., Jan. 16		Annual Reports due - use Arial font, size 12
Sun., Jan. 22	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Pastor Ed Picnic at church; tobogganing at Richmond Green Hill
Sun., Jan. 29	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Brenda Dyck Coffee Time
Sat., Feb. 11	9:00 am	Annual General Meeting (AGM) - lunch provided - \$6.00



Beyond First

Join **Emerging Voices Initiative (EVI)** and Mennonite Church Canada, **TONIGHT** at **Foothills Mennonite Church** (2115 Urbana Rd. NW) at **7:00 pm.**, for an evening of conversation about the future of our national and area churches. Come with your questions, your concerns, and your dreams for the future. We are excited to listen, to respond, and to dream together! Everyone is invited to this event, no matter their age or knowledge of the changes facing Mennonite Church Canada.

Mark Saturday, **February 4** in your calendar as **Menno Simons Christian School (MSCS)** presents **Sweet Interlude: "Crimes of the Art"**. This will be an exciting evening of mystery and laughter with a delicious dessert buffet as well as a silent and live auction. All funds raised will go towards our Fine Arts programs at MSCS. Tickets are \$50 (\$25 tax receiptable) or buy a table for \$350 (\$150 tax receiptable). Call: 403-531-0745 or check out: <http://mennosimonschristianschool.ca/community/sweet-interlude-fundraiser> for more details.

Future Directions Update: The New Year brings new progress in the **restructuring process of our Area and National Church**. Proposals are being developed for consideration, and **Working, Reference, and Listening Groups** are a primary resource in shaping these proposals. For more information and to see names & members of the groups so far, visit: <http://futuredirectionsmc.ca/working-groups-progress-report>.

~ Tim Wiebe-Neufeld, Future Directions Coordinator: tim@mennonitechurch.ab.ca.

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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, January 15, 2017



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January 15, 2017

Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

We Gather for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Songs of Gathering Come and See (HWB #20)
Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling (HWB #491)

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Feature Bernie Feddema

Reading the Word ISAIAH 49: 1 - 7 AND JOHN 1: 29 - 42

Song Reflecting God's Word My Jesus, I love thee (HWB #522)

Message "Come and See"
Pastor Ed

We Respond to God and Each Other

Song of Response One is the body (ST) #72)

Offering our Gifts

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sharing Church Life

We Go Out as God's Missionaries

Benediction

Song of Sending Lord, I want to be a Christian (HWB #444)

Worship Leader: Betty Janssen
Song Leader: Moni Janssen
Accompanist: Linda Scarlett

Sunday School Classes ~ 10:00 am

Ages 3 - Grade 1
Grades 2 - 6
Grades 7 - 12
Adult - Uniform Series
Faith Exploration Class

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
Bethlehem Room (Lower Sunday School Wing)

Praise & Prayer Notes

Mennonite Church Canada: Mennonite Church Canada has appointed a national working group to follow up on the resolution passed in July, 2016, to promote awareness & advocate for peace in Palestine & Israel. As congregations work to understand what justice means for Jews & Arabs living in Palestine/Israel, pray that God will open doors to conversation & that the gospel of Jesus will guide & grace our responses. Please pray also for the working group as they embark on their work.

Please remember **Art, Rocky** and **Rose** in your prayers. *Contact the church office for details.*

Gift Discernment Ministry

The following positions still need to be filled.

- Congregational Life Ministry
- Worship Committee
- Deacon

If you feel that God is calling you for one of these positions, or if you have some suggestions, please contact Harvey Wiehler.

Here at First

Please note that your **Annual Reports** must reach the church office no later than **TOMORROW, January 16**. Please submit your reports using Arial font, size 12.

Grab your toboggan and winter gear and join us for some **winter fun after church on January 22**. We will have a **picnic lunch in the basement** following the service & then spend some time in the snow on the **hill behind the Richmond Green Tennis Courts**. If the weather does not cooperate we will stay at the church to play some indoor games.

Our Helping Hands Women in Mission (HHWM) will host their **final Coffee Time** (following the service) on **Sunday, January 29**. Karen & Ellie Janz have graciously agreed to make coffee and assist with preparations, but help with clean-up would be appreciated. Please let Karen, Ellie, or Gay know if you are willing to help with clean-up on January 29. The **future of Coffee Time** will depend on whether there is interest in **continuing this tradition** and whether one or more **volunteers** can be found to **take responsibility** for it.

Our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on Saturday, **February 11 at 9:00 am**. Plan to attend! **Lunch will be provided** at a cost of \$6.00 per person.