LOOKING AHEAD

Thurs., Nov. 18	10:00 am	Deadline to submit Memorial Sunday information to Rita	
Sun., Nov. 21	11:00 am	Memorial Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Caleb	
Nov. 23 - 24		Pastor Caleb at the MCA Pastors' Retreat at Camp Valaqua	
Sun., Nov. 28	11:00 am	First Sunday of Advent Worship Service - Pastor Caleb	

BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

Foothills Mennonite Church is pleased to announce that Jon Olfert will begin a temporary part-time position as Youth Worker, beginning in November and ending in April 2022. Jon currently serves as the Director of Camp Valaqua. Foothills is excited about the experience that Jon brings and the possibilities of working with youth from other Mennonite churches in the Calgary area. Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) gives its support to this appointment and believes that the flow of Camp Valaqua's ministry will continue uninterrupted. We pray that this arrangement will be a blessing for youth as they grow in their faith and into leadership positions.

Mennonite Central Committee Alberta (MCCA) is seeking committed individuals to serve on the Board of Directors. For more information, please contact the MCCA Board Nominating Committee:

Christina Carpenter or Dave Kauffman at: officeab@mccab.ca

MCC Material Resources in Calgary is looking for several volunteers to work between two to five hours per week to sort donations and also to bale comforters.

For more information, contact Linda at: lindadickinson@mccab.ca

MCC Alberta Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Ryan Siemens to the role of Executive Director, effective February 1, 2022. Siemens, his wife Sandra, and their three boys live in Langham, Saskatchewan where Ryan has served as Executive Minister for Mennonite Church Saskatchewan for the past six years. Siemens holds a Master of Divinity from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS). MCC Alberta thanks Dale Taylor who has served as the Interim Executive Director since May 2020. Eileen Klassen-Hamm, Executive Director of MCC Saskatchewan will come alongside the staff and Board to support the transition process until Siemens and his family settle in Alberta.

"I am excited and honoured to have this opportunity to lead this beloved organization and I solicit your prayers as our family makes this transition."

~ Ryan Siemens

<u>Pastor</u>: Caleb Kowalko <u>Email</u>: caleb@mennonitechurch.ab.ca <u>Children's Worker</u>: Christine Hansplant <u>Email</u>: Christine@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca



Sunday, November 14, 2021



"Holy Spirit in Korea" by Bae Yung

2600 Richmond Road SW, Calgary, AB T3E 4M3 Phone: 403-249-8784 Email: calgary1st@mennonitechurch.ab.ca

NOVEMBER 14, 2021 Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

Gathering

Hymn of Gathering Let's Walk Together (VT #6)

Passing the Peace

Opening Words

Call to Worship

Invocational Prayer

Praising

Hymns of Praise Build My Life (VT #92)

10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord (VT #111)

Psalm of Praise Psalm 16: 7 - 11

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Mark 13: 1 - 8

Message Pastor Caleb

Responding

Hymn of Affirmation My Soul Cries Out (VT #412)

Offering

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sending

Benediction

Hymn of Blessing Jesus, Rock of Ages (VT #622)

Worship Leader & Song Selector: Lisa Burgess

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting immediately following this Worship Service. Those in the church building are asked to remain in the sanctuary.

Those who have joined by Zoom are asked to stay connected.

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

Please contact the church office for this redacted prayer note.

There is increasing violence in Ethiopia, and the Meserete Kristos Church (a sibling in the Mennonite World Conference) needs our prayers for safety, unity, and peace. Werner & Joanne De Jong are grateful for answered prayers - they have secured temporary accommodations near Lethbridge until they leave for Ethiopia on January 17.

Pray for our Church Engagement Minister, Steven Giugovaz, as he is commissioned for this role today at Bergthal Mennonite Church.

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

Memorial Sunday is November 21: The Sunday before the First Sunday of Advent is when we remember those who have passed away since last year's Memorial Sunday. Please email photographs (jpg format) to Rita in the church office. Remember to include the birth and death dates, full name, and relationship to you. Rita must receive your (jpg) photographs and information no later than 10:00 am on Thursday, November 18.

Canadian Mennonite subscriptions: All who attend First Mennonite Church may receive a subscription to Canadian Mennonite magazine. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA). To start a new subscription or to change your delivery preferences (to receive print, digital, or both), please contact Rita in the church office by November 24.

Blank cards are available in the foyer for you express your thanks to those working in or with Alberta Health Services for all that they have done during this pandemic. Place your cards in the labelled box and they will be distributed to those individuals in our congregation who are working in the health profession.

First Mennonite Financial Summary as of Oct 31

Budget Line	Budget Amount (\$)	Actual Amount (\$)	% Complete
Operating Budget			
Income	256,800	189,502	74
Transfers to Conferences	42,000	23,400	56
Total Expenditures	256,800	189,078	74
Net Income	0	424	
Capital Budget			
Income	5,000	4,167	83
Total Expenditures	15,000	0	0
Refugee Sponsorship			
Income	n/a	10,000	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	0	n/a
All Other Funds			
Income	n/a	11,148	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	10,511	n/a