

LOOKING AHEAD

Tues., Dec. 5	7:30 pm	Council of Church Ministries' Meeting
Wed., Dec. 6	9:30 - 11:00 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Thurs., Dec. 7	6:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
Fri., Dec. 8	All Day	Set up and preparation for the Banquet
Sat., Dec. 9	5:00 pm	Christmas Banquet
Sun., Dec. 10 <i>Second Advent</i>	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Classes - Pre-Kindergarten to Adults Worship Service - Jenn Ratzlaff
Wed., Dec. 13	9:30 - 11:00 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Thurs., Dec. 14	6:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
Sun., Dec. 17 <i>Third Advent</i>	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Classes - Pre-Kindergarten to Adults Worship Service - Pastor Caleb
Sun., Dec. 24	9:15 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal (breakfast provided) Worship Service - Pastor Caleb Christmas Play Program
Mon., Dec. 25	—	No Service at First Mennonite Church

BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

First Mennonite and Foothills Mennonite Churches are holding a Blue Christmas Service at Foothills Mennonite Church (2115 Urbana Road NW) on December 20 at 7:00 pm. This service is designed to provide space for prayer, reflection, and remembrance for the weary and for those who have experienced loss. Bring your weariness, bring your fatigue, bring your grief, and allow yourself a quiet space to reflect and draw nearer to God.

The Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) featured congregation for December in the "A Window Into...Our Mennonite Congregations" series is Berthel Mennonite Church. Learn more at: mcab.ca/windows2023

The MCA "Fun and FUNdraising" events held recently in Edmonton, Lethbridge, and Calgary raised approximately \$9,700. Thank you!

Our MCA Moderator, Brenda Tiessen-Wiens, and our Executive Minister, Tim Wiebe-Neufeld, recently wrote a letter to our Prime Minister regarding the current situation in Israel-Palestine. Read their letter at: mcab.ca

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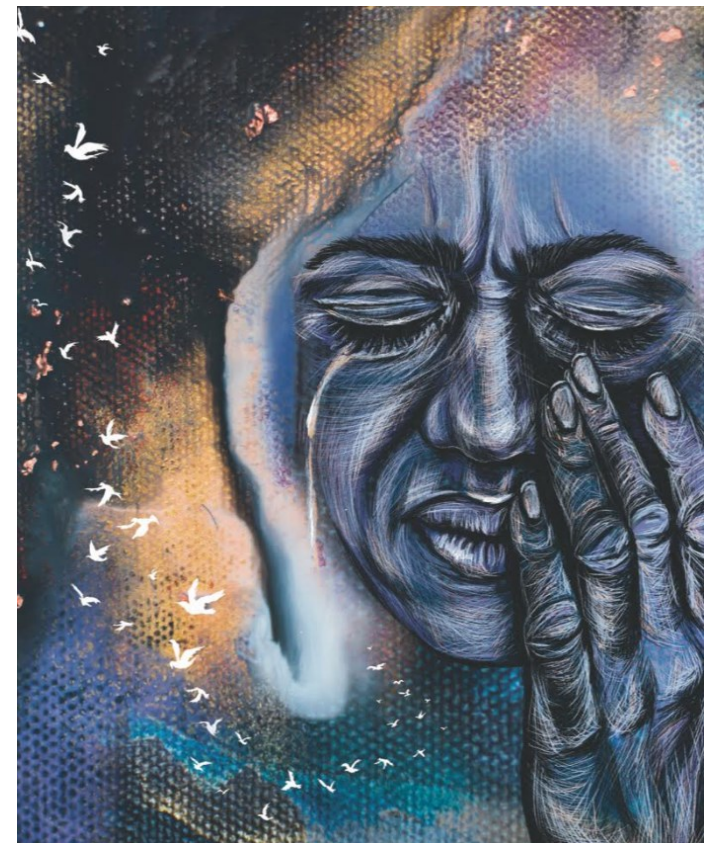
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CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023



"Make Your Face Shine" by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Gathering

Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (VT #218)

Opening Words

Candle Lighting Liturgy

Call to Worship (Projected)

Passing the Peace

Prayer of Illumination

Proclaiming

Hymn Prepare the Way! the Prophet Called (VT #220)

Children's Visio Divina Jenn Ratzlaff

First Reading Psalm 80: 1 - 7, 17 - 19

Hymn Bless'd Be the God of Israel (VT #223)

Gospel Reading Luke 1: 1 - 23

Message Pastor Caleb

Responding

Time of Reflection & Special Collection

Congregational Response

Affirmation of Faith (Projected)

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sending

News and Announcements

Benediction

Hymn Light Dawns on a Weary World (VT #205)

There will be a special collection gathered today to support the First Mennonite Church Compassion Fund. This fund is used at the discretion of our Deacons to support individuals or families in difficult situations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ~ 10:00 AM

Pre-kindergarten - Grade 2
Grades 3 - 6
Grades 7 - 12
Adults

Pre-K - Grade 12 meet in the
basement on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays

Pastor Caleb's Office (Main Floor Sunday School Wing)

Lower Sunday School Wing
Upper Sunday School Wing
Upper Sunday School Wing

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

Redacted
Contact the church office
for details

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

The Advent Hymn Sing will take place this evening at 6:30, here at First Mennonite Church. Please bring a plate of sweet or savoury finger food to share during the fellowship time in the basement following the Hymn Sing.

Our Christmas Banquet will be held this Saturday, December 9, starting at 5:00 pm. Trinity Mennonite Church will be joining us this year. Tickets are available today in the foyer: \$15.00 (adults & children over 10), \$5.00 (ages 5-10), free (under 5 years). Ticket sale proceeds cover the cost of the meal. Remaining proceeds plus the Silent Auction proceeds will help support Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Relief Kits. Let Karen Janz know if you have an item to donate to the Silent Auction.

How does a weary world rejoice?

The logo for our Advent Series is described as Two People—one radiating joy and the other wading into weariness - holding the world together.



The two people may represent God and humanity, or any of the pairing of humans we will encounter through this series.

The banners you see around the church are based off this image. Hannah Garrity's artist's statement explains how the banner design adds to the elements of the logo. Baptismal waters, crocuses blooming in spring, pregnancy, prophesy, and praying hands. Can you see these things in the banner design?

What else do you see?

