



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - January 16, 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/81333721106>

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

Winter Worship Series: *Living the Questions*

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

Worship Leader: Jane K

Ushers: JD K

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

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

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS:

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.

THANK YOU for your congregation's recent gift of \$950 to the work of MCC for relief kits. Your partnership in this work is very much appreciated and valued. It allows MCC to share God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. MCC envisions communities worldwide in the right relationship to God, one another, and creation.

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 - from WMC Elders

As we gather this week for Worship and for another time of conversation during Christian Ed. time, we will be reflecting on John 15: 1-5 the Call to Prayer this week is based on that scripture:

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace.

Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life.

Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days.

Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Offering Report for January 9, 2021

Total Offering: \$2307.00

Regular Offering: 820.00

PAO Offering: \$1487.00

MCEC IN PRAYER:

Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for [Lao Canadian Evangelical Mennonite Church](#). Pastors Chinda Kommala and Ongath Phounsavath provide leadership for this congregation in Toronto. Pray for them as they reach out to the Lao, Thai and all people of Toronto, as well as to the people in Laos.

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

2022 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Program- *What Happened at Benham West: African American Stories of Community, Displacement and Hopes in the City of Elkhart.* This forthcoming documentary and book will be the focus of AMBS's 2022 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day program. The pieces explore life in the predominantly Black Benham West neighborhood, including experiences of segregation in Elkhart, the city's clearing of Benham West, and some of the remaining elders' hopes for the future. The public is invited to attend the online event Monday, Jan. 17, 2–3:30 p.m. [Learn more and access the online link.](#)

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 open.](#)

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is Hiring: a full-time Assistant Director (seven month position possibly becoming permanent in the fall of 2022; application deadline is January 25) as well as for our Summer Camp Staff Team (application deadline: February 14). For more information or to apply, go to www.hiddenacres.ca or contact Chris Pot at 519-625-8602 or chrispot@hiddenacres.ca

Consider CMU... Where teaching is exceptional; faith & community matter; learning & career connect; professors know you. Sign up for our January 26 virtual open house (6:00 PM CST). Take part in a virtual campus tour and engage in one-on-one conversations with an Admissions Counsellor. For more information and to register, visit cmu.ca/virtualopenhouse.

Peace & Justice Student Seminar - February 22-24, 2022. Every year, MCC Canada's Peace & Justice Office holds a seminar for students who are passionate about issues of justice, peace and advocacy. This year's seminar, *Is our climate polarized? Building bridges for our shared future*, will be a hybrid event. Local MCC offices across the country will host students for a mix of shared online content and local in-person speakers. Students will engage with parliamentarians, policy experts and others to learn about addressing the impacts of climate change in their communities and around the globe. [Learn more about the Peace & Justice Seminar here.](#)

MDS Behind The Hammer Magazine– This issue brings you compelling and inspiring stories of volunteers helping to give people hope after disaster strikes. Click below to read MDS stories from Louisiana, Newfoundland, New York, Ontario and more. This new digital format offers an environmentally friendly alternative to print. It brings you additional content not found in the print version, offering you a robust and enjoyable reading experience. [Click here to view the digital version of Behind the Hammer.](#)

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>

Thank you to Congregations, Individual Donors and Volunteers from Executive Ministers, Leah Reesor-Keller (MCEC) and Doug Klassen (MC Canada): Thank you to those who made giving to MCEC and Mennonite Church Canada ministry a priority over the past year. Despite continued uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic and ever-increasing climate disasters, our staff and affiliated partners remain dedicated to their areas of service and resourcing. It is inspiring to see the many gifts from this past year and we are grateful for the service and financial support shown across our nationwide community of faith. We offer all these gifts as we seek to extend the peace of Jesus Christ as a family of faith. God's blessing of grace and peace be with you.

Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year long service experience with one of MCC's international partners. SALT service opportunities for August 2022-July 2023 include a [Nursing Tutor](#) in India, [Community Assistant](#) in Ukraine, [Child Care Worker](#) in Bolivia and many more. Apply by February 15 for best assignment selection and to be guaranteed consideration for 2022 placements. Go to mcco.ca/salt to learn more.

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