



# WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

## INFORMATION SHEET - August 23, 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.wellesleymennonite.ca/calendar/>

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

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Missions Committee has made the decision to cancel the WMC September Community BBQ for this year.** The purpose of the event is to bring people from our community together. In the absence of the BBQ, this may be an opportunity for you to make a connection with someone in your community or neighborhood (being mindful of social distancing and safety).

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### **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.

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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.

**Mennonite Church Canada Live-Stream/Video Worship-** From Mennonite Church British Columbia, Sunday, August 23. Link : <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices> Langley Mennonite Fellowship will share a service with us this Sunday, drawing from Matthew 16:13-28. In the intimacy of Jesus's and Peter's master-disciple relationship, Jesus is recognized for who he is and Peter is blessed, ordained, confounded and sternly rebuked. Living with good news is so perplexing and surprising.

### Offering Report for August 16, 2020:

Total Offering: \$2152.00

Regular Offering: \$650.00

PAO Offering: \$1502.00

### BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

**Global Mennonite story:** This month, Sunday@CMU is featuring voices of the CMU community. Listen to Sincerely Si-banda reflect on her experience as a Mennonite student from Zimbabwe in the Sunday, August 23 radio segment. [media.cmu.ca/sunday-at-cmu-august-2020](http://media.cmu.ca/sunday-at-cmu-august-2020)

**The August edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service.** In our current issue, read how MDS volunteers with Early Response Teams are working in Iowa, engineers roll up their sleeves in West Virginia and help

build bridges, and learn how MDS is cautiously planning for a projects this fall. [Click on this link to read more: https://conta.cc/2YhWGfK](https://conta.cc/2YhWGfK)

**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](https://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.

**Are you looking for one last opportunity this summer to get away and spend time together as a family?** Come to Hidden Acres and park your trailer, pitch a tent or rent our cabin or chalet and enjoy this sacred space. We have availability for the following dates: Aug. 21-23, Aug. 24-27, Aug. 28-30 and Labour Day weekend (Sept. 4-7). We also have space for Day Visitors for all of those dates. For more information or to book a site go to [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca)

**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](https://mcco.ca/get-involved/serve/volunteer/be-restorative-justice-volunteer).

**Pandemic Plans:** CMU has released detailed plans for on-campus and virtual hybrid learning, teaching and life beginning this September. Read about details for the CMU community to learn and live well in an era of pandemic. [cmu.ca/docs/misc/CMU CMU Education and Operations 2020-21 -A Framework for CMU Students, Staff, and Faculty.pdf](https://cmu.ca/docs/misc/CMU_CMU_Education_and_Operations_2020-21_-_A_Framework_for_CMU_Students,_Staff,_and_Faculty.pdf)

**Table Talk: Does the Church have Legs? - Mennonite Church Canada Study Conference, October 24, 2020.** Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather virtually for a study conference on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship. Plenary speakers from Mennonite Church Canada-affiliated universities and colleges will present on themes of ecclesiology and worship. For more information, visit <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020>.

**Sport and Solidarity:** Gode Katembo, is a fourth-year CMU business student whose family moved to Canada from Uganda. Check out the inspiring story of Gode's founding of the Manitoba chapter of the 'African Cup of Nations', a recreational soccer league bringing African communities together. [media.cmu.ca/story-godekatembo](https://media.cmu.ca/story-godekatembo)

**Seeking applicants for !Explore 2021 in Indonesia!** AMBS's !Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth nurtures youth in grades 10–12 who are passionate about the church. In 2021, the group will attend Mennonite World Conference in Indonesia with nine Indonesian youth. The program also includes a congregational internship. Participants receive a \$1,000 stipend. Apply by Oct. 31. [ambs.edu/explore](https://ambs.edu/explore)

**Anabaptist Witness: Call for submissions.** *Anabaptist Witness* welcomes submissions of various genres (sermons, photo essays, interviews, biographies, poems, academic papers, etc.) for its April 2021 issue on “**Worship and Witness.**” The deadline is Nov. 1, 2020. View submission guidelines: [anabaptistwitness.org](https://anabaptistwitness.org)

On behalf of those you allow us to serve, and **from the team here at House of Friendship** – thank you for being part of our House of Friendship family. As you read our [2019/20 Community Report](#), know that you are changing lives in Waterloo Region. Every gift of support makes these stories possible. Thank you! We are *#strongertogether*.

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