



# WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

## INFORMATION SHEET - May 2, 2021



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

**Sunday, May 2nd, 11:00 a.m.-** WMC's Annual Business Meeting - everyone is encouraged to attend this Zoom meeting. The Elders and Pastor Kara would like you to review the attachment with information regarding the most recent survey used to further the work of Being a Faithful Church. We hope you prayerfully reflect on the information as we further the conversation this Sunday at our Congregational meeting.

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

**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.-** Leadership Team meeting

**Thursday 4:00 p.m.-** Youth Baptism Class

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

**Birthday Celebrations:**

**Households of Faith:**

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS:

#### Mailing Address Update:

**Earth Day** - 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*

**Spring Book Study dates:** May 6, 13, 20, 27 at 6:30 pm. This spring we are discussing Richard Rohr's book "Falling Upwards". All are welcome to join the discussion by Zoom

#### 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 and Elder. Please feel free to contact a Personnel Committee member for more information or a job description. God Bless you as you discern.

Personnel Committee:

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### CALL TO PRAYER by Elders of WMC

Lord we ask for you to be with us in the ongoing work of the church - discernment - including this present season of discerning issues of sexuality. .

As a people of peace, we pray for wisdom as together we seek Your will and Your path for us. Deepen our capacity to listen for You as well one another. As we reflect upon recent survey results we want to continue to be engaged in rich, meaningful, and respectful conversation. Open our ears and our hearts to engage honestly and vulnerably. We acknowledge being part of the body of Christ holds the gift of diversity. May your grace permeate our thoughts, our actions, and our interactions. As the song-writer pens "help us live in unity". Connected through the Spirit with Christ at the center, we offer our prayers in the name of God whose love knows no bounds. Amen.

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#### Offering Report for April 25, 2021

Total Offering: \$4072.00

Regular Offering: \$2470.00

PAO Offering: \$1602.00

## 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 [Danforth Mennonite Church](#), Toronto, ON.

The Maliwan Church in Khon Kaen, Thailand, welcomed four baptisms on Easter Sunday. Thank God for this growing group of Jesus followers who share life together in worship, income-generation work, discipleship training and community service. Pray for Mennonite Church Canada International Witness workers Tom and Christine Poovong as they provide leadership and mentoring to this group.

Praise God for the generosity of Canadian donors which enables Coffee for Peace in Mindanao, Philippines, to purchase a dehydrator to dry surplus vegetables grown by their coffee producers, and to make cascara tea out of coffee pulp waste. Mennonite Church Canada International Witness worker Lakambini Mapayapa (Joji Pantoja) gives leadership to this social enterprise that supports the work of PeaceBuilders Community, Inc., in several areas of the Philippines.

Rising COVID-19 cases in the midst of complicated ethnic division in Ethiopia are affecting the ministry of Meserete Kristos Church. Pray for God's peace to reign and unity within the church to be strengthened.

## BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

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

Are you looking for a new school for September? We invite families interested in Grades 7-12 to join us online to **Discover Rockway - Tuesday, May 11, 2021 @ 7:15 pm**. Come explore why Rockway may be right for your family! For more information and to register, visit [rockway.ca](#)

Thank you to the families who have supported Rockway by purchasing Spaghetti Supper and/or Christmas Cookies To Go last fall! This spring, we are doing **A Taste of Spring To Go!** Enjoy a Sweet & Sour Chicken (or Tofu) meal with proceeds to help with improving student outdoor learning spaces. You can order your 4 person dinner or single servings (meal includes salad and dessert) until Friday, May 21 @ 4 pm. [Read more about this deliciousness on our website!](#)

**Pastoral Conversation with Anthony Siegrist** - May 25, 2021, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. This workshop will help deepen our awareness of our own theological convictions and develop our capacity for nurturing the intellectual life of the communities we serve. [Register for the Zoom link](#). (Full link: <https://mcec.ca/event/13076-2021-05-25-pastoral-conversation-extended-speaking-of-god>)

**Employment Opportunity at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate: *Principal***. This is a full time position effective December 2021. Resumes and cover letters can be submitted to [careers@rockway.ca](mailto:careers@rockway.ca) until Tuesday, May 25, 2021. Visit [www.rockway.ca/employment/](http://www.rockway.ca/employment/) for more information.

**MCC is looking for a new Church and Community Relations Associate**. If you're interested in strategic development, implementing engagement strategies and relationship building, this may be the job for you! We also have **Canada Summer Job opportunities** for youth aged 15-29. More information about these positions can be found at [mcco.ca/serve](http://mcco.ca/serve).

**The Board of Shalom Counselling Services** has named Susan Schwartzenruber 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.

**The 2021 NHMRS Feature Quilt is here!** Renske Helmuth is no stranger to the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Quilt Auction. Her exquisite quilts have achieved legendary status at the sale. This year, she offered a special award-winning quilt from her own collection that she created 20 years ago. Read more about this beautiful quilt at [nhmrs.com](http://nhmrs.com).

**MennoHomes Spring Newsletter**- <https://mennohomes.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-Spring-Newsletter.pdf>  
In it you will find registration information for Out-Spok'n Bike-a-thon on June 12th and updates on the affordable housing projects at 544 Bridgeport E. and 24 Mill St in Kitchener and more.

**Courageous Imagination Podcast: Where Do We Experience God At Work** - On this episode of Courageous Imagination we invite Betty Pries from Waterloo North Mennonite Church for a conversation about vulnerability, courage, calling and conflict resolution. She reminds us that we can heal together. Listen at <https://anchor.fm/courageous-imagination> or search for "Courageous Imagination" wherever you listen to your podcasts.

[Church, Discipline, Differences and Kimchi video is now available](https://mcec.ca/article/13094-church-discipleship-differences-and-kimchi-video). Join Pablo Kim from MCEC's Annual Church Gathering as we made kimchi together and reflected on following Jesus together while we have different beliefs. (Full link: <https://mcec.ca/article/13094-church-discipleship-differences-and-kimchi-video>).

**Shopping that makes a difference!** Even though our thrift shops are closed, you can still shop online for quality second-hand merchandise and Raw Carrot soup. Get things you need and want at [thriftdifferent.com](http://thriftdifferent.com) while supporting MCC.

Check out and follow WMC on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/wmccanada) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/wmccanada) !

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