

## LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY	12:00 pm	Kids' Event - Packing MCC School Kits
Wed., April 17	9:30 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Thurs., April 18	7:30 pm	Deacons' Meeting
Sun., April 21	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Classes - Pre-kindergarten to Adult Worship Service - Pastor Caleb

### BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

Mennonite Church Canada is looking for 5 young adults (one per regional church) who are interested in representing us at the Mennonite World Conference Global Youth Summit in Germany from May 30 - June 1, 2025. The application deadline is TOMORROW, April 15! For more information, go to:

[mennonitechurch.ca/article/44786](https://mennonitechurch.ca/article/44786)

To apply, contact the Mennonite Church Alberta Executive Minister, Tim Wiebe-Neufeld: [execmin@mcab.ca](mailto:execmin@mcab.ca)

“Let’s Get Dirty: The Lowdown on Earth’s Fabric in your own Yard” – a Face2Face panel discussion on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm (CDT) at Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) via livestream. Hear about the untapped potential in your own yard. Visit:

[cmu.ca/face2face](https://cmu.ca/face2face)

“Young Adult Conference for an Active Future” at Camp Squeah, BC: Mennonite Church Canada will grant \$500/person to support people attending this Conference, taking place June 7 - 9, 2024. For more information, go to:

[mcbc.ca/cell/event/default/id/13166](https://mcbc.ca/cell/event/default/id/13166)

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Foothills Mennonite Church and the Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) Creation Care Working Group is hosting a movie and conversation as part of reflecting on Earth Day 2024. We invite you to gather at Foothills Mennonite Church on Sunday, April 21 at 5:30 pm to watch the 1997 film, “Princess Mononoke”. This is a story about humanity's relationship to its environment, nature, war, and rage. If you would like more information, please reach out to Pastor Aiden at:

[aiden@foothillsmennonite.ca](mailto:aiden@foothillsmennonite.ca)

April 28 is the Camp Valaqua Family Feud Online Fundraiser. You can assist in crafting the questions that will be asked by answering both surveys. Go one step further and register as a team or as an individual:

[campvalaqua.ca/events](https://campvalaqua.ca/events)

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# CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024



“Gethsemane” by Sybil Andrews

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APRIL 14, 2024  
WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

- Prelude
- Gathering**
- Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (VT #88)
- Opening Words
- Call to Worship
- Passing the Peace
- Invocational Prayer
- Receiving**
- Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 31: 7 - 8 (Mariah Gorecki)
- Hymn God of the Bible (VT #420) vv. 1, 2 & 5
- Hymn In your sickness (HWB #585) sing twice
- Psalm Psalm 135: 1 - 7 (Birgitt Thiessen)
- Hymn Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart (VT #554)
- Scripture Reading Romans 8: 26 - 28 (Naomi Grant)
- Message Pastor Caleb
- Responding**
- Time of Reflection
- Congregational Response
- Sharing Our Joys & Concerns
- Prayers of the People
- Sending**
- News & Announcements
- Benediction
- Hymn The Lord Lift You Up (VT #832) sing twice
- Postlude

Worship Leader: Lisa Burgess  
 Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

Please place your offering into the collection box, attached to 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  
 Adult

Worship Band Practice only today;  
 no classes Pre-k to Grade - 12

Lower Sunday School Wing  
 Upper Sunday School Wing  
 Upper Sunday School Wing  
 Pastor Caleb's Office (Main Floor Sunday School Wing)

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

Pray for the young adults who are planning to work as Camp Valaqua summer staff and for the kids who are excited to be campers. Pray for Jon Olfert as he assembles a leadership team & counselling staff. Pray for Jeff Schellenberg as he prepares Camp Valaqua for rental groups, while also preparing for the summer season. Please pray for the Camp Committee, that they may make wise decisions regarding the Camp's future.

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

The 2024 Church Directory is now available in the church foyer.

We are putting together a First Mennonite Church Photo Directory! Our own Liam and Sandy Strashok have offered to take the family photos. Look for Liam & Sandy in the church foyer TODAY, and also on Sunday, April 28. No appointments are necessary for your quick photo session.

Highway Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 4 and we still need more eager volunteers. Please consider volunteering, and bring your family and friends to help. Alberta Transportation pays our church \$100 per km cleaned. The money raised by doing this work will help fund our Annual Church Retreat weekend in June. Let Karen Janz know if you can help.

MCC has asked us to gather and store donations for a refugee family (consisting of 9 people) until they arrive in Calgary in May. Please see the list (posted in the foyer) of the needed items. Ellie Janz has graciously offered the use of her garage to store the donations, which we hope to gather on Saturday, April 20 and Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 am to noon. Please contact Henry Bergen if you need more information.

**First Mennonite Financial Summary as of March 31, 2024**

Budget Line	Budget Amount (\$)	Actual Amount (\$)	% Complete
<b>Operating Budget</b>			
Income	\$273,900	\$44,266	16%
Transfers to Conferences	32,000	0	0%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>273,900</b>	<b>60,819</b>	<b>22%</b>
Net Income	0	(16,553)	
<b>Capital Budget</b>			
Income	5,000	440	9%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>All Other Funds</b>			
Income	n/a	1,501	n/a
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>5,647</b>	<b>n/a</b>

Amount of income needed by December 31 to meet our annual budget: \$229,634