



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - August 16, 2020



On Sunday morning we will worship together from the safety of our homes. A link for the worship service will be emailed.

THIS WEEK See WMC calendar go to: <http://www.welleslymennonite.ca/calendar/>

All in-person worship services, committee meetings and group activities have been cancelled until further notice.

Pastor Kara is on holidays from August 10-17. Pastoral care needs can be directed to Dan L, Elder,

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

A big thank you to everyone who sent cards &/or phone calls to John on his 76th birthday. It made him happy & gave him a great day!

John's Family

A CALL FOR PRAYER as WE WORK TOWARDS A RE-OPENING AT WMC

On Behalf of WMC Board of Directors and Pandemic Response Team we want to update our congregants and members as to where we are as a congregation in relation to COVID 19. As members of WMC we all have been weighted down with the pressures of this Pandemic. Earlier in this Pandemic we were about closings and restrictions. As things have positively progressed to date, we are eagerly anticipating our future. We as the WMC Board and PRT are working and looking positively towards re-opening at WMC. In light of that we ask that you continue to pray for us as we work towards a soft opening. We also ask for prayers as we look to the future and what that means for all of us as members and committees at WMC. We are anticipating a rehearsal service for the taping of the Aug 23 service with further evaluation and discernment. Looking further to the future we are working towards a mid-September re-opening; barring any Pandemic setbacks. May God continue to give us a wisdom and guide our thoughts and planning as we all anticipate and look to the future.

Check out and follow WMC on [facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) !

MCEC IN PRAYER:

Each week MCEC staff pray for the faith communities within our MCEC community of congregations. During the summer we will pray for our local Mennonite Congregations.

Pray for Eleanor Epp-Stobbe, pastor at Breslau Mennonite Church, and her family as they grieve the loss of their husband and father, David Epp-Stobbe, who died on August 9. Eleanor says, "Our hearts are heavy, while filled with gratitude and peace." David was an ordained MCEC pastor, most recently ministering as chaplain at Fairview Mennonite Home (2004-2018). Ordained in 1979, he ministered in both Manitoba and Ontario. In MCEC David pastored at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church (1979-1982) and Hamilton Mennonite Church (1985-1996). Due to Covid restrictions a private funeral service will take place. You can reach Eleanor at eleanor@breslaumc.ca.

Pray for Gerald Good and Martha Smith Good (retired MCEC pastors) as they grieve the loss of Gerald's brother, [Donald James Good](#), who died on August 4th. A private family funeral took place on Sunday. You can reach Gerald and Martha at mg.good@icloud.com.

Mennonite Church Canada Live-Stream/Video Worship- From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, Sunday, August 16. Link: : <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices> . Join St. Jacobs Mennonite Church this Sunday as they continue their summer theme of "Deadly Sins and Holy Virtues." Kevin Derksen and Chip Bender will explore the pairing of Gluttony and Self-Control through a variety of scriptural and experiential contexts.

Offering Report for August 9, 2020:

Total Offering: \$3197.00

Regular Offering: \$1695.00
PAO Offering: \$1502.00

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

During August 14-22, you are invited to join the “**MEDA Move-a-thon**”. You can choose to move by participating in your favorite activity; whether its biking, walking, dancing, hiking, climbing, running... It's up to you to decide how you move! The [MEDA Move-A-Thon](#) provides a safe and socially distant way for the community to continue our support for [MEDA's work in Myanmar](#) supporting women to become active, respected and empowered economic actors and leaders. Help us reach our goal of \$5,000. [Donate](#) to support Waterloo Hub's participation in the Move-a-thon.

Don't miss your chance to help build the future of TCMH! We are seeking members to serve on the Board of Directors. Candidates with experience in any of the following areas are especially encouraged to apply: finance; accounting; legal; communication; governance; strategic thinking; marketing; development; or capital building projects. For more information, please contact CEO Steven Harrison at 519-662-2718. We would appreciate your expression of interest by August 14th.

Ontario Mennonite Music Camp is hosting OMMC-In-A-Box on August 20! The one-day virtual camp is open to those ages 12-18. Campers will participate in chapel, games, small group, a conducting workshop, and virtual choir games, among other activities! The day runs from 10 AM to 4 PM with evening activities. Register at grebel.ca/ommc

Support the Lebanon Crisis through MCC- MCC is responding in Beirut and needs your help to bring relief to individuals and families affected by the August 4th explosion. The Canadian government will be matching donations until August 24th. Donate today at mcco.ca/beirut-response. Please pray for the people impacted by the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon, particularly the refugees who were struggling with lack of basic needs.

The Circle of Support and Accountability (CoSA) program has a need for virtual CoSA volunteers to support participants in group Circle meetings. Meetings are held using Zoom either weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly for one hour. To learn more, visit mcco.ca/get-involved/serve/volunteer/be-restorative-justice-volunteer.

Are you looking for an opportunity to utilize your gifts in an encouraging work environment? If so, **consider joining MCC**. We are currently hiring in Kitchener and New Hamburg. For more information about these opportunities and more, visit mcco.ca/serve

Sign up for a fall course at AMBS! Courses available from a distance (Sept. 1 – Dec. 11): Confronting Sexualized Violence in the Bible; Christian Attitudes Toward War, Peace and Revolution; Reading the Bible Amidst Pandemic; Spiritual Practices: Prayer and Scripture; and many more. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first course for credit! ambs.edu/oncourse

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