

## LOOKING AHEAD

Tues., Feb. 1	7:00 pm	Council of Church Ministries meeting over Zoom
Sat., Feb. 5	9:00 am	First Mennonite Church Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Sun., Feb. 6	11:00 am	In-person & Zoom Worship Service with Pastor Caleb
Sat., March 19	9:30 - 2:30	MCA Annual Delegate Sessions over Zoom
Sun., March 20	11:00 am	Joint Mennonite Church Alberta Worship Service

## BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) invites you to take the sting out of winter's chill throughout the month of February by providing a comforter to someone in need through "The Great Winter Warm-up: At Home". You can create a comforter or you can donate funds towards the cost of the supplies needed to make a comforter. People affected by disasters and conflict must often leave quickly without warning—and without necessary supplies, like warm blankets. It costs roughly \$54.00 of fabric and supplies for volunteers to make one comforter. Your gift will help cover this cost. For more information, go to:

[donate.mcccanada.ca/cause/love-and-comfort](https://donate.mcccanada.ca/cause/love-and-comfort)

North Edmonton Ministries is offering the "Peacemakers Confessing Christ Interfaith Dialogue" series as a 6-part weekly Zoom gathering on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. This series is structured to be part worship, part Bible study, and part learning about Islam and relationship-building with Muslims. We look forward to building a virtual community among our Mennonite Church Alberta family. Register online at:

[mcab.ca/events](https://mcab.ca/events)

The MCC Peace & Justice Student Seminar is an opportunity for young adults to meet MCC staff, engage with parliamentarians and civil society actors, and hear from experts in a variety of contexts about how they are building bridges to create a more sustainable future for all. The virtual seminar is on February 22 - 24 and costs \$20.00 to attend. For more information, go to:

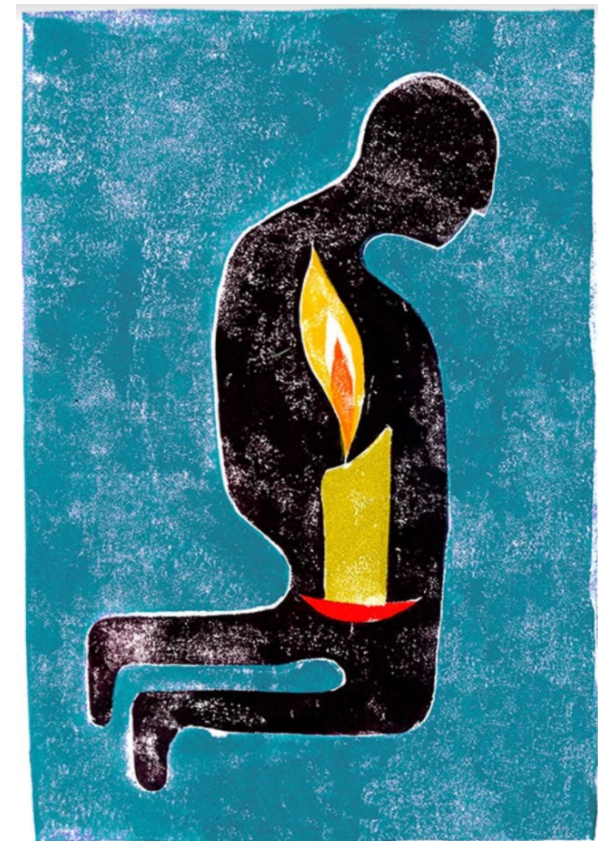
[mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/peace-justice-student-seminar](https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/peace-justice-student-seminar)

Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) is offering a series of six-week online courses beginning on March 1 called, "Xplore: At the Intersection of Faith and Life". This is a 55-Plus enrichment program investigating dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it. For more information, visit:

[cmu.ca/xplore](https://cmu.ca/xplore)

# CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022



"Hope Candle" by Scott Laumann

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EVENING VESPER SERVICE ~ 5:00 PM

Hymn	Now, on Land and Sea Descending (VT #503)
Opening Scripture	Genesis 1: 1 - 5
Welcome	
Opening Liturgy	
Prayer of Praise	Bernie Feddema
Hymn	Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory (VT #504)
Psalm	Psalm 71: 1 - 6 and 14 - 24 Lisa Burgess
Hymn	All Praise to Thee, My God (VT #505)
Prayer of Confession & Redemption	Ruth Griffeth
Gospel Reading	Luke 4: 21 - 30 Rob Ratzlaff
Old Testament Reading	Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10
Spoken Reflection	Pastor Caleb
Offering	
Call to Intercession and Prayers of the People	Pastor Caleb
Hymn	Abide with Me (VT #502)
Prayer of Renewal	Nathan Burgess
Hymn of Sending	Longing for Light (VT #715)
Benediction	

Worship Leaders Jenn Ratzlaff, Lisa Burgess, and Pastor Caleb  
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

Following the service, please return your candles  
to the labelled boxes in the foyer

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

Please pray for those who recently suffered a death in their family:

*Contact the church office for the redacted details.*

Please continue to pray for those in our midst who are dealing health challenges.

Please for peace in Burkina Faso, where a military coup took place this week. Remember especially Mennonite World Conference member church, Eglise Evangélique Mennonite du Burkina Faso, as they minister and witness at this stressful time.

ANNUAL REPORT BOOKS

The Annual Report 2021 & Church Plan 2022  
books are available in the church foyer.

Remember to mark your calendar for our  
First Mennonite Church Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
on Saturday, February 5  
at 9:00 am.

This in-person meeting will also be available over Zoom.

SOLVE OUR MYSTERY

On October 31, we participated in our first  
“Outside the Box” worship service.

As a part of that service, pencil crayons were divided into plastic baggies  
to allow for COVID-friendly use.

Following that service, a bowl containing the baggies of pencil crayons  
was placed on the boardroom table to quarantine.

All of those pencil crayons then simply vanished!

The empty bowl was returned to the kitchen,  
but the pencil crayons have not been seen since.

Can you help solve this mystery?

If you know what happened to these missing pencil crayons,  
please contact Jenn Ratzlaff at:

[jmratzlaff@yahoo.ca](mailto:jmratzlaff@yahoo.ca)