



# WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

## INFORMATION SHEET - January 9, 2022



On Sunday morning we will have the option of worshipping in-person at WMC or worshipping from the safety of our homes. In-person worship requires an RSVP.

For those who are unable to attend in-person worship, you are welcome to join the live service through Zoom. Please log in through the link at 9:15 a.m. and mute your microphone. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85211738766>

A YouTube link for the recorded service will be sent to the congregation Sunday afternoon.

**Winter Worship Series: *Living the Questions***

**Message: *Why...Faith?*** Pastor Kara

Worship Leader: Terry G

Ushers: Damon J, Rod W

After the service the youth will be taking down the outdoor nativity.

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

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.- Board of Directors/Church Council meeting

Sunday, January 16th- Elder's facilitated congregational conversation during Christian Ed time.

**Birthday Celebrations:**

**Households of Faith:**

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS:

The Care Team would like to thank the Congregation for your generous giving to the Christmas Sharing Fund of \$3400.00, and also during Advent to the Food Cupboard, (4 gift cards and monetary donations of \$425 to the Perishable Food Boxes fund were received). May God bless your generous gifts.

**Welcoming New Members at Wellesley Mennonite:** If anyone is interested in being received as a member or wish to discuss membership, please contact [Pastor Kara](#).

**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.

**Below is information from the Provincial Government Pandemic Guidelines and WMC's Health and Safety Rep, Dan L, that may affect us at WMC.** This will be reviewed by WMC's Board of Directors at their meeting on Wednesday night.

*Weddings, funerals, religious services, rites and ceremonies are permitted under the following conditions:*

- *indoor services are limited to 50 per cent the capacity of the room*
- *outdoor services are limited to the number of people who can maintain two metres distance*
- *drive-in (motor vehicle) services permitted*
- *social gatherings associated with these services must adhere to the social gathering limits*

WMC's total occupancy is 208, therefore we could have up to 104. This is actually a higher number than we had in the previous level where we had 60-70 occupants based on maintaining social distancing. It is unlikely to affect Sunday morning Worship Services. Where it comes into play may be for weddings or funerals.

Also based on the announcement regarding sports and recreation the Widemans are pausing their rental at WMC for now.

*Sports and recreational fitness activities - Indoor areas of facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities, including gyms, sporting events and personal training must operate under the following conditions:*

- *indoor closed with limited exceptions and conditions (such as athletes training for Olympics and Paralympics, select professional and elite amateur sport leagues who will operate via an approved framework from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and persons with disabilities for physical therapy)*
- *outdoor open with spectators limited to 50 per cent capacity and other restrictions*

## YOUTH EVENT:

We would like to invite the youth to attend a Christian Ed. evening with Josh Penfold on Wednesday, January 26 from 6:00-8:00 pm at WMC. We will have pizza for supper and then Josh will lead the rest of the evening.

## A CALL TO PRAYER

### A NEW YEAR TRANSITION

We have once again travelled thru the Advent and Christmas season and have been blessed by the Christmas story. We have been challenged to *dare to imagine* what this story can teach us again. May we have gained strength from the themes of Advent : Hope, Love, Joy and Peace.

Now as we transition into a New Year we start afresh. A new slate and hopefully fresh wind in our sails despite the challenges and hurdles that may surround us. In Matthew 28:20 God promised us he would be with us always. There are signs all around us that God is with us. We see it in the color of the birds that feed outside our windows, the hues of the cool winter sunrises and in the various formations of the clouds at the end of the day. With this promise of "God with us" and the Christmas message in our hearts may we look forward to this New Year ahead. AMEN

## Offering Report for January 2, 2021

Total Offering: \$1487.00

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## MCEC IN PRAYER:

- Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for KW House Church. Pray for this small congregation as they desire to bear witness to God 's love and to live an intentional life of gospel values in an urban setting through prayer, works of service and compassion.
- Pray for John Reimer (MCEC Operations Director), his wife, Lorie Yantzi, and their family as they grieve the loss of Lorie's father, Nelson Yantzi who died on January 1, 2022. Friends and relatives are invited to visitation at [Francis Funeral Home, Tavistock, ON](#), January 7, from 2 - 4 pm.; there will be no family in attendance. (Everyone must wear a mask and social distance). A private family graveside service will take place at East Zorra Mennonite Church cemetery, 16th line, Tavistock on Sunday, January 9, 2:00 pm. A celebration of Nelson's life for the larger community will take place at a later date. [For more details, please read Nelson's tribute page.](#)
- Join in praise and prayer with Witness workers Werner and Joanne De Jong as they make their way to Ethiopia to serve with the Meserete Kristos Seminary on January 16, 2022. After waiting the fall semester for visas, they are finally able to travel.
- As part of Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, leaders of the Mennonite Church of Angola have asked for prayer for the church's leadership training school which prepares pastors and other church workers for ministry. Pray for encouragement for participants and that they will be blessings to the church and to their communities.

## BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

**MCEC Pastors, Chaplains and Congregational Leaders Workshop:** New Normal - Facing Our Grief and Living With Our Anxiety - January 22, 2022 9 a.m. to noon (Zoom) - Join Rev. Sunder John Boopalan in this half-day workshop for pastors, chaplains, and congregational leaders across MCEC. With greater access to and contact with global and local events, grief and anxiety can cause unprecedented changes in the psychological and social landscape. How can we face and acknowledge grief in an ever-changing world? How do we live with anxiety and what might it mean to embrace our collective precarity so it can be transformative? [Registration is now open.](#)

**Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is Hiring for Summer Camp 2022!** Located just outside of Shakespeare, ON, Hidden Acres provides opportunities for you to impact the lives of young people, serve God and others in a safe and fun environment, grow in your ability to be a great leader and have fun through it all! We are accepting applications until **February 14** for all of our summer staff roles. For more information or to apply, go to [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) or contact Chris Pot at 519-625-8602 or [chrispot@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:chrispot@hiddenacres.ca)

**At House of Friendship we are so incredibly thankful for you!** Your ongoing, faithful support continues to inspire us! Please click on the link below to receive your Year-in-Review letter. <https://www.houseoffriendship.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Church-Update-2021.pdf>

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

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