

Looking Ahead

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
Sun., Jan. 5 2025	--- 10:00 am 11:00 am	No Pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 Sunday School today Adult Sunday School in Pastor Caleb's office Worship Service - Jenn Ratzlaff

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

Save the Date(s)

Anabaptism at 500 Commemoration on Saturday, January 18 at 6:30 pm at Foothills Mennonite Church. This combined congregational event will be a time for fellowship, singing, appetizers, and desserts.

Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) *The Courage of Love*, a celebration of 500 Years of Anabaptism March 14 - 16 at Foothills Mennonite Church. The guest speaker is Allan Rudy-Froese, Associate Professor of Christian Proclamation, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS).

Mennonite Church Canada Gathering 2025, July 2-5 in Kitchener, Ontario. Whether you're representing your congregation, a youth looking to connect with peers from across Canada, or a young adult seeking inspiration, there's something for everyone. Plan now to attend this meaningful time of learning, worship, and community!



Sunday, December 15, 2024



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December 15, 2024

Third Advent Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

Prelude

Gathering

Hymn *Comfort, Comfort, O My People* (VT #212)

Passing the Peace

Opening Words

Call to Worship

Candle Lighting

Hymn *Hope Is a Candle* (VT #211) vv. 1 - 3

Receiving

Scripture Reading Zephaniah 3: 14 - 20

Hymn *Prepare the Way! the Prophet Called* (VT #220)

Children's Feature Kelly Janz

Scripture Reading Luke 3: 7 - 18

Message Pastor Caleb

Responding

Time of Reflection

Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness

Hymn *Light Dawns on a Weary World* (VT #205)

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sending

News & Announcements

Benediction

Hymn *Wait for the Lord* (2x) (VT #228)

Postlude

Worship Leader: Betty Janssen
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

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

Christmas Banquet & Silent Auction 2024

Thank you to the Congregational Life Ministry for planning the Christmas Banquet and for every volunteer who helped make this an enjoyable evening. From preparing the appetizers and desserts, setting up, decorating, serving, providing music, games, MC, cleaning up, to running the Silent Auction, thank you. Thank you also to those who donated items to or purchased items from the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction raised \$1,600.00 for the Youth Learning Trip to Guatemala. There were a total of 88 people in attendance, including 9 youth who made the desserts, and did the serving and the clean-up.

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