

## Looking Ahead

Sun., April 30	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School Classes - Preschool to Adult 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship Service - Worship Ministry Coffee Time
Sat., May 6	TBA	Highway Clean-up Fundraiser
Sun., May 7 <i>Communion</i>	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Classes - Preschool to Adult Worship Service - Jon Olfert
Tues., May 9	7:30 pm	Council of Church Ministries over Zoom
Sun., May 14 <i>Mother's Day</i>	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Classes - Preschool to Adult Worship Service - Pastor Caleb

## Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

MCC's Grow Hope campaign provides emergency and long-term food security to the most vulnerable people by partnering with Alberta farmers to grow 300+ acres each year. Thanks to the generosity of Alberta farmers and the Canadian Government matching through MCC's partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, donations may be matched up to four times when the funds are used for humanitarian assistance. When you sign up to sponsor an acre of land—or even part of an acre—a local farmer will farm the land you sponsor and donate the proceeds after harvest. One acre costs \$350.00. When you donate to Grow Hope, your gift will grow, and you'll help provide food for people who need it most. Join us in growing hope today. For more information, go to:

[www.mccab.ca](http://www.mccab.ca)

Due to renovations, Material Resources will not be able to accept donations until May 1. For more information, please contact Linda Dickinson at:

403-275-6935 or: [lindadickinson@mccab.ca](mailto:lindadickinson@mccab.ca)

## Beyond First Mennonite

Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) Virtual Open House takes place on Wednesday, April 26, 6:00 - 7:00 pm (CDT). Receive a virtual campus tour, ask questions of our admissions team, and hear from faculty and current students. Register at:

Pastor: Caleb Kowalko

Email: [pastor@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca](mailto:pastor@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca)

Children's Worker: Christine Hansplant

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# CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, April 23, 2023



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Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

Hymn of Gathering	Come, Now Is the Time to Worship (VT #29)
Welcome & Opening Words	
Call to Worship	
Invocational Prayer	

Hymn of Praise	Refiner's Fire (Majesty & More #2)
Sharing our Joys & Concerns	
Prayers of the People	
Hymn of Proclamation	Jesus, keep me near the cross (HWB #617)
	vv. 1, 2 & 3

Scripture Reading	John 21 :1 - 19 Mikka Kostanecki
Message	Pastor Caleb

Hymn of Reflection	Will You Come and Follow Me (VT #540)
	vv. 1, 4 & 5
Words of Assurance	

Hymn of Preparing To Go Out Here in This Place (VT #10)  
vv. 1, 2 & 4

Benediction

Worship Leader: Moni Janssen  
Accompanist: Henry Bergen

Please place your offering into the collection box, located on the sound desk at the back of sanctuary. You may also send your donations electronically to Calgary First Mennonite Church through Interac e-Transfer to:  
**treasurer@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca**

Sunday School Classes ~ 10:00 am

Preschool - Grade 6	<b>Galilee</b> (Lower Sunday School Wing)
Grades 7 - 12	<b>Jericho</b> (Upper Sunday School Wing)
Adult Bible Study with Pastor Caleb	<b>Caleb's Office</b> (Main Sunday School Wing)

### Praise & Prayer Notes

Prayer request from Tom and Christine Poovong, Mennonite Church Canada Witness in Thailand: Please pray for the Laotian immigrants who come and work in Thailand. Many marry Thai men. Pray that we can work together to bring the gospel to Laos.

Prayer Update from Werner and Joanne De Jong, Mennonite Church Canada Witness in Ethiopia: The Wolega region is still experiencing a lot of violence and many of our students come from that area. Please continue to pray for the students, their families, and that peace will come permanently.

From Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA): Pray for the people of Sudan, and for our Sudanese brothers and sisters in both the Edmonton South Sudanese Mennonite Church and those attending Foothills Mennonite church. Conflict over control of the capital and country continues in their homeland. Pastor Reuben Tut, of Edmonton South Sudanese Church, shared his fears with the delegate body at our MCA Annual Delegate Sessions (ADS) in Pincher Creek.

Please continue to pray for the people of Myanmar as they continue to live under bombardment, fear and chaos. Our Mennonite siblings say, "The villagers are still hiding in the nearby jungles and nearby villages, not daring to return to their homes. We are receiving emergency assistance from Mennonite Church Canada and MWC and are able to provide food and medicine to those in need."

Here at First Mennonite

Next Sunday is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday “Outside the Box.” Many aspects of this service will be familiar, however, we will be rearranging the pews into a semi-circle to invite a more communal shape to our space of worship. The service will include the usual singing, prayer, scripture, and preaching, with an added “congregational response time” following our time of reflection. We will be worshipping this way for a few weeks in a row, and we hope it further invites the Spirit to move through our engagement and conversation with one another on Sunday mornings.

Update for Fellowship Groups: Those of you who attended the March Potluck heard the Congregational Engagement Committee's plan was to begin the Fellowship Group gatherings in April. We are delaying the start date of the Fellowship Group gatherings until September 18 & November 20 (the 3rd Monday of both months). Please put these dates in your calendar. We look forward to these gatherings and thank you for