

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sun., March 13	6:30-8:00 pm	Youth at the church
Sat., March 19	9:00 am	MCA Annual Delegate Sessions (ADS) over Zoom
Sun., March 20	11:00 am	Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) Joint Worship Service
Sun., March 27	11:00 am	In-person & Zoom Worship Service
Fri., April 15	TBA	Inter-Mennonite Good Friday Service at First Mennonite

### MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC) UPDATE ON UKRAINE

Linda Herr, MCC Area Director for Europe and the Middle East, says that MCC partners in Ukraine are already meeting essential and immediate needs on the ground where they are. “We are seeing a very local response,” says Herr. “Many of our partners are taking funds that would have been used for local projects that can't happen now and they're buying food, medicine, blankets, mattresses—anything and everything that people need.” They are bringing mattresses to people who are sleeping in basements or stairwells, which are serving as makeshift bomb shelters. They are setting up rooms in schools that provide shelter for people on the move. Partners are also providing fuel for vehicles and food for families on their way to other, more secure parts of the country.

With Ukraine's ports now blocked off by Russian military forces, and no air access, supplies are hard to come by. MCC partners are focusing on what they can do in the moment, purchasing what they can find and transporting supplies in whatever size vehicles they have available.

Local church partners are also doing their best to provide essentials for people who were struggling even before the conflict broke out. Churches have been hubs for supply distribution, and they also serve as places of comfort during times of trauma and stress.

While MCC partners are finding creative ways to provide emergency relief, they are also working with MCC to plan medium and long-term responses to the devastation. Future projects will likely address needs in the areas of food, shelter, and trauma care, especially for those who are being displaced by violence. “It's humbling to be between the people who want to give and the people who are seeing the need, who are trying to get resources into people's hands,” says Herr. “But the partners, the people in Ukraine, they're telling me they're tired. So many people have left, and for those who remain, there is so much work yet to do.” Herr asks, “Please pray for the people here. Every minute this conflict continues, the humanitarian impacts worsen. Pray for peace. And pray that our partners will continue to have the strength to carry on their good work.”

MCC is accepting donations for a response in Ukraine:  
[donate.mcccana.ca/cause/ukraine-emergency-response](https://donate.mcccana.ca/cause/ukraine-emergency-response)

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## CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022



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WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

**Gathering**

Hymn of Gathering                      Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (VT #544)

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Words

Call to Worship

Prayer

**Praising**

Hymns    Amazing Grace (VT #163)

Heart with Loving Heart United (VT #813)

**Proclaiming**

Scripture Reading    Luke 13: 31 - 35

Jade Janssen

Children's Feature    Kelly Janz

Message    Pastor Caleb

**Responding**

Lenten Prayer of Confession    Isaiah 55 adapted

Hymn    Freely, Freely (Projected)

Offering

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Sending**

Hymn    Lord, Listen to Your Children (VT #682)

Benediction

Worship Leader: Moni Janssen  
Accompanist: Henry Bergen

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

*Please contact the church office  
for these redacted  
Praise & Prayer Notes*

“In accordance with provincial regulations,  
masks will no longer be required  
at any indoor services or events at First Mennonite Church.  
However, those that feel uncertain are free to choose.”  
On behalf of your Council of Church Ministries,  
Erv Thiessen, Moderator

**MENNONITE CHURCH ALBERTA (MCA)**  
**ANNUAL DELEGATE SESSIONS (ADS)**

**Saturday, March 19:**

MCA Annual Delegate Sessions (ADS) over Zoom at 9:30 am  
hosted by Calgary First Mennonite Church  
For details and to register, go to:  
[mcab.ca/ads22](https://mcab.ca/ads22)

**Sunday, March 20:**

Joint Worship Service with the congregations of  
Mennonite Church Alberta  
Hosted by Calgary First Mennonite Church at 11:00 am  
Worship Service includes Communion and a Children's Feature  
Pastor Caleb Kowalko will be the speaker