LOOKING AHEAD

Wed., Nov. 1	9:30-11:00 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Thurs., Nov. 2	7:30 pm	Council of Church Ministries Meeting over Zoom
Sun., Nov. 5		Sunday School Classes - Pre-Kindergarten to Adults "Curious About Baptism or Membership?" - Pastor Caleb Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Caleb

BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

Calgary Inter-Mennonite Church is looking for a Pastor/Community Leader to fill a parttime maternity leave from January 2024 - May 2025. Applications are due by October 31: cimchurch.org/community/job-opportunity

Did you miss splitting wood, cleaning cabins, and doing all the things we usually do together at Camp Work Day? 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

The Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) Program is still looking for volunteers to work with people who have left prison and are reintegrating into society. If you are interested, contact the CoSA Coordinator Ken Grahlman at: kengrahlman@mccab.ca

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 for more information

MCC's Buckets of Thanks: Help us meet our goal of donating 2,000 Relief Kits across Canada by October 31 to assist displaced people in places like Ukraine, Jordan, Cuba, and Zambia. To find out how you can help, go to: mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/buckets

MCC (through our membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank) is appealing for humanitarian response in Gaza in partnership with a group of leading humanitarian organizations in Canada that appeal together during a crisis. To learn more and to donate, go to: mcc.org/palestine-israel

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

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Sunday, October 29, 2023



"New Roots" by Lauren Wright Pittman

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OCTOBER 29, 2023

Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

Gathering

Hymn of Gathering There is a place of quiet rest (HWB #5)

Passing the Peace

Opening Words

Call to Worship (See opposite)

Prayer of Illumination

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29: 1 - 7

Prayer of Confession

Children's Visio Divina

Hymn of Praise My Hope Is Built (VT #621)

Message Pastor Caleb

Responding

Time of Reflection

Congregational Response

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sending

Benediction

Hymn of Sending We, Your People, Sing Your Praises (VT #849)

Worship Leader: Jenn Ratzlaff 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



Immediately following the Worship Service, joins us downstairs for the Pastor Appreciation Coffee Time.

Sunday School Classes ~ 10:00 am

Pre-kindergarten - Grade 2

Grades 3 - 6 Grades 7 - 12 Pre-K - Grade 12 meet in the basement on the 2^{nd} , 4^{th} & 5^{th} Sundays

Lower Sunday School Wing Upper Sunday School Wing Upper Sunday School Wing

Adults Adult Visio Divina 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sometimes life takes us where we don't expect.

All: Sometimes, God takes us where we don't expect.

Leader: In worship, we gather to get in touch with God's bigger narrative.

All: In worship, we gather to expand our hearts.

Leader: So let us worship the God of unending surprises.

All: Let us worship the God of love.

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

Join us tonight from 6:00 - 8:00 pm for the All Ages Pumpkin Patch Party!

Everyone who attends First Mennonite Church may receive a free subscription to the Canadian Mennonite, a biweekly magazine delivered by mail or email. Subscriptions are paid for by Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA). To start a new subscription or to change your delivery preferences, please contact the church office no later than Thursday, November 2

Pastor Caleb will have a "Curious About Baptism or Membership!" meeting during the Sunday School hour (10:00 - 11:00 am) on Sunday, November 5. It will be a time to ask questions and possibly get more information about baptism and membership and the processes.

Remember to mark your calendars for the two upcoming Fellowship Group Meetings on November 15 & 17. Talk to Pastor Caleb for more information.

MENNONITE CHURCH ALBERTA (MCA)

MCA invites you to Fun & Fundraising at Foothills Mennonite Church on Friday, November 17 at 7:00 pm. Come to celebrate and support the relationships and ministries we share. Learn how our financial giving makes a difference around the world. Fellowship around desserts, entertainment, door prizes, and other surprises.