

Looking Ahead

Tues., Dec. 24	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Program and Play
Wed., Dec. 25	11:00 am	Christmas Morning Service
Sun., Dec. 29	---- 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	No Pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 Sunday School today Adult Sunday School in Pastor Caleb's office 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
Tues., Jan. 7	7:30 pm	Council of Church Ministries
Wed., Jan. 8	9:30 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Sun., Jan. 12	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Band Rehearsal Adult Sunday School in Pastor Caleb's office Worship Service - Pastor Caleb

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

It was reported last week that donations in November and December to MCC Alberta are down 81%, due in part to the disruption in mail services. Please call MCC Alberta 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) Annual Delegate Session (ADS) *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 22, 2024



Joy By Eugena Lee

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December 22, 2024

Fouth Advent Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

Prelude

Gathering

Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (VT #245)

Passing the Peace

Opening Words

Call to Worship

Candle Lighting

Hymn *Hope Is a Candle* (VT #211) vv. 1 - 4

Receiving

Scripture Reading Micah 5: 2 - 5a

Hymn *With Mary Sing Magnificat* (VT #208)

Children's Feature Margo Ratzlaff

Scripture Reading Luke 1: 39 - 55

Message Pastor Caleb

Responding

Time of Reflection *Mary Did You Know*
Jenn Ratzlaff and Elsie Wiebe

Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness

Hymn *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* (VT #216)

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sending

News & Announcements

Benediction

Hymn *Joy to the World* (VT #240)

Postlude

Worship Leader: Richard Gorecki
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

Sunday School Classes ~ 10:00 am

Pre-kindergarten - Grade 12 TODAY: Rehearsal during Sunday School hour

Pre-kindergarten - Grade 12 TODAY: Dress Rehearsal with pizza lunch 12:00 - 2:00

Adult TODAY: Caleb's Office (Main Floor Sunday School Wing)

No Pre-k - Grade 12 Classes Dec. 29 & Jan. 5

Adult Adult Class will meet Dec. 29 & Jan. 5

January 12, 2025 Worship Band Rehearsal

January 19, 2025 Pre-kindergarten - Grade 12 Classes Resume


Camp Valaqua


Camp Valaqua is thrilled to announce that Derek and Darcie Janzen will be joining us as Site Managers. Derek and Darcie bring a wealth of skills and experience to their shared role, blending hands-on expertise with strong administrative and leadership capabilities.

Derek has a rich background in construction and municipal operations, having worked as a contractor and handyman for over a decade. His skills include renovation, carpentry, and property maintenance, making him well-equipped to oversee the care and development of our camp facilities. Derek's connection to Camp Valaqua runs deep, as he fondly recalls his time here as both a camper and counselor. His passion for creating welcoming, functional spaces aligns perfectly with the camp's mission of providing a nurturing environment for growth and community.

Darcie complements Derek's practical expertise with her extensive administrative and design background. She brings over 10 years of experience as a business owner and lead interior designer, managing complex projects, coordinating contractors, and ensuring seamless operations. Her exceptional organizational and communication skills, honed through roles in church administration and operating a small business, will help ensure that rental groups are accommodated smoothly and effectively.

Together, Derek and Darcie are eager to step into this ministry-driven role, combining their talents to support Camp Valaqua's vision. The Janzen family will be moving to Valaqua from Ontario to begin work in early February. Please join us in welcoming the Janzens back to Alberta and into the Camp Valaqua community!



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:
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