

Here at First Mennonite Church (FMC)

Sunday, August 27:

- Annual Church Picnic at Camp Valaqua. We will meet outside of the main lodge at 11:00 am. Following the service, there will be a potluck lunch, followed by games for all ages. A few things to remember:
 - bring food to share at the potluck
 - bring a lawn chair for the service and for the games
 - the service and games will be moved inside in the case of poor weather
 - The directions to Camp Valaqua can be found at the bottom of their homepage: <https://campvalaqua.ca/>
 - There will NOT be a service in the FMC building

Sunday, September 3:

- we're back in the FMC building with the Worship Service beginning at the usual 11:00 am with Pastor Caleb speaking

Thursday, September 7:

- Council of Church Ministries Meeting at 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 10:

- Sunday School classes begin for students from pre-kindergarten to grade 12
 - All students will gather in the church basement for an introduction to the teachers and classes
 - The adults will meet in Pastor Caleb's office
- The Worship Service will see us begin our "Unraveled" series where we will explore what it means to seek God when the world is unraveling
- There will be a Teacher Commissioning during the Worship Service
- A special collection will be gathered to purchase gifts for the September 24 Baby Shower (see below for more details)

Sunday, September 17:

- 10:00 am Sunday School Classes Pre-Kindergarten - Adults
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Pastor Caleb speaking on "Unraveled" series
- Youth Event - time to be announced

Sunday, September 24:

- 10:00 am Sunday School Classes Pre-Kindergarten - Adults
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Pastor Caleb speaking on "Unraveled" series
- 12:00 pm Potluck Lunch (**everyone is welcome**) to celebrate:
 - Baby Shower
 - Vacation Bible School (VBS) wrap up
 - Kids' Event

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Praise and Prayer Notes

- On September 24, please join us at a potluck to celebrate the birth of our newest two babies. A special collection will be taken on September 10 to buy their gifts.
- Continue to pray for those with health concerns.
- Continue to pray for all of those affected by the wildfires here in Canada and around the world.

Beyond First Mennonite

Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA)

Pray in thanksgiving for all the life-giving and community-building experiences within our congregations this summer. Give thanks for the many children who met God in Creation at Camp Valaqua. Give thanks for the camp staff who nurtured them. Pray for those who are preparing already for a new school year. Pray particularly for teachers, both in our congregations and in our denominational schools, pray they will bring all the fruits of the Spirit to their classrooms.

Window Into Your MCA Family:

Featuring Calgary First Mennonite Church: Click here to read all about your church and to read this week's interviews of FMC'ers:

<https://mcab.ca/calgaryfirstinfo>

First Mennonite Church in Edmonton:

We rejoice with Edmonton First Mennonite Church as they welcome Debbie Bledsoe to their pastoral team!

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

MCC Alberta's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be taking place on Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 pm over Zoom. There will be a vote taking place to accept proposed changes to the bylaws, and anyone attending will be able to vote. To register for the AGM, click here:

<https://mcc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctcO-pqjlrHNxvf3bKiCuNB0SrbodwXzxG#/registration>