

Looking Ahead

Wed., Dec. 11	9:30 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Dec. 13 - 15	---	Youth away at Camp Valaqua Retreat
Sun., Dec. 15 <i>Third Advent</i>	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Christmas Play Rehearsal Adult Sunday School in Pastor Caleb's office Worship Service - Pastor Caleb
Wed., Dec. 18	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup Inclusive Social Gathering Group
Sun., Dec. 22 <i>Fourth Advent</i>	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Christmas Play Rehearsal Adult Sunday School in Pastor Caleb's office Worship Service - Pastor Caleb Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal
Tues., Dec. 24	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Program and Play
Wed., Dec. 25	11:00 am	Christmas Morning Service
Sun., Dec. 29	11:00 am 12:00 pm	Christmas Carol Sunday Coffee Time



Sunday, December 8, 2024



"Sunrise over Bow Valley" by Nathan Burgess
Oil on canvas, 24"x30"

Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low.
Shine on those living in darkness, guide our feet into the path of peace.

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Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

The disruption in mail services is making this an unusual giving season. Please call us at: **403-275-6935** to make a credit card donation over the phone or give online at: mcc.org/heater

This Christmas, delight your loved ones with gifts that transform lives across the globe by choosing gifts from the MCC Christmas Giving Catalogue. Choose from gifts like goats, clean water, or books for peace. To donate, visit: mcc.org/Christmas

Serving and Learning Together (SALT): Are you 18-30 years old and looking for a chance to serve and go deep into a new culture as you follow Christ? Be an Albertan SALTER in 2025-26! Serve for a year on another continent! No cost and applications are open online until February 15. For more information, go to: mcc.org/get-involved/volunteer/salt

Camp Valaqua

Do you have a camper on your Christmas shopping list?
Camp Valaqua's merchandise is now available online!

Choices include Camp Valaqua branded:
stickers, socks, pens, hats, water bottles, calendars, mugs, ornaments, and hoodies.

Prices range from \$3.00 - \$50.00.

Go to the Camp Valaqua website and click on "Camp Merch Sales" at:
campvalaqua.ca

December 8, 2024
Second Advent Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

- Prelude
- Gathering**
- Hymn *Here I Am to Worship* (VT #227)
- Passing the Peace
- Opening Words
- Call to Worship
- Candle Lighting
- Hymn *Hope Is a Candle* (VT #211) vv. 1 & 2
- Receiving**
- Scripture Reading Isaiah 40: 3 - 5
- Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (VT #218)
- Children's Feature
- Scripture Reading Luke 1: 67 - 79
- Message Pastor Caleb
- Responding**
- Time of Reflection *The Peace Carol*
- Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness
- Sharing Joys & Concerns
- Prayers of the People
- Sending**
- News & Announcements
- Benediction
- Hymn *He Came Down* (VT #239)
- Postlude

Worship Leader: Margo Ratzlaff
 Accompanist: FMC Worship Band

Sunday School Classes ~ 10:00 am		
Pre-kindergarten - Grade 1	(First & Third Sundays)	Lower Sunday School Wing
Grades 2 - 6	(First & Third Sundays)	Upper Sunday School Wing
Grades 7 - 12	(First & Third Sundays)	Upper Sunday School Wing
Worship Band Rehearsal	(Second & Fourth Sundays)	Sanctuary
Adult		Caleb's Office (Main Floor Sunday School Wing)

First Mennonite Financial Summary as of November 30, 2024			
Budget Line	Budget Amount (\$)	Actual Amount (\$)	% Complete
Operating Budget			
Income	\$273,900	\$255,867	93%
Transfers to Conferences	32,000	20,000	63%
Total Expenditures	273,900	221,426	81%
Net Income	0	34,441	
Capital Budget			
Income	5,000	4,584	92%
Total Expenditures	15,000	23,757	158%
All Other Funds			
Income	n/a	13,649	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	19,154	n/a
Amount of income needed by December 31 to meet our annual budget:			\$18,033

Thank You

The west facing basement wall has been professionally sealed and the parking was repaired due to flooding issues. Last week, the Joint Youth Group made up of youth from First Mennonite Church and Foothills Mennonite Church repainted the basement wall. Thank you to the Youth for doing the painting and to Henry, Dan, and Erv for their work on the project.

All of the south and east facing windows and casing in the Education Wing were professionally replaced this summer and Fall. Thank you to Karen who painted the new window casing.

Thank you to Erv, Jenn, and Henry for their work on the new church sign, which will be installed very soon.

If you have brought an offering today, please place it in the offering box on the sound desk. Or, you can send your donations to Calgary First Mennonite Church via Interac e-Transfer to:
treasurer@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca