# **Looking Ahead**

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Wed., May 21	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup Inclusive Social Gathering (ASD Group) *Note date change*			
Fri., May 23 6:30 pm		Youth Event at First Mennonite Church *Note date change*			
Sat., May 24		Youth Special Event - Details to be announced			
Sun., May 25 Communion	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 with Communion Coffee Time			
Wed., May 28 9:30 am		Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup			
Sat., May 31	9:00 - 4:00	MCC Alberta Relief Sale at the Bergthal Church Event Centre			
Sun., June 1	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 12 final Sunday School Classes Adult Sunday School in Pastor Caleb's Office Worship Service - Jon Olfert			
Sat., June 7	TBA	Camp Valaqua Hike-a-thon			
Sun., June 8 Pentecost	TBA 10:00 am 11:00 am	Mennonite Church Alberta Garden Party at Camp Valaqua Final Worship Band Rehearsal Worship Service at First Mennonite Church			
June 20 - 22		First Mennonite Church Annual Retreat at Camp Valaqua			

## Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)



GO! 100 with MCC Alberta!

From May 24 to August 30 (that's 100 days) we invite YOU to help us reach our goal of raising \$100,000.

- Write 100 notes of encouragement
  - Do something for 100 hours
    - Hike or walk 100 km
    - Read 100 articles
    - Try 100 recipes

To get started, see the posters in the foyer, or scan this QR code:



You'll be invited to create a CanadaHelps account so you can see when someone sponsors your challenge.
Your efforts will support relief, development, and peace work around the world and at home!



Sunday, May 18, 2025



Photo by Aiden Scherzinger

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# May 18, 2025 Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

Prelude

Gathering

Hymn I Owe the Lord a Morning Song (VT #496)

Passing the Peace

**Opening Words** 

Call to Worship

**Invocational Prayer** 

Receiving

Psalm Psalm 148

Hymn In Christ There Is No East or West (VT #390)

Children's Feature Margo Ratzlaff

Mennonite Central Committee Rebecca Schnell

Hymn For We Are Strangers No More (VT #409)

Scripture Reading Matthew 15: 21 - 28

Reflections Pastor Aiden Scherzinger

Responding

Time of Reflection

Congregational Response

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sending

**News and Announcements** 

Benediction

Hymn Use Us, God (VT #811)

Postlude

Worship Leader: Jade Janssen Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

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	No Sunday School today (Long weekend)				
Grades 2 - 6	No Sunday School today (Long weekend)				
Grades 7 - 12	No Sunday School today (Long weekend)				
Worship Band Rehearsal	Second & Fourth Sundays (Sanctuary)				
Adult	Caleb's Office (Main Floor Sunday School Wing)				

### Here at First

Items that were removed from the church kitchen during the Church Spring Cleanup are free for you to take home from the labelled carts in the church basement. All remaining items will be donated to the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Thrift Store.

Did you attend Viscount Bennett School across the street from our church? Would you like to have a brick in remembrance of the time you spent there? Bricks were made available to the public, so Pastor Caleb has a limited supply in his office, free for the asking.

### First Mennonite Church Camp Valaqua Retreat 2025

It's time to start planning for the upcoming Retreat at Camp Valaqua that will begin Friday evening, June 20 and end after lunch on Sunday, June 22. There is lodging available at camp in the main lodge or log cabins, and meals will be provided. In addition to a fun and relaxing weekend, we will be celebrating baptisms. There will be no service at our church that Sunday, so even if you do not plan to attend the Retreat, you are encouraged to come for the Sunday morning baptism celebration. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

#### Please let Karen know:

- if you will be attending
- whether you require lodging for Friday, Saturday, or both nights:
   email Karen

### First Mennonite Financial Summary as of April 30, 2025

Budget Line	Budget Amount (\$)	Actual Amount (\$)	% of Budget
Operating Budget			
Income	\$234,700	\$74,898	32%
Transfers to Conference	33,300	4,000	12%
Total Expenditures	234,700	75,928	32%
Net Income	0	(1,030)	
Capital Budget			
Income	40,000	13,333	33%
Total Expenditures	50,000	0	0%
All Other Funds			
Income	n/a	3,948	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	2,138	n/a
Income needed by Dece	\$159,802		
Income needed by Dece	mber 31 to meet our	2025 capital budget:	26,667
			\$186,469