



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - September 13, 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/>

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

Sunday 2:30 p.m.- MYF outdoor meeting at WMC (following the drive-thru blessing).

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.- Care Team meeting

Thursday 5:30 p.m.- Mission Committee meeting

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.

Friday 6:00 p.m.- Jr Youth/MYF Cookout & Campfire ! Please bring a lawn chair, appropriate clothes for being outside, mask. This will be a rain or shine event, as we can open up the doors to the shop. Food will be provided, cooked and served by leaders. Please rsvp to the evite.

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

In person worship services will reconvene September 20th!! An invitation will be emailed to you on Tuesday and your RSVP will be required to attend. Recorded services will continue to be available for those unable to attend. If plans change, you will be notified.

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 things have positively progressed to date, we are eagerly working toward our first in-person service on September 20th. We look forward to your feedback and comments to the survey that has been sent out. Further details and instructions for how reopening will be forth coming. 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. May God continue to give us wisdom and guide our thoughts and planning as we all anticipate and look to re-opening.

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.

Danielle Raimbault and KyongJung Kim will be installed at Preston Mennonite Church and Wanner Mennonite Church on September 13, 2020 as Co-Pastors. Pray for Danielle and KyongJung and two congregations as they begin their ministry together. To share your words of encouragement and support with Danielle, you can reach her at Danielle.pwchurches@gmail.com and KyongJung at KyongJung.pwchurches@gmail.com.

Offering Report for September 6, 2020:

Total Offering: \$4202.00

Regular Offering: \$2700.00

PAO Offering: \$1502.00

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Volunteer Opportunity: Cashiers are needed at the New Hamburg Thrift Centre. Many protective measures for volunteers are in place – including masks, glasses, heavy Plexiglas shielding etc. Please contact Mark Patfield 519-662-2867.

Hidden Acres Camp missed the excitement of having our campers and retreat groups enjoying the grounds this summer. So, we want to invite folks to an evening of great food, beautiful atmosphere and an opportunity to support the work of the camp. Zerka Mya, an alumni of Hidden Acres, a culinary enthusiast and a student of the culinary arts, baking and restaurant management, will be creating a delicious meal using fresh local products from the KW area. September 18 & 19 at 5:30pm @ Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp *this is an outdoor event, please dress according to the weather forecast. Adults - \$25; Children - \$12 For more information, to see the menu and to purchase tickets, click [HERE](#).

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp will be hosting two fun retreats this fall. All Covid-19 health and safety recommendations/protocols will be followed. Visit the SLMC website to register and to see more [Retreat Details](#). Come to camp to enjoy some much-deserved time in nature!

· **Men's Retreat** (Sept 18-20) Join us for a weekend of relaxation and good food! Lots of outdoor time planned and physical distancing measures will be in place. Price: \$225.

· **Fall Hike** (Oct 16-18) Sleep at camp in a private room and spend Saturday hiking nearby on the beautiful Bruce Trail. Meals included. Price: \$181.

On **Saturday, September 19**, Shalom Counselling Services will be hosting the 4th 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 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 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.

Back-to-school might look a little different this year, but children around the world still need supplies to continue their education. Currently, MCC needs an additional 70,000 school kits to fulfill requests from our partners around the world. Making a kit is a fun and easy way to provide life-changing support to children in need. [Learn more about how to pack a kit.](#)

MEDA 2020 Convention - Towards an equal world. Where poverty doesn't determine the probability of success. Don't let travel plans hold you back! It's the same great convention you know and love in a two-day virtual setting, jam-packed with speakers, plenary sessions, fun events, and plenty of networking opportunities! You'll leave challenged, informed, and inspired. There's a place for everyone at [MEDA Convention 2020!](#) Don't miss out! [Register today!](#)

The Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada September newsletter is here! There are many exciting online opportunities to consider this fall, including: Enneagram workshops, a journey group on Wholehearted Living, life story writing and many more. Take the time to explore what is being offered. [msdec newsletter september 2020.pdf](#)

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

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