

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun., April 18	11:00 am	Worship Service over Zoom with Pastor Caleb
Sun., April 25	11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Service over Zoom with Pastor Caleb Coffee Time over Zoom
Sat., May 1	TBA	Annual Highway Clean-up Fundraiser for First Mennonite

BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

Peacemakers Confessing Christ International (PCCI) is a network of Mennonites who engage Muslims somewhere in the world. Mennonite Church Alberta's North Edmonton Ministry (NEM) is now networking with PCCI. Please join us for a stimulating discussion about engaging Muslims. We meet on Saturdays at 9:30 am over Zoom in April and May. Contact Donna Entz at: lorenanddonna@gmail.com for more information.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC)

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is working with partners in Myanmar to provide humanitarian assistance and peacebuilding training for groups that are affected by conflict and the current political situation. This includes the distribution of food and household items, livelihood support, and training leaders for peaceful approaches to conflict. The projects are both located in Rakhine State as well as one in Chin State and both work with ethnic and religious minorities.

To help support MCC's efforts, donations can be designated for Myanmar:
donate.mcccanada.ca/cause/relief.

Gender & COVID-19 Webinar: Global crises like a pandemic often hit women and girls the hardest. Join MCC as we take a look at our work through a gender lens. Hear stories of hope and resilience from MCC's international staff, and learn how your support has helped women throughout the pandemic. Bring your questions for the panel on April 15 at 6:00 pm MST. Space is limited. RSVP and register today through this link:

<https://mennonitecentralcommittee.cmail19.com/t/i-l-mhdudik-juttutlth-y/>

MCC Alberta is inviting applications for a part-time Financial Assistant. For more information, contact Iliana at: ilianafriesen@mccab.ca. To view the full job description and to apply, please visit: mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021



"The Boy Jesus in the Temple" by He Qi

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APRIL 11, 2021

WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

ZOOM ONLY

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Candle

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn Here by the Water (VT #629)

Scripture Luke 2: 41 - 52
Mikka Kostanecki

Hymn Be a Sower (VT #789)

Message Jon Olfert
"Paying Attention to the Little Things"

Hymn They'll Know We Are Christians
Led by Moni and Jade Janssen

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People Ruth Griffeth

Hymn We, Your People, Sing Your Praises (VT #849)

Benediction

Worship Leader: Moni Janssen

Song Selector: Elsie Wiebe

Zoom Host: Jenn Ratzlaff

We welcome Jon Olfert, the Camp Valaqua Director. Jon has over 20 years of camp experience including work as a Camp Counsellor, Out-trip Leader, Day Camp Coordinator, and Camp Director. He has been the Director at Valaqua for 14 years and he and his wife Nikki have taken great joy in watching their three boys grow up under the tall, tall trees. Jon loves camp and has been honored to bear witness to Valaqua's incredible impact on the lives of so many campers, staff, and volunteers.

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

Many thanks to all who contributed to Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) Material Resources this year. Because of you, we were able to send 1927 comforters, 1771 School Kits, 167 Relief Kits, and 896 Hygiene Kits. Thank you for helping to wrap people in warmth, wash their hands, and show love, comfort and hope. For more information, please contact Linda Dickinson at: lindadickinson@mccab.ca for more information.

Pray for Myanmar, where two months after a military coup, the crackdown on demonstrators has become increasingly violent. Pray for those seeking a peaceful resolution to conflict while resisting oppression, and for those suffering from the effects of the unrest. Several Mennonite Church Canada congregations have connections to Myanmar, including the Calgary Chin Christian Church. To help support Mennonite Central Committee's humanitarian and peace-building efforts, donations can be designated for Myanmar at: donate.mcccanada.ca/cause/relief.

MENNONITE CHURCH ALBERTA (MCA)

"Denominations - Who Needs Them?" Are denominations a necessary element of church life, with a positive role to play? Or are they a distraction and waste, weakening the larger mission of the church?

Join this free online Faith Studies event sponsored by the Congregational Leadership Committee of MCA. Friday, April 23 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 24 at 10:00 am.

Led by Gerald Gerbrandt, President Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Bible from Canadian Mennonite University. Go to: mcab.ca/events for more information and to register to receive the Zoom link, or contact Tim Wiebe-Neufeld at: 780-994-1021.

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

The Annual Highway Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 1 and we need your help.

We have the same two routes that we've had the past few years and we will raise \$2,900 for our church when we are done the clean-up. Ideally, we need 32 volunteers so we can put 16 on each of the two routes.

Details about routes and groups will follow.

To volunteer, please contact Karen Janz.