

LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY <i>Third Advent</i>	11:00 am 7:00 pm	Worship Service over Zoom only Riddles/Brain Teasers with Youth Group over Zoom
Sun., Dec. 20 <i>Fourth Advent</i>	11:00 am	Worship Service over Zoom only
Thurs., Dec. 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Program over Zoom only
Fri., Dec. 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	11:00 am	Christmas Day Service over Zoom only



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC)

MCC internationally is asking for assistance with Relief Kits, Hygiene Kits, and Sewing Kits. To fulfill their requests, MCC Alberta needs specific Kit items and we are hoping that First Mennonite Church (FMC) will help us meet those requirements.

We are asking FMC for donations of Sewing Kit items as well as 80 hand towels.

For more information on Kit contents, please go to: mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits or contact Linda Dickinson: 403-275-6935. Cash donations are always welcomed.

Please deliver your donations to the MCC Alberta Material Resource Warehouse (2946 - 32 Street NE) before January 15, 2021.

If you are able to donate items, but cannot deliver them, please contact Pastor Caleb; he has offered to pick up the donations from your home and deliver them to MCC.

You are invited to join MCC in supporting the Government of Canada's legislation around the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), being tabled in Parliament this December. MCC believes that passing a legislative framework to implement UNDRIP is an excellent step toward ensuring the human rights of Indigenous Peoples are respected and honoured in Canada.

To use MCC's convenient letter-writing tool, go to: mcccanada.ca/take-action.



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ZOOM ONLY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship

Lighting the Advent Candles

Invocational Prayer

Hymn Great is thy Faithfulness (HWB #327)

Children's Feature Kelly Janz

Scripture John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 28
Isaiah 61 : 1 - 4

Message Jenn Ratzlaff

Confession and Words of Assurance

Hymn Come, thou long-expected Jesus (HWB #178)

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn This is my Father's world (HWB #154)

Benediction

Worship Leader: Christine Hansplant

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

Mennonite Church Canada congregations have generously donated to the Mennonite World Conference's (MWC) COVID-19 Relief Fund.

Since this Spring, our nationwide community of faith has raised over \$40,000 for MWC's Global Church Sharing Fund. This Fund helps our sister churches around the world who struggle to meet basic needs due to pandemic-response measures in their countries.

Of this total, members of Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) have contributed approximately \$12,000. We have reached 80% of our goal to match Mennonite Church Canada's initial donation of \$50,000.

Thank you for helping to build up our global body of believers.

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

The First Mennonite Church Renewal Team is planning on holding some listening groups beginning in January.

These conversations will be about certain topics related to various aspects of our church and the renewal process, rather than general topics.

We would like to include and hear from ANYONE in the congregation who would like to be a part of those discussions. Please contact Pastor Caleb, Wayne, or Rita in the coming weeks if you would like to be a part of those conversations.

Your Renewal Team members are:

Richard, Betty J., Wayne, Pastor Caleb, and Joanna.

MENNONITE CHURCH ALBERTA (MCA)

Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) is in need of a representative for Mennonite Church Canada's Palestine-Israel Network (PIN).

This Network consists of representatives from each of the Regional Churches, as well as the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Duties include quarterly meetings, and a commitment to help MCA churches become more informed.

For more information, go to: www.mennonitechurch.ca/pin.

Apply through MCA's Nominating Committee:

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