#### LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 22 - 23		Pastor Caleb at MCA Pastors' Retreat at Camp Valaqua	
Sun., Nov. 28	11:00 am	First Sunday of Advent Worship Service - Pastor Caleb	
Sun., Dec. 5	11:00 am	Second Sunday of Advent Worship Service - Jenn Ratzlaff	
Tues., Dec. 7	7:00 pm	Council of Church Ministries Meeting over Zoom	
Sat., Dec. 11	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Dessert, Coffee, and Silent Auction in-person event	
Sun., Dec. 12	11:00 am	Third Sunday of Advent Worship Service - Pastor Caleb	

#### BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

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

Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) North Edmonton Ministry (NWM) invites you to explore the series, "Peacemakers Confessing Christ - Framework for Interfaith Dialogue and Witness" on Saturday, December 11 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at Trinity Mennonite Church (32023 232 Avenue W, DeWinton, AB T1S 4A9). Snacks provided, bring a bag lunch. Restriction Exemption Program requires proof of vaccination and the use of masks.

More details are available at: mcab.ca/events



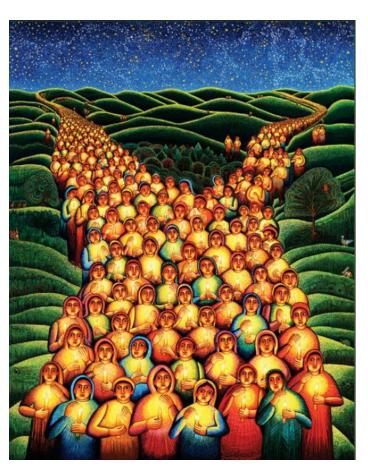
Mennonite Church Canada Joint Council and Executive Staff group have released a statement in response to a grassroots call -7 Calls to Climate Action - from individuals within Mennonite Church Canada for urgent action to address the climate crisis: "As leaders within Mennonite Church Canada, we commit ourselves anew to working for climate justice and a sustainable future for all God's creation and all God's children. We commit to engaging deeply as a nationwide community of faith, inviting congregations and regional churches into discernment regarding the ways we as a church can respond to the climate crisis. We encourage individual members of Mennonite Church Canada congregations to make this same commitment, and to commit to working in and through their congregations and regional churches to pursue these goals."

To read the full release, visit: mennonitechurch.ca

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Sunday, November 21, 2021



"Festival of Lights" by John August Swanson

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# **NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

### MEMORIAL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Gathering

Hymn of Gathering Come, We That Love (VT #31 and HWB #14

vv. 1, 2 & 4

Passing the Peace

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocational Prayer

Praising

Hymns of Praise Before the Waters Nourished Earth (VT #652)

Let hope and sorrow now unite (HWB #634)

Psalm of Praise Psalm 149: 1 - 5

Proclaiming

Scripture Revelation 21: 1 - 6a

Message Pastor Caleb

Responding

Ceremony of Remembrance

Sharing our gifts The Holy City (recording)

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sending

Benediction

Hymn of Sending New Earth, Heavens New (VT #377 & HWB #299)

Worship Leader: Erv Thiessen Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

## Praise & Prayer Notes

Please lift up in prayer all those in Lower Mainland and Interior of B.C. who have been hit by the heavy flooding, especially those who have had to evacuate the towns of Merritt, Abbotsford, and Chilliwack.

# HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

Pastor Caleb will be attending the Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) 24-hour Pastor's Retreat from November 22 - 23.

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 Fiss in the church office by Wednesday, 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.

Christmas Event December 11 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm - we will be celebrating Christmas this year with an in-person Dessert, Coffee and Silent Auction event. Tickets go on sale Sunday, November 21 and will be available until Sunday, December 5. Cost will be \$10 per person. Many of the delicious desserts will be made by our youth and families. Please consider supporting this event either by attending in-person or contributing an item for the Silent Auction. The proceeds from the Silent Auction will go to support Camp Valaqua. You may purchase your ticket at church the next 3 Sundays or by contacting Karen Janz. Also, let Karen know if you can contribute an item for the Silent Auction.

#### 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