

## Looking Ahead

Tues., March 27	7:30 pm	Creative Gathering with Lauren Harms
Fri., March 30	10:00 am	Inter - Mennonite Good Friday Service here at FMC
Sun., April 1 <i>Sunday School is cancelled today</i>	9:00 am 10:15 am 11:00 am	Easter Breakfast at FMC - bring your favourite baking Easter Egg Hunt for the children Worship Service - Communion & Ed's final sermon
Tues., April 3	7:30 pm	Creative Gathering with Lauren Harms - final session
Sun., April 8	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 - 2:30 pm	Sunday School for all ages Farewell Service for Pastor Ed Potluck Lunch Farewell Open House at First Mennonite Church
Tues., April 10	7:30 pm	Helping Hands Women in Mission **Note time**
Sun., April 15	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Tom and Christine Poovong
Sun., April 22	10:00 am 11:00 am Time TBA	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Brenda Dyck HHWM Fundraiser and Talent Show
Sun., April 29	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School for all ages Worship Service with Jon Olfert Coffee Time

## Beyond First

### Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

**New Blood** is a widely acclaimed production which tells the story of Chief Vincent Yellow Old Woman and his experience as a child in residential school, how he reclaimed his way of life, and became chief of his people. It blends Blackfoot music with contemporary **music by Peter Gabriel** to create an amazing piece of theatre celebrating Blackfoot history and traditions. Hosted by MCC, the show will take place at **Foothills Mennonite Church** (2115 Urbana Road NW) on **Friday, April 13 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$14.00 and can be purchased by contacting: [allisongoerzen@mccab.ca](mailto:allisongoerzen@mccab.ca) or at: [eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca).

**Grow Hope** with MCC Alberta & Canadian Foodgrains Bank (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. Learn more at: [mccab.ca/grow-hope](http://mccab.ca/grow-hope).

Foothills Mennonite Church will host the **2018 Christian Faith Studies** on **May 14 - 16**. Peter Epp, Irma Dueck Fast and Anika Rayner (all from CMU) will be sharing on *Young Adults & the Church*. For more information, see the poster & brochure in the foyer.

**MCC Learning Tour to Nepal** - For more information, visit: [mccab.ca/lt-nepal](http://mccab.ca/lt-nepal).

**MCC Relief Sale - June 1 & 2 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex** - We need helpers with the "Borscht Booth" and possibly other food preparation venues. If you can help, please contact Marguerite Jack as soon as possible. To register items you wish to donate, please go to: [mccreliefsale.com](http://mccreliefsale.com).

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*Sunday, March 25, 2018*



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*March 25, 2018*

*Palm Sunday Worship Service ~ 11:00 am*

**We Gather for Worship**

Welcome  
Call to Worship (Projected)  
Songs of Gathering Hosanna, loud hosanna (HWB #238)  
My soul is filled with joy (STJ #13)

**We Listen for God's Word**

Between Me and You (verse 6) (Projected)  
Children's Feature and Palm Processional Jenn Ratzlaff  
For Me, For You (verse 6) (Projected)  
Reading the Word PSALM 118: 1 - 2, 19 - 29  
JOHN 12: 12 - 16  
Message "Me & You & an Alternative View"  
Pastor Ed

**We Respond to God and Each Other**

Song of Response All hail the power of Jesus' name (HWB #285)  
Confession and Words of Assurance (Projected)  
Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People  
Sharing our Gifts  
Sharing Church Life

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

Benediction  
Song of Sending Lord, let us now depart in peace (HWB #428)

**Worship Leader:** Erv Thiessen  
**Song Selector:** Laura Dyck  
**Accompanist:** Elsie Wiebe



**Following the service,  
join us downstairs for Coffee Time**



*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 (MCA):** The Annual Delegate Sessions of MCA this past weekend included: sharing from congregations about their church ministries and balanced budgets, a meal provided by recent Syrian refugees, and the welcome of Bethel International Church into MCA membership. Also featured: mutual blessings from church leaders as Word of Life church withdrew its membership. Delegates approved a resolution to incorporate the Women's Ministry into its core programming, and provided feedback for a proposed visioning and renewal process.

William Peters' cousin passed away recently. Colleen Thiessen (54) of Roseisle, MB., was the beloved wife of Will Thiessen. Please keep these families in your prayers as they grieve this loss.

First Mennonite Church received a **thank you card from Camp Valaqua** for donating the proceeds from our 2017 Christmas Banquet & Silent Auction to their bathroom renovations. The card is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**Here at First**

Don't miss the last two **Tuesdays of Lent - Creative Gathering** sessions, hosted by Lauren Harms, here at FMC from **7:30 - 8:30 pm**. Worship, explore Scripture & pray together using various creative practices. No artistic experience required. All ages are welcome! Note: The final session will be on April 3, following Easter.

The **Inter - Mennonite Good Friday Service** will be held here at First Mennonite Church on **Friday, March 30 at 10:00 am**.

**EASTER SUNDAY (April 1)**

9:00 am Join us downstairs for Easter breakfast. **Please bring paska and/or your favourite Easter baking**  
Please note that Sunday School is cancelled for Easter Sunday  
10:15 am Christine will coordinate an Easter Egg Hunt for the children  
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion and Pastor Ed's final sermon

On **Sunday, April 8** we will be holding a **Farewell Celebration** honouring Pastor Ed and Gay. The morning service will be followed by a **Potluck Lunch**. There will be a **Farewell Open House** at First Mennonite Church from **1:00 - 2:30 pm**. Please join us in thanking the Kauffmans for their many years at First Mennonite and wish them well on their journey back to Indiana.

**Help Wanted:** The **Kauffmans** are looking for some help to **load their U-Haul** truck on Tuesday, **April 10** beginning around 1:00 pm. If you can help, please let Ed know.

The Helping Hands Women in Mission (HHWM) are planning a **Fundraiser & Talent Show for April 22**. Anyone willing to share their gifts with us is invited to talk to Birgitt or another member of the HHWM.