

## Looking Ahead

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| Tues., Sept. 21                  | 7:00 pm                                            | Deacons' Meeting                                                                                                                            |
| Sun., Sept. 24                   | 10:00 am<br>11:00 am<br>12:00 pm<br>5:30 - 7:30 pm | Sunday School for all ages<br>Worship Service with Pastor Ed<br>Coffee Time - Sign-up sheet on foyer bulletin board<br>Youth Band Rehearsal |
| Sun., Oct. 1<br><i>Communion</i> | 10:00 am<br>11:00 am<br>12:00 pm                   | Sunday School<br>Worship Service with Pastor Ed<br>Worship Service Team Luncheon - RSVP to office                                           |
| Sun., Oct. 29                    | TBA                                                | Pumpkin Patch Party                                                                                                                         |

## Beyond First

### Mennonite Church Canada Assembly 2017 (October 13 - 15 in Winnipeg)

Discernment Documents are available at: [www.futuredirectionsmc.ca](http://www.futuredirectionsmc.ca). These documents share important background and proposals for the re-organization of our Five Area Churches and MC Canada. Contact Rita in the church office if you wish to obtain a hard copy of the documents. Our delegates are: Ed & Gay Kauffman, Karen Janz and Marguerite Jack. **\*\*Please note the information session today at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Tim Wiebe-Neufeld will lead this information session.\*\***

### Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

MCC is providing relief assistance in Nepal, India and Bangladesh after two weeks of severe monsoon rains displaced more than 1.7 million people and killed 1,246 in the region. MCC welcomes your support for our relief work in the area. For more information or to donate, go to: [mcccanada.ca/south-asia-flood-relief](http://mcccanada.ca/south-asia-flood-relief).

**Hurricane Irma** destroyed homes in Cuba. In Haiti, Irma's rain turned into flash floods that rushed into houses and forced families to escape in waist-high water. Your gift helps people in Cuba rebuild and people in Haiti recover. To donate, contact your local MCC office or donate online: [mcccanada.ca/hurricane-irma](http://mcccanada.ca/hurricane-irma).

**MCC Alberta Annual General Meeting:** September 30 - Springridge Mennonite Church in Pincher Creek. Guest speaker is Alex Awad. Coffee at 9:30 am; meeting starts at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome!

**In gratitude for 21 years of service:** Please join MCC for an afternoon of appreciation to acknowledge Abe Janzen's 21 years of service in the role of Executive Director for MCC Alberta. **Sunday, October 22 at 3:30 pm** at the MCC Alberta office (210, 2946 - 32 St. NE, Calgary). A short program will begin at 4:00 pm., followed by a light meal.

MCC's Material Resources program is looking for **donations of items** for approximately 2000 **Hygiene Kits**. Please contact Linda at: [lindadickinson@mccab.ca](mailto:lindadickinson@mccab.ca) if you can help.

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*Sunday, September 17, 2017*

LOVE the Lord your God  
with all your  
HEART,  
with all your  
SOUL,  
with all your  
MIND,  
and with  
all your  
STRENGTH.  
LOVE  
your  
NEIGHBOR  
as  
YOURSELF.

There is no other commandment  
greater than these.

—JESUS



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*September 17, 2017*

*Worship Service ~ 11:00 am*

**We Gather for Worship**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Songs of Gathering  
Morning has broken (HWB #648)  
Here in this place (HWB #6)

**We Listen for God's Word**

Children's Feature Jenn Ratzlaff

Reading the Word MATTHEW 22: 34 - 40 AND I PETER 2: 4 - 10

Song of Worship Renew your church (HWB #363)

Message "Being the Church in Today's World"  
Tim Wiebe-Neufeld

**We Respond to God and Each Other**

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

Offering our Gifts

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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

Sharing Church Life

Benediction

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

**Worship Leader:** Richard Gorecki

**Song Leader:** Lisa Burgess

**Accompanist:** Elsie Wiebe

*Sunday School Classes ~ 10:00 am*

Ages 3 - Grade 1

Grades 2 - 6

Grades 7 - 12

**Galilee** (Lower Sunday School Wing; left side)

**Egypt** (Upper Sunday School Wing, right side)

**Jericho** (Upper Sunday School Wing, left side)

*\*The Grades 7 - 12 class will now run every Sunday\**

**Today at 10:00 am (in the sanctuary) there will be a Future Directions information session led by Tim Wiebe-Neufeld.**

**Adult Sunday School:** Henry Dick, Laura Dyck and Robert Fiss have agreed to lead Adult Sunday School. Classes will begin on Sunday, **September 24 at 10:00 am.** Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come!

**Praise & Prayer Notes**

**Mennonite Church Canada:** A rolling fast for Indigenous Rights began on September 13 to raise awareness and support for Bill C-262 - legislation that will begin harmonizing Canada's laws with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Pray for strength for the fasters as they walk with Indigenous peoples in our journey toward reconciliation. Find out how you can participate at: [www.pfir.ca/fast-for-indigenous-human-rights](http://www.pfir.ca/fast-for-indigenous-human-rights).

**Here at First**

**SCHOOL KIT STORE:** Our Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) sends School Kits to children who cannot afford school supplies. They are MCC's most requested item. For the **eleventh year**, our children have assembled standardized **MCC School Kits** and are selling them in the church foyer for **\$10.00**. We are trying to sell as many Kits as possible by October 8. These MCC School Kits will be shipped to where they are needed. **Please help our children make the world a better place.**

**Pastor Ed** will be away September 13 - 20. Pastoral care needs should be directed to one of the Deacons during this time: Ruth Griffeth, Paul Bartel or Robert Fiss.

**Pastoral Search Committee:** Your Pastoral Search Committee members are: Bernie Feddema, Justin Feddema, Marguerite Jack, Moni Janssen and Alfred Janz.

**September 24 Coffee Time:** If you can help to bring goodies, clean up, or make coffee for Coffee Time, please indicate your availability on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**Worship Service Team Luncheon:** All worship leaders, song leaders, accompanists, ushers, sound engineers, and projectionists are invited to a luncheon on Sunday, **October 1 at 12:00 pm.** **Lunch will be provided** by the Worship Committee. Come and share your ideas and concerns! Please **RSVP to the church office** by email: [info@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca](mailto:info@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca) or by phone: 403-249-8784 so we know how much food to order.