



# WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

## INFORMATION SHEET - April 25, 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.** To prepare for our conversation consider the following:

- Describe the most colourful bird or flower you have seen since Christmas – this is just to get us seeing in colour and get us talking.
- Prepare a trivia question about sheep – this might add meaning to the scripture texts.
- What did you hear in the sermon that will build your faith this week? - this is what really matters.

See you Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Join Zoom Meeting:

We will not have a Zoom conversation at 11:00 on May 2nd. Instead you are invited to join our annual meeting at 11:00 a.m. Zoom conversations will continue on May 9 (Mother's day) and May 16.

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

**Tuesday 6:00 p.m.–** Elder's meeting

**Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.–** Book Club will meet to discuss *Maya's Notebook*. Join Zoom Meeting:

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

**Sunday, May 2nd, 11:00 a.m.–** WMC's Annual Business Meeting - everyone is encouraged to attend this Zoom meeting. Report booklet was emailed on Friday, April 16.

**Birthday Celebrations:**

**Households of Faith:**

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS:

**Notice Regarding In-Person Worship Services:** The WMC Board of Directors met via email this past week to discuss the Province's current request to stay home. At the meeting the WMC Board voted to extend WMC's current lock down of in-person Sunday worship services by another two weeks taking us through to May 20, 2021. We will continue to monitor all ongoing updates and follow the guidelines set out to us by our various government bodies in efforts to keep us all safe. In the event of a special service (eg. funeral, parent-child dedication, wedding) WMC will follow the guideline of ten persons maximum within the church building.

**Spring Book Study- LAST CALL - Please register by the end of this week!** Bob Veitch 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 asap. 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!

**Earth Day** - 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](mailto:ansonfield@gmail.com)) by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Thanks, from the Missions Committee*

**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 18, 2021**

Total Offering: \$3772.00

Regular Offering: \$2170.00

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**CALL TO PRAYER by Elders of WMC (**

Let us pray with the words of the psalmist:

**Psalm 23 - A psalm of David**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,

<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

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**MAY CALENDAR**

**Sunday 2nd**– Guest messenger Clare Lebold

**Sunday 2nd, 11:00 a.m.**- Annual Business Meeting

**Wednesday 5th, 7 p.m.**– Leadership Team meets

**Thursday 6th, 4 p.m.**– Zoom youth baptism class

**Friday 7th, 11:30 a.m.**– Friday Prayer

**Sunday 9th**– Messenger - Pastor Kara

**Tuesday 11th, 7:00 p.m.**– WMC Board of Directors' meeting

**Sunday 16th**– Guest messenger Leah Reesor-Keller (MCEC Executive Minister)

**Wednesday 19th, 5:30 p.m.**– Worship Committee meeting

**Thursday 20th, 7:30 p.m.**– Care Team meeting

**Friday 21st, 11:30 a.m.**– Friday Prayer

**Sunday 23rd**- Pentecost Sunday. Messenger - Pastor Kara

**Friday 28th, 11:30 a.m.**– Friday Prayer

**Sunday 30th**– Messenger- Pastor Kara

## 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 [Crosshill Mennonite Church](#), Millbank, ON.

## BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

**Zoom Event at CMU:** We know that the climate crisis is pressing us all to act, and that it's easy to feel guilt for doing too little. Within this challenge, lament can help us claim that hopeful change *is* possible, as we deepen our faithfulness to the God of Creation. Join panelists Marta Bunnett Wiebe, Bob Haverluck, and Zoe Matties, and together explore what 'Ecological Grief' can mean in our lives. Wednesday April 28th at 7:00 PM (CDT). Register your interest at [www.arocho.ca/events](http://www.arocho.ca/events) to receive a zoom link prior to the event.

**Wellesley Blood Donor Clinic**– Monday, May 3, 2:30-8:30 p.m. @ Wellesley Community Centre. Book now at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) or call 1-888-2-DONATE

**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](http://www.slmc.ca) for more details!

**The Board of Shalom Counselling Services** has named Susan Schwartzentruber as the next Executive Director effective May 31, 2021. Susan brings a solid background in both clinical social work and management to the position and is currently the Clinical Director at Shalom. Susan is replacing Wanda Wagler-Martin who is stepping down from the role on June 30, 2021, a role she has so capably filled for 24 years.

**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](http://ambs.edu/academics)

**Courageous Imagination Podcast: Listening and Embracing who God is calling us to be** - On this episode of Courageous Imagination we invite Margaret Nally from Erb St. Mennonite Church for a conversation about creating hospitality, living a life of service and surrendering ourselves to God's grace and transformation. Listen 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](http://www.cmu.ca/intensivecourses) for more information and to register.

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

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