

## LOOKING AHEAD

Wed., Oct. 11	9:30 - 11:00 1:00 pm	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup Worship Ministry Meeting
Sun., Oct. 15	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm	Sunday School classes - Pre-Kindergarten to Adults Worship Service with Pastor Caleb Youth Event Rita Dahl Book Launch/MCC Fundraiser
Wed., Oct. 18	9:30 - 11:00	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup

### 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

You are invited to hear Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac, Academic Dean of the Bethlehem Bible College, speak on Stories of Lament and Hope: A Palestinian Christian Perspective. October 10 & 11 at 7:30 pm at Ambrose University in Calgary.

Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) would like to thank member congregations and individuals for their generous giving in 2023. These funds ensure the ongoing work of MCA. However, donations are lagging budgeted expenses and we ask you to consider this as you plan your giving for 2023. ~ MCA Finance Committee

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Alberta's GO!100 campaign raised \$123,422 towards relief, development, and peace around the world. 15 participants and 2 teams spent their summer doing 100 of something they love. Thank you to all who participated! You are change in motion!

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

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# CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023



"Jesus Looked Up" by Hannah Garrity

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THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

**Gathering**

Hymn  
Now Thank We all Our God (VT #114)  
(sing in English or German)

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Words

Call to Worship (see opposite)

Prayer of Illumination

**Proclaiming**

Hymn  
Sing to the God of Harvest (VT #122)

Scripture Reading  
Luke 19: 1 - 10

MCC Presentation  
Linda Dickinson

Blessing the School Kits

Food Bank Donations

Children's Weaving Time

Message  
Pastor Caleb

**Responding**

Time of Reflection  
"Give Thanks" by Henry Smith

Congregational Response

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Sending**

Benediction

Hymn of Sending  
God of the Fertile Fields (VT #750)

Worship Leader: Kelly Janz  
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)

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY**



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

Notebooks and pencils are a tangible message of God's love for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many kids can't get the education they desperately need. Together, we can share God's love with our global neighbours by giving the gift of education through erasers, pencils and more! 325 School Kit Bags have been prepared for our FMC Fall Giving Project! Thank you to everyone that made this possible!

**Redacted. Please contact the church office for more information.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: God is in this house today,*

**ALL: For God longs to be in relationship with us.**

*Leader: God is in this house today,*

**ALL: For God loves the sinners and the saints.**

*Leader: God is in this house today,*

**ALL: For God sees all, claims all, and loves all.**

*Leader: God is in this house today,*

**ALL: So let us worship Holy God.**

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

Would you like to learn to ring handbells? We would like to put together a group of new and experienced ringers to play for Advent and beyond! If you are interested in joining us, or just want to know more please contact Jenn Ratzlaff or speak to her in person! No prior musical knowledge is required!

Rita Dahl invites you to the release of her children's book, "Giselle Goes to School," here in our sanctuary on October 15 at 4:30 pm. There will be a reading and music followed by a reception, book signing, and time to decorate cookies. All ages are welcome. All proceeds from the event and future book sales will be going to MCC.