



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - April 18, 2021



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

Sunday Zoom Coffee & Conversation 11:00 a.m. In response to Mission Committee's encouragements, these past months we have been attentive to the ways we are connecting with our neighbours and others, attentive to God's presence in our interactions, and reflecting upon what God is revealing to us about ourselves and God. This Sunday during "Coffee & Conversation" we will engage in story-sharing, attentive to where we identify God's movement. All are welcome! Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.– Worship Committee meeting

Friday 11:30 a.m.– Friday Prayer

Friday 23rd-Saturday 24th– MCEC Spring Gathering

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS:

REMINDER: The Elders and Pastor Kara encourage you to fill out the Being a Faithful Church survey that was sent out last Friday. A reminder that the deadline is this Tuesday, April 20th. If you have already filled it out we thank you, and will be spending time reviewing the information to be able to discuss it further at WMC's annual congregational meeting on May 2nd. If you have not yet done so you still have time. We invite all voices into this conversation from Grade 9 and older! Fill out survey [here](#).

Spring Book Study- Please register by April 21st! Bob V 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."* If you would like to join us for this book study, please register with Bob or Kara no later than April 21. This will allow us to order books and distribute them for the study. When we know who has registered, we will choose specific dates and times to meet together beginning in the first week of May. 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. We look forward to having you join us for this study!

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](#). WMC is able to 'send' 4 delegates. Please contact the church [office](#) if you are interested in attending this Zoom meeting.

Earth Day - April 22nd Over the next couple of weeks let's all do our part in 'Neighbourhood Creation Care.' We are encouraging everyone to clean up in your Local Neighbourhood. You could take a sturdy bag with you when you go for a walk to pick up trash along the road, go on a hike and pick up any litter you see along the trail, clean up in your local park, or even plant a tree or start a garden. You are encouraged to take pictures of what you do and send them to Anson (ansonfield@gmail.com) by April 30th.

Thanks, from the Missions Committee

WMC's Annual Business Meeting - Sunday May 2nd, 11:00 a.m. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Report booklet was emailed on Friday. Contact [Susan Roes](#) if you prefer a hard copy.

The Trustees are accepting tenders for lawn mowing. If interested please contact , trustees asap.

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.

Personnel Committee:

Offering Report for April 11, 2021

Total Offering: \$2102.00

Regular Offering: \$500.00

PAO Offering: \$1602.00

Your gifts are appreciated for ongoing expenses at WMC. Please consider the following ways to continue your tithing during the cancellation of worship services:

1. Do an email money transfer to office@wellesleymennonite.ca . Please indicate where you would like to designate your offering (e.g. 'General Budget')
2. Consider signing up for Pre Authorized Offering (PAO). The same amount (determined by you) will be withdrawn from your bank account on the 15th of each month. Application form available from the [church office](#).
3. Drop your cheque in the mailbox outside the church office entrance Tuesday-Friday mornings when Susan Roes is in the office. You may post date cheques if you wish. Please let Susan know when you will drop off so she can collect items in a timely manner. Cheques may also be mailed.

Contact a member of Stewardship and Finance for help with any of the above tithing options.

CALL TO PRAYER by Elders of WMC

As we were reminded last week in the message we are in a time of LIMINAL Space: a time in between. We have left pre pandemic life and we have no idea where this will land us. It is not any easy place to be. Much like the Israelites we are wandering - some days we know the direction we are going and some days we do not. We are often pushed and bumped around, confused and dazed. Despite the wandering we know that we need to be patient and try and learn as we go. There are lessons we will learn; lessons you have for us. In the meantime give us the strength and courage to continue on. Help us to respect others and their views especially when they are different from ours. Allow us to mount up with eagle wings. May we seek help from others as well as to look up for strength from you. God hear our Prayers. 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 Fellowship](#), Drayton, ON

After 30 years of service in Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China, Mennonite Church Canada International Witness workers, **George and Tobia Veith**, will return to Canada this summer. Pray for them as they adjust to this shift in their lives and ministry. Pray for their family in Canada and colleagues in China and for the changes this will cause.

The fall-out of the pandemic has been particularly difficult for **young people just graduating and starting their work lives**. Three of our Mennonite Church Canada International Witness worker families have young adults living in Canada, while their parents serve internationally. Pray their children find the emotional and financial help that they need.

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

[My View From Here](#) - In this week's MCEC vlog, Leah Reesor-Keller invites you to join us at MCEC's Annual Church Gathering and in particular, invites you to bring your cabbage and your blender! **Let's Make Kimchi Together!**

The **MCEC Truth & Reconciliation Working Group** invites to you Treaty as Sacred Covenant Story-telling Sessions with Mary Anne Caibaosai April 21, 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.*

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, COVID guidelines will be followed.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp: Please consider joining us for SLMC's annual fundraiser – The Grand Paddle & Hike 2021! Participants will do their own hike, walk, run, or paddle in their own community on the weekend of **May 7-9**. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards summer staff wages to support young leaders as Silver Lake faces another uncertain camp season. To sign up or donate, visit our [Fundraising Site](#)! Also, please join us for the SLMC Annual General Meeting which will take place remotely on May 8 at 10am. Visit www.slmc.ca for more details!

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 See spring newsletter [here](#).

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. 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.

Get a seminary education at a distance! Be part of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's learning community from wherever you are located through the MA: Theology and Global Anabaptism (fully online), the Master of Divinity Connect (with online and hybrid courses) or the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (fully or partially online). ambs.edu/academics

Announcing the **MCEC Courageous Imagination Podcast!** This podcast will feature 10 episodes where we will hear people from across MCEC share about a variety of topics including listening for God, who we are together, and how God is calling us as the church to respond to the changing local and global context. Listen to the trailer at <https://anchor.fm/courageous-imagination> or search for "Courageous Imagination" wherever you listen to your podcasts.

You can receive weekly updates of ministry from MCEC and Mennonite Church Canada, as well as stories from around MCEC at <https://mcec.ca/whats-new>. Sign up for **MCEC's weekly bulletin** to stay informed on Courageous Imagination, International Witness and God's movement across MCEC.

One week Spring Intensive Course Options! CMU is offering great intensive (one week!) course options through the spring including, *Christian Worship: Patterns and Practices*; *New Testament Letters in 1st Century and Middle Eastern Perspective*; *Refugees and Displacement: Learning to Extend Hospitality*; *Creation and Community in Biblical and Indigenous Perspective* and *Community-Based Research and Peacebuilding*. **All courses are available in hybrid format** – both in person and online. Consider taking one of these courses for credit or audit! Go to www.cmu.ca/intensivecourses for more information and to register.

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

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