

LOOKING AHEAD

Wed., Oct. 18	9:30 - 11:00 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Sun., Oct. 22	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Classes - Pre-Kindergarten to Adults Worship Service with Jon Olfert of Camp Valaqua
Wed., Oct. 25	9:30 - 11:00 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Sun., Oct. 29	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 2:00 pm	Sunday School Classes - Pre-Kindergarten to Adults 5 th Sunday Worship Service Coffee Time with Pastor Appreciation All Ages Pumpkin Patch Party

First Mennonite Financial Summary as of Sep 29, 2023			
Budget Line	Budget Amount (\$)	Actual Amount (\$)	% Complete
Operating Budget			
Income	\$270,400	\$177,597	66%
Transfers to Conferences	42,000	2,000	5%
Total Expenditures	270,400	179,057	66%
Net Income	0	(1,460)	
Capital Budget			
Income	5,000	3,750	75%
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	28,803	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	13,654	n/a
Amount of income needed by December 31 to meet our annual budget:		\$92,803	

BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

Camp Valaqua Cleanup Challenge: Did you miss splitting wood, cleaning cabins, doing all the things we usually do together at Camp Work Day? 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. Contact Camp Valaqua at: manager@campvalaqua.com

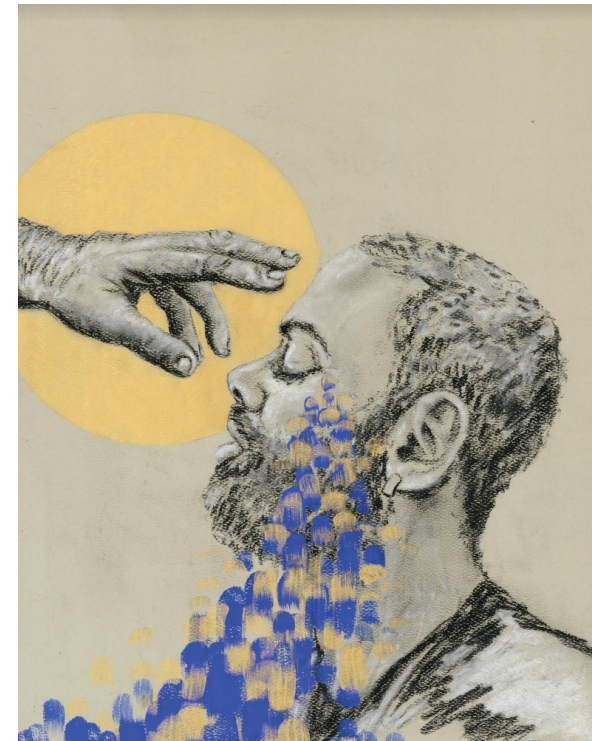
Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) features one church each month in the "A Window Into...Our Mennonite Congregations" series. The featured congregation for October is Holyrood Mennonite Church in Edmonton. Learn more at: mcab.ca/windows2023

The Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) Program is in need of volunteers to work with people who have left prison and are reintegrating into society. If you are interested in helping and can commit 1-2 hours per week, please contact the CoSA Coordinator Ken Grahlman at: kengrahlman@mccab.ca

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CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023



"Restored" by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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OCTOBER 15, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Gathering

Hymn of Gathering

You're Not Alone (VT #779)

Passing the Peace

Opening Words

Call to Worship

Prayer of Illumination

Proclaiming

Hymn

Make Us One (VT #455)

Scripture

Acts 9: 1 - 20

Prayer of Confession

Children's Weaving Time

Hymn

Together (VT #389)

Message

Pastor Caleb

Responding

Time of Reflection

Congregational Response

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sending

Benediction

Hymn of Sending

God, Be the Love (VT #43)
vv. 1, 4 & 5

Worship Leader: Erv Thiessen

Accompanist: Pastor Caleb

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ~ 10:00 AM

Pre-kindergarten - Grade 2

Grades 3 - 6

Grades 7 - 12

Adults

Adult Visio Divina

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)

Boardroom (Main Floor Sunday School Wing)



THIS FALL WE ARE EXPLORING DIFFERENT WAYS WE EXPERIENCE "UNRAVELING" AND WHERE WE FIND GOD IN THOSE TIMES. WEEK BY WEEK WE WILL BE CREATING AN INTERGENERATIONAL ART PIECE THAT REPRESENTS HOW GOD WEAVES US BACK TOGETHER WHEN LIFE BECOMES UNRAVELED.

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

As conflict has escalated in the region, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence. MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding for those affected. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. MCC will continue to work with partners in both Palestine and Israel towards a just peace for all.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *Gracious God, we bring you the broken parts of ourselves.*

All: **Hem us in before and behind.**

Leader: *Creator God, we bring you the joyful parts of ourselves.*

All: **Weave us together in hope and praise.**

Leader: *God of new life, we bring you doubt and faith knotted up in our hearts.*

All: **Unravel our doubt. Weave faith into our hearts. Draw us together and point us toward you.**

Leader: *In hope and faith we pray. In hope and faith we worship.*

All: **Amen.**

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

Rita Dahl invites you to the release of her children's book, "Giselle Goes to School," here in our sanctuary this afternoon at 4:30 pm. There will be a reading, music, a book signing, and time to decorate cookies. All ages are welcome. All proceeds from this event and future book sales will be going to MCC.