

## LOOKING AHEAD

Tues., Jan. 16	9:30 am	Worship Ministry meeting over Zoom
Wed., Jan. 17	9:30 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Thurs., Jan. 18	10:00 am	Deadline for Annual Reports - email to church office
Fri., Jan. 19	6:00 pm	Fellowship Group Meeting at the Feddema home
Sun., Jan. 21	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Classes Pre-kindergarten - Adult Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday - Pastor Caleb
Wed., Jan. 24	9:30 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Sun., Jan. 28	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School Classes Pre-kindergarten - Adult Worship Service - Pastor Caleb Potluck Fundraiser for Mennonite World Conference
February 10	9:00 am	Annual General Meeting (AGM)

## BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

The Camp Valaqua Annual Work Day was cancelled in 2023 due to weather challenges. Did you miss splitting wood, cleaning cabins, and doing all the things we usually do together at Camp? Those jobs are still waiting for you. Gather your family and/or your friends and book a time to hang out together under the tall, tall trees to help Jon and Jeff keep our camp shipshape. To book your time (after this current cold snap), contact:

**[manager@campvalaqua.com](mailto:manager@campvalaqua.com)**

CommonWord virtual book launch of *Rudy Wiebe: Essays on His Works*. Join us via livestream on Thursday, January 25 at 7:30 pm (CST) for a panel discussion with editor Bianca Lakoseljac and contributors Margaret Atwood, Paul Doerksen, and others about the literary influence of Rudy Wiebe. For the livestream link, go to:

**[commonword.ca/go/3730](https://commonword.ca/go/3730)**

# CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024



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EVENING VESPER WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 5:00 PM

Hymn	Come Away from Rush and Hurry (VT #9)
Opening Scripture	Genesis 1: 1 - 5 Gary Braun
Welcome	
Focus Refrain	Peace Still and Know (VT #37)
Reading of the Psalm	Psalm 139: 1 - 6 & 13 - 18 Henry Bergen
Hymn	The Day You Gave Us (VT #506)
Prayer of Praise	Nathan Burgess
Focus Refrain	Peace Still and Know (VT #37)
Reading of the Gospel	John 1: 43 - 51 Karen Janz
Hymn	All Praise to Thee, My God (VT #505)
Prayer of Confession	Marlene Pytyck
Focus Refrain	Peace Still and Know (VT #37)
Reading of the Old Testament	1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10 Elsa Bergen
Prayer of Redemption	Susanne Feddema
Hymn	Abide with Me (VT #502)
Prayers of the People	Pastor Caleb
Focus Refrain	Peace Still and Know (VT #37)
Prayer of Renewal	Bernie Feddema
Hymn	Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory (VT #504)
Prayer of Benediction	Kelly Janz

Worship Leader: Kelly Janz  
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

Please place your offering into the collection box, located on the sound desk at the back of the sanctuary. Or, send your donations to Calgary First Mennonite Church through Interac e-Transfer to:

**treasurer@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca**

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

Please remember to continue to pray for all those who are grieving, those who are ill and seeking medical assistance, and those who are in recovery.

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

All Ministries and Committees: please remember that your Annual Reports are due no later than this Thursday, January 18. Please email your Reports as an attachment (not a pdf) in MS Word, Arial 12 - point font, to the church office at:  
**info@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca**

Missing! Can you help? We are trying to locate 2 of the tall, black, pump-topped coffee carafes that are no longer in the church kitchen. If you know where they are, please place them on the kitchen counter; or talk to Karen Janz, Birgitt Thiessen, or Rita Fiss.

This Friday, January 19 at 6:00 pm, there will be another Fellowship Group Potluck graciously hosted by the Feddemas. All are welcome to join in the food and conversation around the table. If you plan to attend, please reach out to Bernie or Susanne to notify them and find out how you can contribute.

On Sunday, January 28, following the Worship Service, we will have a Potluck Fundraiser for the Mennonite World Conference.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC)

The Great Winter Warm-up: Throughout the month of February, compassionate people like you are giving the gift of warm comforters to those in need around the world through MCC's Great Winter Warm-up. To get involved, go to:

**[mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/great-winter-warm-up](https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/great-winter-warm-up)**

Your support of MCC changed lives in 2023. Thank you! To see the impact you made, watch the one minute video at:

**[www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMFR\\_2MSSfE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMFR_2MSSfE)**

Gaza Crisis Response: Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) will continue to work with partners in both Palestine and Israel toward a just peace for all. We welcome donations to support our response to the current crisis. To learn more and to give, please visit:

**[mcc.org/palestine-israel](https://mcc.org/palestine-israel)**

Save the Date! MCC Alberta is excited to announce the date for the 2024 Relief Sale. We look forward to sharing pie and conversation with you on June 15 at Berghal Mennonite Church.