#### Looking Ahead

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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	
Wed., Jan. 15	 9:30 am	Annual Reports due to: info@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup	
Thurs., Jan. 16	7:30 pm	Deacons' Meeting	
Sat., Jan. 18	6:30 pm	Combined Congregational Event at Foothills Mennonite Church	
Sun., Jan. 19	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Classes - Pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 Adult Sunday School in Pastor Caleb's office Worship Service - Pastor Caleb	
Wed., Jan. 22	9:30 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup	
Sun., Jan. 26	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Band Rehearsal Adult Sunday School in Pastor Caleb's office Worship Service - Pastor Caleb Coffee Time	
Sat., Feb. 8	9:30 am	First Mennonite Church Annual General Meeting (AGM)	

### Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

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)

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, January 5, 2025



The Light in the Dark by Natalie Ratzlaff

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## January 5, 2025

#### Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

#### Prelude Gathering

Hymn	Arise, Your Light Is Come! (VT #273)		
Passing the Peace			
Opening Words			
Call to Worship			
Candle Lighting	Henry and Nathan Burgess		
Hymn	Hope Is a Candle (VT #211) all 5 verses		
Receiving			
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 60: 1 - 6 Jan Reimer		
Hymn	As with Gladness (VT #277)		
Children's Feature	Lisa Burgess		
Scripture Reading	Matthew 2: 1 - 12 Tessa Burgess		
Message	Jenn Ratzlaff		
Responding			

Time of Reflection

Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness

Hymn

The First Noel, the Angel Did Say (VT #250) vv. 1 - 3

Let There Be Light (VT #714)

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

#### Sending

News & Announcements

Benediction

Hymn

Postlude

Worship Leaders: Lisa Burgess Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe Pre-k - Grade 12 January 12, 2025 January 19, 2025 Sunday School Classes ~ 10:00 am No Classes Today & January 12 Worship Band Rehearsal Pre-kindergarten - Grade 12 Classes Resume

Adult

Caleb's Office (Main Floor Sunday School Wing)

#### Here at First

All Ministries and Committees: Please remember that your Annual Reports are due no later than Wednesday, January 15. Please email your Annual Report as an attachment in MS Word (not a pdf) in Arial 12 - point font to the church office at: **info@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca** 

### Anabaptism at 500 Commemoration Foothills Mennonite Church invites you to the 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. Current plans include a choir made up of singers from our churches. There will be two choir practices at Foothills Mennonite Church on Thursday, January 9 and Thursday, January 16, both at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to be part of the choir, whether you have sung in choirs before or whether this is something new for you. If you would like more information, please contact the Foothills Mennonite Church office at: office@foothillsmennonite.ca or 403-289-7172

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