



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - January 10, 2021



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

Junior Sunday School: Jr. Youth 10-10:30 a.m. Primary 10:30-11:00 a.m. Zoom Link and instructions will be sent out ahead of time.

Young Adult book club: Meeting via zoom Sunday, January 10th at 11 a.m.

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

Tuesday 6:00 p.m.- Attention ALL Book Worms and Curious Minds! This is your invitation to **WMC's Winter Book Club**. All interested are invited to join a zoom chat on Tuesday January 12 at 6 p.m. during which time we will check in with each other and decide on a book selection. Bring your ideas and interests! Looking forward to connecting!

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.- Board of Directors' meeting

Thursday 5:15 p.m.- Worship Committee meeting

Friday 11:30 a.m.- Friday Prayer. Zoom link will be sent on Wednesday.

Saturday 1:30-3:30 p.m.- MYF Tobogganing @ Gerald and Donna's. Weather permitting.

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS:

Thank you for your generosity during this Christmas season. \$1415.00 was raised for the House of Friendship outreach work. These donations will offer comfort and support to many.

Your Missions Committee:

CALL TO PRAYER by Elders of WMC (Dan Lebold, Terry Gerber & Delores Schwartzentruber)

It is a new year, a new beginning, a time to reflect on who we are and where we are going. Reflecting on our vision statement seems to be a good place to start: *We are a Christian faith community that is being transformed by God's love and care for us. We invite one another into active relationship with God, with each other and with our broader community. Together we want to continually grow as Christ's disciples of healing and hope who worship, learn and live generously.*

Gracious and loving God, we Thank you for the gift of a new year, a new beginning. Like being calmed in the waters of baptism you comfort us and restore us and make us your own. Thank you for the invitation to experience that life in the community of your church. Fill us with your Spirit, call deeply to our hearts, and lead us to more fully and faithfully follow Jesus. Guide our thoughts, our words, and our actions, that we may be your hands and voice in a world so hungry to experience good news. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Offering Report for January 3, 2021

Total Offering: \$1757.00

Regular Offering: \$255.00

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BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

The Nith Valley EcoBoosters, in partnership with Wilmot Horticultural Society, is pleased to invite you to a webinar in follow up to our successful webinar that we hosted in October. Let's Talk Native Plants on January 11, 2021 from 7:15-8:45 p.m. Why do we think that using native plants means a sacrifice in beauty? It does not! Our speaker, Sean James, will discuss various, desirable, ornamental natives, including some you may not even know are native. Benefits to birds and pollinators will also be covered. He may even get into the debate on 'Nativars'! To register for this free webinar, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/LetsTalkNativePlants>

CMU's next **Wednesday Webinar, *Live and Thrive on Campus***, will explore how university learning and on-campus residence life can go hand in hand! Be in conversation with CMU's Residence Director, take a virtual tour of dormitories and apartments, hear from students who live in residence, and learn about CMU's health and safety protocols for on-campus living. **Wednesday, January 13, 4:00 PM (CST)**. Register at www.cmu.ca/webinar.

The MCRS Board of Directors invite you to attend our **33rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING!** THEME: Welcoming Communities Still Matter. GUEST SPEAKER: Regional Chair Karen Redman. WHEN: Saturday, January 16, 2021. TIME: 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM. WHERE: Virtual Meeting - REGISTER [HERE](#)

CMU's **Community School of Music and the Arts** continues to offer fabulous *online group classes* starting in January 2021! Check out music and arts related programs for kids *and* adults. Go to www.cmu.ca/csma/ or contact Judith Oatway, CSMA Program Coordinator, for more information CSMA@cmu.ca.

Overnight Camps: Mark your calendars for **February 1 @ 7am** for the opening of registration for overnight camps at Silver Lake. Visit [Information About Overnight Camps](#) for summer schedule and registration link.

As we start a new year, let's continue to change lives – together. From our family at **House of Friendship** to yours, we wish you and your loved ones health and happiness in 2021. Please enjoy this [video](#) of our thanks to you.

As we approach the end of 2020, I'd like to express my sincere **appreciation for your support of MennoHomes**. We are responding to the need for affordable housing in Waterloo Region, and we couldn't do it without you. To catch a glimpse of how construction is proceeding at 544 Bridgeport Road East in Kitchener click [here](#).

Contact CommonWord for a Free Study - The Government of Canada has introduced legislation (Bill C-15) to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. To educate and raise support Mennonite Church Canada is offering this study for free - <http://www.commonword.ca/go/2207>.

Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: Feb. 10 – March 23. Join David Cramer, Ph.D., and Susannah Larry, Ph.D., to study how 16th-century Anabaptists approached Scripture both similarly to and differently from Catholics and other Protestants. This six-week online AMBS short course includes optional weekly video conversations. Sign up by Jan. 13 and save \$50. ambs.edu/shortcourses

Register now for AMBS Pastors and Leaders 2021: Thriving Together. Meeting online March 1–4! How can congregations and their leaders thrive in this time of unprecedented disruption? Our speakers — Cynthia L. Hale, James Nelson Gingerich, Marvin Lorenzana and Drew Strait — will offer their best insights into how to lead well in today's world. Save \$50 if you sign up by Jan. 19. ambs.edu/pastorsandleaders

New seminary scholarships available! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is offering three new merit-based scholarships for new graduate students beginning in 2021-22: an **Ecumenical Student Scholarship**, **Multicultural Church Scholarship** and **MDiv Connect Student Scholarship**. Recipients can reside anywhere in the U.S. or Canada. Complete your Admissions Application now so you can apply for scholarships by March 1! ambs.edu/grow

Silver Lake Adventures Day Camps: This summer, Silver Lake is coming closer to you with **local day camps** so that kids across the province can enjoy Silver Lake experiences! These camps are generally for campers ages 5-15, as well as some canoe camps for campers ages 9-15 and one week of Teen Camp for ages 12-16 in Waterloo! Check out [Information About Offsite Day Camps](#) to see a list of locations across Ontario and to register now!

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

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