

## LOOKING AHEAD

Oct. 23 - 25	—	Caleb at Pastors' Retreat at Camp Valaqua
Wed., Oct. 25	9:30 - 11:00 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Thurs., Oct. 26	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
Sun., Oct. 29	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Sunday School Classes - Pre-Kindergarten to Adults 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship Service Coffee Time with Pastor Appreciation All Ages Pumpkin Patch Party - <b>*note corrected time*</b>

## BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

Camp Valaqua Cleanup Challenge: Did you miss splitting wood, cleaning cabins, and 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](mailto:manager@campvalaqua.com)

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

The Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) Program is still 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](mailto:kengrahlman@mccab.ca)

Renowned scholar and theologian Dr. Willie James Jennings will be delivering the Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) 2023 J.J. Thiessen Lecture, "Gathering the pieces that remain: Weaving life together from the fragments of faith, race, and land" on Friday, October 27 at 7:00 pm (CDT) via livestream. Learn more at: [media.cmu.ca/events](http://media.cmu.ca/events)

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) presents: Sweet Harmony: An Evening with Tareq Hadhad, CEO of Peace by Chocolate on Friday, November 3 at 7:00 pm at Ambrose University. Join us for this marquee fundraising event including Tareq's story, delicious dessert, and live music to support MCC's settlement work with refugees in Alberta. Tareq Hadhad was a Syrian refugee and is now living his new life with his entrepreneurial family in Canada's east coast. Tareq will share what can happen when people open their arms and offer kindness in another person's time of need. Peace, it truly is beautiful in every language. See the posters in the foyer, or go to: [mcc.org](http://mcc.org) for more information

# CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023



Camp Valaqua 2023

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OCTOBER 22, 2023  
WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

**Gathering**

Hymn of Gathering Come, Now Is the Time to Worship (VT #29)

Passing the Peace

Opening Words

Call to Worship

Invocation Prayer

**Proclaiming**

Hymn of Praise Together (VT #389)

Scripture Ephesians 2: 4 - 10

Children's Feature Jon Olfert

Hymn of Praise Wonderful Grace of Jesus (VT #170)  
vv. 1, 2 & 3

Message "I Learned it at Camp"  
Jon Olfert

**Responding**

Time of Reflection

Congregational Response

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Sending**

Benediction

Hymn of Sending I Know Not Why God's Wondrous (VT #590)

Worship Leader: Richard Gorecki  
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**Redacted.**

**Contact the church office for information**

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

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Pastoral Concerns during this time should be directed to one of our Deacons.

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