



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - August 30, 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.
Sunday 9:30 a.m.– Young Adult Book Club ZOOM meeting

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).

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. Looking further to the future we are working towards a mid-September re-opening; barring any Pandemic setbacks. May God continue to give us 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.

Mennonite Church Canada Live-Stream/Video Worship- From Mennonite Church Canada Sunday, August 30, 2020 Link: : <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices> Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather for this week's worship service. Mennonite Church Canada will continue to provide a weekly service until September 6, 2020 at which time other opportunities will be explored.

Offering Report for August 23, 2020:

Total Offering: \$3492.00

Regular Offering: \$1990.00

PAO Offering: \$1502.00

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

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. 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

The Ontario Christian Gleaners Online Auction has started! Help Feed Those in Need Around the world by supporting this auction. Bidding Ends: September 3, 2020 @ 8pm. Check out our online catalogue of great items - arts, food, experi-

ences, sports, home decor, bird houses, jewelry etc. Auction link: charityauction.bid/OntarioGleaners Any questions? gleanerspromo@gmail.com or 519-624-8245

Wellesley Blood Donor Clinic– Monday, September 7, 2:30-8:00 p.m. at the Wellesley Community Centre. To help safeguard and better serve our donors, we ask that anyone interested in coming in to donate, please make an appointment. Online at blood.ca or call 1-888-2-donate.

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)

CMU Convocation: An outdoor Convocation, celebrating graduates who completed their degrees in April, was held on the grounds of CMU on August 26. Maximum grouping sizes, physical distancing and masks did not detract from celebrating the degree completion of 91 students, 58 of whom were present at the event. We are deeply grateful for the contributions that these students will make in church and society.

On-Campus Learning: CMU is preparing for on-campus and virtual hybrid learning this fall. Sixteen students from Ontario and one student from the US are presently in 14 day self-isolation on campus, in preparation for September 9 classes to begin. Please keep staff, faculty and students in your prayers as campus re-opens safely in the coming weeks. Details of CMU's learning and living framework can be found here www.cmu.ca/2020-21-framework

You're Invited to MCC Ontario's Annual General Meeting! We want you to know how deeply we appreciate your support, and how you are impacting so many lives in Ontario and around the world. Join us on September 21 for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) as we share MCC Ontario's financial outcomes and a snapshot of our strategic plan progress. Visit mcco.ca/AGM for details.

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>.

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. ams.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

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*.

MCC PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for the peaceful and safe return for the Eabametoong First Nation after a forest fire. Two hundred and fifty-eight members were evacuated to Thunder Bay. MCC is responding to help meet immediate needs.
- Prayer for secure long-term funding for CoSA Canada organizations including MCC Circles of Support and Accountability, a program that works with individuals with a history of sexual offending. Our funding for this national program ends April 2022.
- Pray for Beirut, Lebanon after the recent explosion: for the people impacted, particularly the refugees who were already struggling with lack of basic needs.

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