



# WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

## INFORMATION SHEET - September 6, 2020



**On Sunday morning we will worship together from the safety of our homes.** This Sunday we will view Mennonite Church Canada Live-Stream/Video Worship Feature:

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

**Friday 11:30 a.m.- Anabaptist Prayer-** All are invited to join Pastor Kara for an online time for prayer each Friday morning. Zoom link will be forwarded Wednesday.

**Birthday Celebrations:**

**Households of Faith:**

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Back-to-School Drive-through Blessing! Sunday September 13, 1-2:30 p.m. @ WMC.** Back-to-school looks different for students, teachers, staff and families but God's promise to be with us remains unchanged.

**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. 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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### **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 Leah Reesor-Keller, MCEC Executive Minister, as she officially begins her ministry with MCEC this week.

### **Offering Report for August 30, 2020:**

Total Offering: \$3042.00

Regular Offering: \$1540.00

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### **BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS**

**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](http://blood.ca) or call 1-888-2-donate.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Cashiers are needed at the New Hamburg Thrift Centre. Many protective measures for volun-

teers are in place – including masks, glasses, heavy Plexiglas shielding etc. Please contact Mark Patfield 519-662-2867.

On **Saturday, September 19**, Shalom Counselling Services will be hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> annual **10,000 Steps for Mental Health**. To maintain the health and safety of all participants, we are exploring the options for in-person, socially distanced walking, and remote, virtual participation. Help Shalom make counselling affordable and accessible for everyone. For more information and to sign up visit [shalomcounselling.org/steps](http://shalomcounselling.org/steps) or call Shalom at (519) 886-9690.

**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](http://mcco.ca/AGM) for details.

**Treaty as Sacred Covenant - Stories of Indigenous-Mennonite Relations:** The MCEC Truth and Reconciliation Working Group presents a year-long online story-telling series centred on covenants made, broken and renewed. This series will include Indigenous and Mennonite Settler voices, shining light on the history of broken covenants – and illuminating pathways of hope to a more just future for all nations on this land. The first online session is on September 23 with Henry Myeengun who is Manager/ Counsellor of Be-Dah-Bin Gamik, Indigenous services at Conestoga College and former Chief of Chippewas of the Thames First Nation. Register at [www.mcec.ca/programs/truth-and-reconciliation](http://www.mcec.ca/programs/truth-and-reconciliation).

**There are changes coming to the New Hamburg Thrift Centre!** MCC has rented a large amount of space in the former Ten Thousand Villages building, and we will be moving the bulk of our sorting and pricing work in mid October. Additionally, MCC will be moving the rePurpose centre from Elmira into the space. Material Resources will also be moving, which means that international shipping containers will be shipping from New Hamburg in the future. Exciting times, and exciting changes that should allow us to better serve our customers, have a better more spacious volunteer experience, and ultimately allow us to generate more funds to support the work of MCC.

**Xplore: At the Intersection of Faith and Life, A CMU 55-Plus Enrichment Program.** Discovery can be a life-long delight and **Xplore** courses, designed for +55 audiences, examine dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without any assignments or examinations! Because of COVID-19, Xplore is moving online via Zoom, thus making all courses available widely across the country. Xplore in Fall 2020 offers eight stimulating courses, every Wednesday and Thursday morning over a six-week period, beginning September 30. Anyone with access to a computer and the internet will be able to benefit from these courses. View course, tuition, and registration information here [cmu.ca/explore](http://cmu.ca/explore)

## 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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