

## Looking Ahead

TODAY	12:00 pm	Potluck and Paint Party
Tues., March 14	<b>10:30 am</b>	Helping Hands Women in Mission (HHWM)
March 17 & 18		MCA Annual Sessions - Trinity Mennonite Church
Sat., March 18	4:00 pm	MCA Coffee House at Trinity Mennonite Church
Sun., March 19	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Harmony Through Harmony
Mon., March 20	9:00 - 11:00 am	Baby Group
Wed., March 22	7:00 pm	Pastor Congregation Relations Committee
Thurs., March 23	7:00 pm	Deacons' Meeting
Sun., March 26	10:00 am 11:00 am <b>12:00 pm</b>	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Jon Olfert <b>Coffee Time?</b>

## Beyond First

**Save the date: Mennonite Church Canada delegates** are invited to a **special assembly Oct. 13-15 in Winnipeg, Man.** The event will begin with a dinner on Friday and conclude with worship on Sunday. The venue, costs, and other details are pending. More info to come.

Those attending upcoming Area Church annual meetings - or in case you missed the AGM in your region - you can **check out documents outlining the re-vitalization of Mennonite Church Canada and Area Churches as a result of our Future Directions process:** [futuresdirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal](http://futuresdirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal).

### **Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) Annual Sessions**

**March 17 & 18 at Trinity Mennonite Church - "Sharing the Light of Jesus"**

This year's theme will focus on how we present & share Jesus with those around us. Three individuals will be sharing their experiences: Donna Entz, who relates to Muslims; Pastor Leng Thang, who pastors the Chin Church; and Jon Olfert, who directs our camp for children & youth. The MCA Annual Report Book is now available on the Mennonite Church Alberta website. There will be a **Coffee House on March 18 at 4:00 pm** featuring music by Ana Loewen on the harp, and Danika Warkentin with piano & vocal performances. We invite you to share your talent.

We hope to see you there!

~ MCA Program and Festival Committee ~

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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, March 12, 2017*

*'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.'*

GENESIS 12:1-5



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*March 12, 2017*

*Worship Service ~ 11:00 am*

**We Gather for Worship**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Songs of Gathering Who is so great a God (HWB #62)

This is a story full of love (HWB #315, vs. 1,3,6 &7)

**We Listen for God's Word**

Children's Feature Christine Hansplant

Reading the Word Genesis 12:1-4a, Matthew 17:1-9

Song of Praise I know not why God's wondrous (HWB #338)

Message "Restore Us, O God! We Wonder "

Pastor Ed

**We Respond to God and Each Other**

Confession & Words of Assurance

Song of Response You are all we have STJ #29

Offering our Gifts

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sharing Church Life

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

Benediction

Song of Sending Love divine, all loves excelling (HWB #592)

**Worship Leader:** Erv Thiessen

**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 Alberta:** On March 17-18 MCA's Annual Assembly will take place at Trinity Mennonite Church in Calgary. Pray for leaders, delegates, and church participants as they gather to discern, connect, and worship, guided by the theme, "Sharing the Light of Jesus." Several Alberta ministry leaders will offer reflections on this topic, including Donna Entz from the North Edmonton Ministry, Jon Olfert from Camp Valaqua, and Pastor Leng Thang of the Calgary Chin Christian Church. Pray that our time may be inspiring and empowering as we seek to be God's people together.

**Here at First**

All announcements and information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin (March 19) should be submitted **no later than 10:00 am this Wednesday, March 15.**

**All women of the church are invited** to attend the Helping Hands meeting on **Tuesday, March 14 at 10:30am.** Our speaker will be Angela Benett, and/or her daughter, reflecting on their MCC Learning Tour to Kenya.

**Back by popular demand - the Annual Talent Show/Fundraiser** for Helping Hands! Make sure to save the date of **April 23 at 6:00pm** and be thinking of ways that you can participate. Everyone is invited to share their talents, young and old. If you have a talent to share, please talk to Birgitt Thiessen or Gay Kauffman

Families that would like to apply for the **Menno Simons Tuition Fund**, please get an application form from Jenny and submit by March 31 to Christian Education.

**Next Sunday: Harmony through Harmony** is a network of singing ensembles that exist to build communities where we expand worldviews in order to develop leaders who will impact culture through the fight for justice. Since 2009, HtH ensembles have helped raise over \$500 000 for other organizations. It is from this focus on addressing injustice through music that Harmony through Harmony has earned the tagline: voices for the voiceless. By 2025, HtH aims to have multiplied beyond Calgary to have ensembles nationally and internationally. [www.harmonythroughharmony.com](http://www.harmonythroughharmony.com)

**March 26 Coffee Time Sign-Up Sheet**

We will be able to enjoy Coffee Time together on Sunday, March 26 only if **YOU** volunteer to make this popular event possible.

Please look at the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer and indicate how you can help.