

Looking Ahead

Wed., March 26	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup Inclusive Social Gathering Group
Fri., March 28	6:30 pm	Youth Event here at First Mennonite Church
Sun., March 30 <i>Communion</i>	--- 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	No Sunday School Prekindergarten - Grade 12 (March Break) Adult Sunday School in Pastor Caleb's office Worship Service - Pastor Caleb Potluck Fundraiser for Mennonite World Conference
Tues., April 1	7:30 pm	Council of Church Ministries' meeting over Zoom
Wed., April 2	9:30 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Thurs., April 3	7:00 pm	Tenor & Bass Chorus Rehearsal
Fri., April 4	6:30 pm	Youth Event at Foothills Mennonite Church - **note location**
Sat., April 5	TBA	Annual Spring Cleaning of First Mennonite Church building
Sun., April 6	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Prekindergarten - Grade 12 Adult Sunday School in Pastor Caleb's office Worship Service - Pastor Caleb
Fri., April 18	10:00 am	Joint Good Friday Service with Communion
Sun., April 20	10:00 am 11:00 am	Easter Worship Service - **Note earlier start time** Easter Potluck Lunch
Sat., May 3	---	First Mennonite Church Annual Highway Clean-up Fundraiser
May 3 - May 11	---	Youth Learning Tour to Guatemala
June 20 - 22	---	First Mennonite Church Annual Retreat at Camp Valaqua

Menonite Central Committee (MCC)

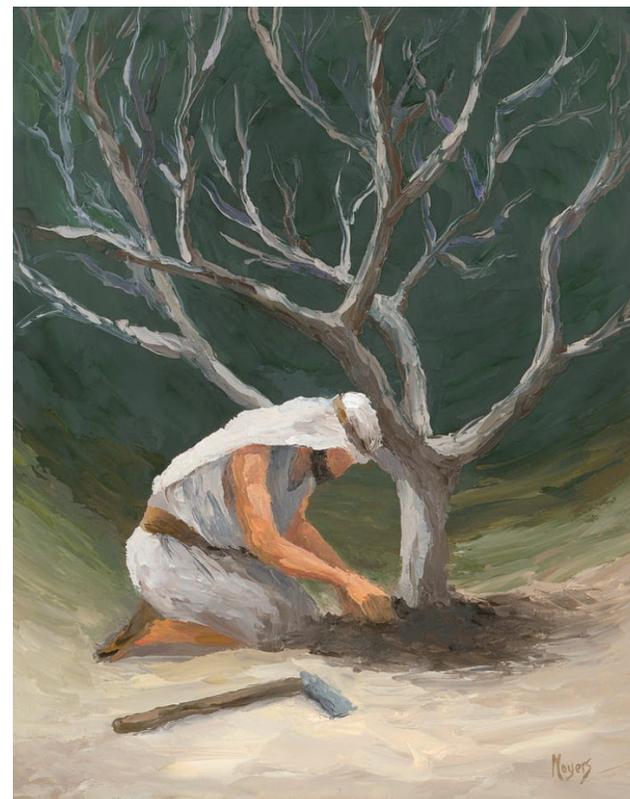
You are invited to an Open House Tea and Dessert this Wednesday, March 26 at the MCC Alberta office to thank Linda Dickinson, our Material Resources Coordinator, for her 14 years of dedication and to wish her much success in her future endeavours. Join us on the second floor at 2946 32 St NE in Calgary from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

MCC is looking for donations and volunteers for the May 31 Relief Sale being held at the Bergthal Event Centre. Please see the posters and the donation submission forms located on the bulletin board in the church foyer or go to:

mcc.org/events/albertareliefsale



Sunday, March 23, 2025



"Parable of the Fig Tree" by Mike Moyers

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March 23, 2025
Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

Gathering

News & Announcements

Hymn *Just As I Am, without One Plea* (VT #560)

Opening Words Isaiah 55: 6 - 9

Call to Worship

Scripture Reading as Invocational Prayer Psalm 63: 1 - 8

Hymn *Create In Me a Clean Heart* (MM #55)

Children's Feature Jenn Ratzlaff

Scripture Reading Luke 13: 1 - 9

Hymn *As The Deer* (MM #58)

Message Pastor Caleb

Responding

Time of Reflection *The Old Rugged Cross*

Responding

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Tenebrae

Hymn *My Hope Is Built* (VT #621)
vv. 1, 2 & 3

Benediction

Worship Leader: Moni Janssen
Accompanists: Henry Bergen and Arnie Reimer

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

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)

Praise & Prayer Notes

Please pray for the deteriorating situation in South Sudan, where violent confrontations threaten to end a peace deal and plunge the country back into civil war. In recent weeks, there has been intense fighting between national forces and informal militias. People have been taken from their homes, travel has become exceedingly dangerous, and fighting in the Gambella region has resulted in serious casualties. Reuben Tut, pastor of the Edmonton South Sudanese Mennonite Church, reports that communication is limited, leaving people in their church fearing for the safety of relatives and friends.

Here at First Mennonite

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Next Sunday, March 30, we will be having a potluck lunch to raise funds for Mennonite World Conference. If you can, please bring a savory dish or dessert to share. There will be a donation basket available at lunch.

Save the date: Please plan to volunteer on Saturday, April 5 for our Annual Spring Cleaning of the First Mennonite Church building.

Beyond First Mennonite

Singers are needed for a Good Friday tenor/bass chorus: If you enjoy singing tenor or bass, you are invited to join a Tenor/Bass Chorus to prepare two pieces to share during the Good Friday Joint Worship Service. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays (April 3, 10 & 17) at 7:00 pm at First Mennonite Church. The music is specific to 4 part Tenor and Bass voices and will be under the direction of Ken Goosen, accompanied by Elsie Wiebe.

Sign up for the Camp Valaqua Fundraiser for a fun and interactive virtual event! Make a team at home or join up with family and friends far and wide to make a team and compete in our Family Feud Fundraiser. Register a team and join us on Sunday, April 6 at 6:30 pm. Winners receive a custom, one-of-a-kind, no-one-else-will-have-one, sticker! For more information and to register, go to:
campvalaqua.ca/events