

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun., July 30	11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Service - Pastor Caleb Coffee Time
Sun., Aug. 6	—	Choose Your Own Adventure - no Service in FMC building
Sun., Aug. 13	—	Choose Your Own Adventure - no Service in FMC building
Sun., Aug. 20	11:00 am	Worship Service - Pastor Caleb
Aug. 21 - 25	1:00-3:30	Vacation Bible School at First Mennonite Church
Sun., Aug. 27	TBA	FMC Picnic at Camp Valaqua - no Service in FMC building

First Mennonite Financial Summary as of Jun 30, 2023

Budget Line	Budget Amount (\$)	Actual Amount (\$)	% Complete
Operating Budget			
Income	\$270,400	\$120,174	44%
Transfers to Conferences	42,000	0	0%
Total Expenditures	270,400	118,575	44%
Net Income	0	1,599	
Capital Budget			
Income	5,000	2,500	50%
Total Expenditures	15,000	0	0%
Refugee Sponsorship			
Income	n/a	6,102	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	12,274	n/a
All Other Funds			
Income	n/a	23,805	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	5,093	n/a

Amount of income needed by December 31 to meet our annual budget: \$150,226

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC)

Nathan Burgess and Elsie Wiebe are raising funds for MCC's GO!100 to support relief, development, and peace work. For more information and to donate:

- Nathan Burgess' link: canadahelps.org/en/charities/mennonite-central-committee-alberta/p2p/go-100-2023/page/100km-of-trail-running/
- Elsie Wiebe: phone the MCC office at: 403-275-6935 or go to her link: canadahelps.org/en/charities/mennonite-central-committee-alberta/p2p/go-100-2023/page/elsies-passion-is-sewing-for-mcc/

MCC School Kit Challenge: Help 10,000 kids attend school by donating 10,000 School Kits by going to: mcccanada.ca/school-kit-challenge

The MCC Relief Tour and Online Auction was a big success. With so many great conversations, so much learned, \$21,025 raised in the auction, and more generous donations counting from the Tour events, we're deeply grateful for you.

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CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023



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WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Gathering

Hymn In the Bulb There Is a Flower (VT #670)

Passing the Peace

Opening Words

Call to Worship

Invocational Prayer

Scripture Reading Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 40

Praising

Hymn Come, Ye Thankful People (VT #123)

Psalms 139: 1 - 12, 23 - 24

Hymn As Long as We Follow (VT #413)

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Romans 8: 12 - 25

Message Pastor Caleb

Responding

Time of Reflection

Congregational Response

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sending

Benediction

Hymn As You Go Out from Here (VT #841)

Worship Leader: Lisa Burgess
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

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

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

Contact the church office for this redacted Note.

In July, we're focusing on Trinity Mennonite Church, as part of the Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) Nurturing Connections initiative. Pray for: vision and divine guidance as the congregation discerns a way forward in a time of change; Pastor Will and his family as he transitions out of pastoral ministry; a number of families who are mourning the loss of a loved one recently; a time of rest and recreation over the summer.

Pray for our Camp Valaqua staff Jon Olfert and Jeff Schellenberg, who serve Camp year round, as well as for our summer staff. Pray for Louisa (head cook), her assistant Victoria, and the kitchen volunteers. Good food is key to a successful summer! Pray for the counsellors and out-trip leaders. Pray especially for the campers, that they may truly experience God in Creation.

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

Choose your own Adventure Sundays! Once again this summer, the Worship Committee invites you to take the opportunity on August 6th and 13th to explore worship in unique and different ways. Go out and experience the ways others worship, learn things, and then come back with a new perspective on what church means to you!

****Please note there will be no services in our building these weeks.****

Camp Valaqua needs your donations of nut-free goodies, labelled with the ingredients and your name. For more information, contact Louisa at: louisa.adria@gmail.com

Camp Valaqua is also looking for volunteer kitchen help for a week, or even just a day or two. If you can help, please call Louisa at: 403-637-2510.

ON OUR BULLETIN

A Moment (2023) by Eugena Trudy Sujie Lee

On a sunlit trail, a lone cowboy takes a moment to observe his surroundings. He stares in awe at the mesmerizing landscape. The sound of a peaceful river and the smell of summer heat invigorates the man's senses. Trees sway delicately as a warm breeze passes through the forest. Although he has a long journey ahead, he does not rush. He wishes to soak in every little detail from the luminous, divine presence of the Rocky Mountains to the wild roses clustered along the dirt path. All his worries leave him as he exhales softly.

The theme of this artwork is the personal experience of being still in nature. I wanted to capture the common experience in Alberta of being in awe at the province's beautiful landscapes. I did this by putting great detail into the colours and textures of the environment. I worked extensively to mimic how nature appears in real life. Above all else, I wanted the art piece to prompt the viewer to be absorbed in the beauty of nature just like the cowboy.