

LOOKING AHEAD

Thurs., Dec. 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Program - Zoom only *NOTE NEW TIME*
Fri., Dec. 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	11:00 am	Christmas Day Service over Zoom only
Sun., Dec. 27	11:00 am	Worship Service over Zoom only

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC)

You are invited to join MCC in supporting the Government of Canada's legislation around the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), being tabled in Parliament this December. MCC believes that passing a legislative framework to implement UNDRIP is an excellent step toward ensuring the human rights of Indigenous Peoples are respected and honoured in Canada.

To use MCC's convenient letter-writing tool, go to: mcccanada.ca/take-action.

The MCC Ottawa Office Student Seminar will be held February 16 - 18, 2021. *From the Ground Up: Reshaping Canadian International Aid Policy* is a 2.5 day seminar for Canadian university and college students. Due to COVID-19, it will be held virtually. Spots are limited and applications close on January 15, 2021. For more information and to apply, please visit: mcccanada.ca/student-seminar.

MENNONITE CHURCH ALBERTA (MCA)

Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) is in need of a representative for Mennonite Church Canada's Palestine-Israel Network (PIN).

This Network consists of representatives from each of the Regional Churches, as well as the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Duties include quarterly meetings, and a commitment to help MCA churches become more informed.

For more information, go to: www.mennonitechurch.ca/pin.

Apply through MCA's Nominating Committee:

Ruth Friesen: ruthdavisfriesen@gmail.com

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CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020



“On the Road to Revelation”

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DECEMBER 20, 2020

ZOOM ONLY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Lighting the Advent Candles

Invocational Prayer

Hymn Here in this place (HWB #6)

Children's Feature Christine Hansplant

Scripture Luke 1: 26 - 38, 46 - 55

Message Pastor Caleb

Confession and Words of Assurance

Hymn My soul proclaims with wonder (HWB #181)

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn Bless'd be the tie that binds (HWB #421)

Benediction

Worship Leader: Richard Gorecki

A special thank you to our own Sandy Strashok for creating our bulletin cover art!

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

Your response to the 2020 FMC Silent Auction Bake Sale was fantastic! \$1,172.00 was raised. 15 bakers made 38 treats, and 25 bidders submitted a total of 90 bids. Thank you to all the bakers and bidders. Mennonite Mutual Insurance donated \$1,000.00, bringing the total amount raised for the First Mennonite Church Compassion Fund to \$2,172.00. What a blessing!

The Calgary Chin Church now has flooring and chairs! Thank you to Calgary First Mennonite Church and all who contributed to our *Move-in-by-Christmas* campaign! This summer we purchased our first building and we are now 95% finished the renovations. We have to be completely out of our current space by January 17 and are hopeful we will meet that deadline. We are still in need of used office furniture.

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

The First Mennonite Church Renewal Team is planning on holding some listening groups beginning in January.

These conversations will be about certain topics related to various aspects of our church and the renewal process, rather than general topics.

We would like to include and hear from ANYONE in the congregation who would like to be a part of those discussions. Please contact Pastor Caleb, Wayne Janz, or Rita Fiss in the coming weeks if you would like to be a part of those conversations.

Your Renewal Team members are:

Richard, Betty J., Wayne, Caleb, and Joanna

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC)

MCC internationally is asking for assistance with Relief Kits, Hygiene Kits, and Sewing Kits. To fulfill their requests, MCC Alberta needs specific Kit items.

We are hoping that Calgary First Mennonite Church (FMC) will help us meet these specific requirements:

We are asking FMC for donations of Sewing Kit items as well as 80 hand towels.

For more information on Kit contents, please go to: mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits or contact Linda Dickinson: 403-275-6935.

Cash donations are always welcome.

Deliver your Kit items to the MCC Material Resource Warehouse (2946 - 32 Street NE) before January 15, 2021 please.

If you are able to donate items, but cannot deliver them, please contact Pastor Caleb; he has offered to pick up the donations from your home and deliver them to MCC.