



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - April 11, 2021



On Sunday morning we will worship from the safety of our homes. A link for the worship service will be emailed. We are pleased to have Chris Pot as our guest speaker for our online worship service. Chris is program director at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp and Retreat Centre.

Sunday Zoom coffee & conversation 11:00 a.m. led by Dan Lebold. We will take some time for sermon discussion, reflect on camp experiences we had and despite our current Provincial "Stay at Home" restrictions what brings you spring joy and hope. Join Zoom meeting:

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

Pastor Kara is on holidays until Monday April 12.

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.– Board of Directors meeting

Thursday 6:00 p.m.– Missions Committee meeting

Thursday 7:30 p.m.– Care Team meeting

Friday 11:30 a.m.– Friday Prayer

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS:

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the Community Food Drive on April 3rd. Many boxes of groceries were gathered as well as financial donations. A total of \$485 was received, with \$190 being designated to the Wellesley Food Cupboard. The balance of funds, along with the food items, will support the Wilmot Family Resource Center. This outreach touches many families in Wellesley and Wilmot townships.

Thank you for caring. WMC Missions Committee

Note from Personnel Committee:

We are inviting you to prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to share your gifts in the Ministries of Wellesley Mennonite Church. The invitation to serve includes: Congregational Chairperson, Elder and Missions. Please feel free to contact a Personnel Committee member for more information or a job description. God Bless you as you discern.

WMC's Annual Business Meeting - Sunday May 2nd, 11:00 a.m. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Spring Book Study- Bob Vetich and Pastor Kara invite you to join us for a 4-week Spring Book Study. We will be reading and discussing Richard Rohr's *"Falling Upward: a Spirituality for the two halves of life."* According to Rohr, in the first half of life, we are naturally and rightly preoccupied with establishing our identity - climbing, achieving, and performing. But those concerns will not serve us as we grow older and begin to embark on a further journey, one that involves challenges, mistakes, loss of control, broader horizons, and necessary suffering that actually shocks us out of our prior comfort zone. Eventually we need to see ourselves in a different and more life-giving way. Be sure to watch for May dates and time.

Offering Report for April 4, 2021

Total Offering: \$3957.00

Regular Offering: \$2355.00

PAO Offering: \$1602.00

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CALL TO PRAYER by Elders of WMC

Dear Father in Heaven

We thank you for this week and the protection you have granted us. You know our struggles, another lockdown and pandemic weariness. Grant us patience as we support one another in love. May our leaders act and make difficult decisions that keep all people safe. May we open our hearts to the good news of God's faithfulness to us. Now we live for Jesus, serving others in his name. Give us the courage and challenge us to walk in the path of discipleship knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In his name we pray, Amen.

MCEC IN PRAYER

Each week MCEC staff pray for the faith communities within our MCEC community of congregations.

We invite you to pray with us for [Community Mennonite Church](#), Stouffville, ON.

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

My View From Here from **Leah Reesor-Keller, MCEC Executive Minister**. How did I know that it was God's leading for me to take this role? Read *My Own Courageous Imagination Journey* [here](#).

The **MCEC Truth & Reconciliation Working Group** invites to you a BONUS EVENT as part of their Treaty as Sacred Covenant Story-telling Sessions. Join Skyler Williams and Eric Lankin, Land Defenders at 1492 Landback Lane, as we discuss and learn about this current conflict. Hear how they are navigating this conflict while the potential for violence simmers. April 12, 2021 at 7 p.m. ET. Register at www.mcec.ca/events. *The constituency-based MCEC Truth & Reconciliation Working Group serves the MCEC constituency by promoting awareness and education on specific issues and topics. The information and links are those of the Working Group and do not necessarily represent MCEC as a whole.*

Spring at CMU is online Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 PM CDT. Join us at www.cmu.ca/springatcmu to hear stories from students, faculty, and alumni including a spotlight on Science; CMU Singers' premiere of *Breathe* by Leonard Enns (commissioned by the CMBC class of 1970); and some campus humour. Be inspired and drawn into the CMU's mission and vision in this 45 minute, online program!

Be part of a CMU **webinar** focused on **Athletics and Student Life**. Competing in intercollegiate sports is one of many reasons students choose to attend CMU. Alongside athletics, students get involved in many leadership roles and opportunities with committees, clubs, and projects across campus. Join this webinar to discover what involvement at CMU can look like. **Wednesday, April 14, 4:00 PM (CDT)**. Register at www.cmu.ca/webinar.

Join our hubs across North America as the **MEDA Winnipeg Hub hosts the April edition of the MEDA Network Event Series**. April 15, 11:30AM to 12:30PM ET. Join via the Zoom link/number received by email upon registration. This month, we're taking a break from focusing on the pandemic, but turning to something important in many of our lives today - the media. Register [here](#).

MARK THE DATE: Poole Mennonite Church "Food Truck Friday" April 23 from 4-8 p.m. in the Poole Mennonite Church parking lot. Money raised for "The House of Friendship". Everyone is welcome, but please remember that COVID guidelines will be followed.

MCEC Annual Church Gathering is April 23 and 24, 2021. Discover where Arli Klassen, MCEC Moderator, sees God's faithfulness over this past year. Don't forget to download and review the documents and financial statements. [Registration is open](#). (Full link here: at www.mcec.ca/annualchurchgathering)

Join us online for Discover Rockway - Tuesday, May 11, 2021 @ 7:15 pm. Come learn why Rockway may be right for your family! For more information and to register, visit rockway.ca

In response to the ongoing global public health crisis, the **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale** team decided to cancel our in-person gathering for the second year in a row. We are disappointed. But, the success of the 2020 live online auctions has encouraged the NHMRS team to recreate the relief sale experience by broadcasting two live online auctions on May 28 and May 29, including a live host, live auctioneers, dozens of auction items (including over 150 quilts, the opportunity to purchase an NHMRS-in-a-box and more). Mark your calendars and save the dates.

The Hidden Acres' 54th Annual Chicken BBQ Fundraiser is happening as a Drive-Thru event! Save the date of June 8th. More details to come.

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APRIL CALENDAR

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