

LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Dress Rehearsal - lunch will be provided
Sat., Dec. 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	5:30 pm	Christmas Eve Program - in-person & live Zoom
Sun., Dec. 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	11:00 am	Christmas Day Worship Service
Sun., Jan. 1, 2023 <i>New Year's Day</i>	10:30 am 11:00 am	No Worship Service at First Mennonite Church Foothills Mennonite Church Worship Service Trinity Mennonite Church Worship Service
Fri., Jan. 20, 2023	—	Annual Reports due no later than today
Sat., Feb. 11, 2023	TBA	First Mennonite Church Annual General Meeting

First Mennonite Financial Summary as of Dec 5, 2022

Budget Line	Budget Amount (\$)	Actual Amount (\$)	% Complete
Operating Budget			
Income	\$261,200	\$238,908	91%
Transfers to Conferences	42,000	21,000	50%
Total Expenditures	261,200	225,200	86%
Net Income	0	13,708	
Capital Budget			
Income	5,000	4,583	92%
Total Expenditures	15,000	0	0%
Refugee Sponsorship			
Income	n/a	4,275	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	27,150	n/a
All Other Funds			
Income	n/a	14,853	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	15,822	n/a

Amount of income needed by December 31 to meet our annual budget: \$22,292

BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

To give the gift of hope around the world, phone the MCC office at: 403-275-6935; or view the online MCC Christmas Giving Catalogue at:

mcccanada.ca/Christmas

Calling all Canadian University and College students! The Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Peace and Justice Student Seminar is happening from March 9 - 11, 2023 in Ottawa. The deadline to apply is February 14, 2023. For more information/to apply:

mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events

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CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022



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DECEMBER 18, 2022

FOURTH ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Gathering

Hymn of Gathering O Come, All Ye Faithful (VT #241)
Passing the Peace
Welcome and Opening
Call to Worship (see insert)

Praising

Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High (VT #249)
Candle Liturgy with Hymn O Come, O come, Immanuel (VT #210) vv. 1 & 4
(see insert for Liturgy)
A Reading from Isaiah Isaiah 7: 10 - 16

Proclaiming

Children's Feature "A Shepherd Remembers"
Christine Hansplant
Scripture Reading Matthew 1: 18 - 25
Hymn Don't Be Afraid (VT #596) sing twice
Message Pastor Caleb

Responding

Time of Reflection "What Child is This" (arr. by L. Line)
played by Henry Bergen & Elsie Wiebe
Sharing Our Joys & Concerns
Prayers of the People

Sending

Benediction
Hymn of Sending Go Tell It on the Mountain (VT #252)

Worship Leader: Margo Ratzlaff
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ~ 10:00 AM

Preschool - Grade 6 Christmas Eve Program Rehearsal
Grades 7 - 12 Christmas Eve Program Rehearsal
Adult Book Study with Pastor Caleb Caleb's Office (Main Sunday School Wing)

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

Contact the church office for the redacted Notes.

Last Saturday's Silent Auction raised \$1,176.00 towards programming for the big kids and the youth of First Mennonite Church (FMC).

Our FMC Food Drive for the Calgary Food Bank raised \$495.00 and we also brought in 250 pounds of food to support families and individuals accessing food to reduce stress, assist in resolving their unique situations, and to help build resiliency.

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

There will be a dress rehearsal for the Christmas Play TODAY after the Worship Service from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. All participants are asked to attend.

The Christmas Eve Program will begin at 5:30 pm on Saturday, December 24.

Marg Fehr sends greetings to the congregation and wishes her church family a Merry Christmas.

There will be a full Worship Service here at First Mennonite Church (FMC) on Sunday, December 25 at our usual time of 11:00 am. Please note that there will not be Sunday School classes. There will not be a Worship Service here at FMC on Sunday, January 1, 2023. We encourage you to worship along side our brothers and sisters on January 1; either at Foothills Mennonite Church at 10:30 am or at Trinity Mennonite Church at 11:00 am.

Pastor Caleb will be on vacation December 26 - 30. Pastoral concerns during this time should be directed to our Deacons: Nathan Burgess, Bernie Feddema, Richard Gorecki, Ruth Griffeth, or Kelly Janz.

The First Mennonite Church Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Saturday, February 11, 2023. Each Ministries' Annual Report should be emailed to the church office no later than Friday, January 20 for compilation, printing, and distribution, per our Bylaw requirements, in advance of the AGM. Please email your Annual Reports in Arial font, point size 12 to the church office at:

info@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca