

## Minute for Mission: Supporting a Rights-Based Approach to Growing Food

ADES works closely with the community to grow food in a rural region of El Salvador.



Community members show their pride in a successful bean harvest at the Dora Alicia Sorto School Farm, a project led by the Association of Economic and Social Development Santa Marta (ADES).

*Credit: Christie Neufeldt*

The Association of Economic and Social Development Santa Marta (ADES), a Mission and Service partner, is located in an area of Central America that is very vulnerable to climate change. This hot, dry region regularly experiences drought. Mining projects have also negatively affected the environment and the people in the region. ADES and other community organizations decided to act to protect the community's right to a healthy environment.

An example of how ADES has responded is a three-year agroecology project co-funded by the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation and The United Church of Canada Foundation, along with Mission and Service. Agroecology benefits the land and water because it recycles nutrients back into the soil. It also reduces production costs, lessening the financial burden on rural farmers. In this project, ADES works closely with the community to grow food in a rural region of El Salvador, promoting sustainable agriculture that protects biodiversity, maintains the integrity of the land, and upholds rural culture.

At the centre of the project is the Dora Alicia Sorto School Farm, where rural families, mainly led by women, learn about agroecology. The school provides training, technical expertise, and seeds indigenous to the region. It focuses on preserving the surrounding environment and on upholding gender and human rights as part of its approach to food security.

Your gifts to [Mission and Service](#) help support ADES' agroecology project. Thank you for your generosity!

## BEAVERLODGE-WEMBLEY-HYTHE PASTORAL CHARGE PHONE: 780-354-2016 April 14 – Third Sunday of Easter

**Scripture Readings for those who would like to read them in advance:**

**April 21 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 4:5–12**

Peter testifies before the high priests.

**Psalms 23 (VU pp. 747–749)**

God is my shepherd.

**1 John 3:16–24**

Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

**John 10:11–18**

Jesus is the good shepherd.



### Minister information

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### Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge

**Bible Study:** Bible Study is ongoing each Wednesday, 12 to 1:00 pm in Wembley, Bring a bagged lunch and a friend.

**Confirmation Course:** Continues with those who are not yet done. Those interested in joining may still register with Neva. We will have a second confirmation during Red Willow Camp.

**Prayer:** Those who need prayer and support may visit the Minister on Thursday at 1 pm or call for face time prayer.

**Volunteer Hours:** We are being asked to submit" the number of volunteer hours contributed by congregants and adherents to the life of our community of faith" as part of our Statistic Report for the calendar year 2023, If you have not submitted your hours to Neva, please do so. Thank you very much for those who have.

**Spring Community Roast Pork Supper:** Sunday, April 14, 5 - 6:30 pm, St. Mary's Church, Beaverlodge (416-11 St.).  
By donation.

### Wembley United Church

- Wembley Sunday Service 9:30am
- **Wembley Thrift store:** Thrift store hours - **Second Saturday** of each month from 10:00am to 1:00 pm in the Church basement. Facebook Page is **Wembley Thrift Store**, check out our page for updates and specials.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/406148680279467>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1552615295042898>

### Beaverlodge United Church

- Beaverlodge Sunday Service 11:15 am
- All are welcome to come for refreshments

downstairs after the worship service. Thank you to the Ushers for helping with the Ushering and kitchen duties. Much appreciated.

- **Board Meeting:** Thursday, April 25, 6:00 pm
- **Swing into Spring:** Friday, April 26, 7:00 pm. We are asking for New or Unique items as donations for our Silent Auction. We also are asking for donations of cookies for the evening's refreshments. (Cookies only, no squares or cupcakes due to the "crumb factor")
- **Potluck:** Sunday, April 28

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