

LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY	12:00 pm	Tobogganing (weather dependent) or board games
Mon., Jan. 8	7:30 pm	Deacons' Meeting over Zoom
Wed., Jan. 10	9:30 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Thurs., Jan. 11	7:30 pm	Council of Church Ministries' Meeting over Zoom
Sun., Jan. 14	— 5:00 pm	**No Sunday School or morning Worship Service** Evening Vesper Service
Wed., Jan. 17	9:30 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
January 18	—	Deadline for Annual Reports - email to church office
Fri., Jan. 19	6:00 pm	Fellowship Group Meeting
Sun., Jan. 21	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Classes Pre-kindergarten - Adult Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday - Pastor Caleb
February 10	TBA	Annual General Meeting (AGM)

BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

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

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, contact:

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 conversation about the extensive literary influence of Rudy Wiebe, a celebrated and prolific author, both within the Mennonite community and well beyond. Bianca Lakoseljac (editor), Paul Doerksen, Margaret Atwood, Hildi Froese Tiessen, George Melnyk, Paul Tiessen, and Scot Morison will share a reading, a reflection, or speak about their contribution to the book. For the livestream link, go to:

commonword.ca/go/3730

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CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024



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JANUARY 7, 2024
WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Prelude

Gathering

Hymn of Gathering	Arise, Your Light Is Come! (VT #273)
Opening Words	
Call to Worship	(Projected)
Passing the Peace	
Prayer of Illumination	

Proclaiming

Hymn of Praise	As with Gladness (VT #277)
Children's Visio Divina	
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 43: 1 - 7
Hymn of Praise	In the Beginning (VT #270)
Scripture Reading	Luke 3: 15 - 17; 21 - 22
Message	Baptized, Blessed and Beloved Rev. Dr. Jean Morris

Responding

Time of Reflection	In the Bleak Midwinter Henry Bergen and Richard Gorecki
Congregational Response	
Affirmation of Faith	(Projected)
Sharing Our Joys & Concerns	
Prayers of the People	

Sending

News & Announcements	
Benediction	
Hymn of Sending	Light Dawns on a Weary World (VT #205)
Postlude	

Worship Leader: Rob Ratzlaff
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

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

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

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

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

REDACTED.
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR DETAILS

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.

We, as the congregants of First Mennonite Church (FMC), have endured the pain of loss of so many in the past few years. Let us continue to be thankful for those who helped to shape FMC, as we remember and honour their legacies. Let us continue to be gentle with one another as we mourn those who are no longer walking with us.

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jean Morris is a minister of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Jean recently retired, having served as minister in 4 congregations in Ontario and Alberta, and also as a chaplain in long term care. She has been active in many ecumenical agencies and initiatives. She is currently the Vice-Convener of the Board of Governors of The Vancouver School of Theology at UBC.

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

Next Sunday, January 14, there will be an Evening Vesper Service beginning at 5:00 pm. Please note that there will not be a morning Worship Service.

All Ministries and Committees: please remember that your Annual Reports are due no later than 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

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