



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - February 12, 2023



We have the option of worshipping in-person at WMC or worshipping from the safety of our homes. For those who are unable to attend in-person worship, you are welcome to join the live service through Zoom. Please log in before 9:30 a.m. through the link and mute your microphone. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82245058662>

In-person worship: Please do not attend the service if you are sick. If uncertain about symptoms click on the following [self assessment](#) . Although mask wearing is not mandatory, the Chief Medical physician of Ontario is strongly recommending wearing masks in all indoor public places.

Winter Sermon Series: Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Sunday's Message: *Love Your Enemies: Re-defining Relationships* Pastor Kara

Worship Leader: Jane K

Ushers: JD K, Alvin C

Junior Sunday School for preschool children to grade 5, will meet during the Worship Service. Theme: *The Good Samaritan*.

Adult Christian Ed Time: WMC's 2023 Budget was approved by the Board of Directors this week. There will be opportunity for discussion and explanation during Christian Ed. All are encouraged to attend.

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

Tuesday 10 a.m.– Personnel Committee meets

Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 p.m.- Soup and Bread. If you can provide a pot of soup, please contact Pastor Kara.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.– Elders meet

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS:

February Special Missions Project: House of Friendship Emergency Food Hamper Program which has replaced February Potato Blitz. Opportunity will be given to contribute to this fund during offering time.

Junior Sunday School returned to WMC and the first session was a success! Plans are to hold it once per month, during the worship service. ***Volunteers are needed!*** If you would like to be part of this exciting adventure by helping on Feb 12, March 5, April (TBA), May 7, and/or June 4, please contact Donna Britton.

Care team is hosting a **Family Day Games afternoon** on **Monday, February 20th** from 2-4 p.m. Please bring a snack to share and any game you would like to play. Hot and cold beverages will be provided.

Ash Wednesday, Feb 22 - Forest Church 5 - 6 pm at Luke & Delores Schwartzenruber's. Ash Wednesday marks our entrance into Lent, the season of church year when we focus particular attention to foundational questions of our existence. This Lent we are invited to ask: What does it mean for us to be the created and re-created images of God? How may we become authentically human? Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on one's forehead. On this special day of reflection and repentance the ritual of ashes involves remembering "that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Opportunity will be given for those who wish to receive the sign of the cross with ashes. Our time will be spent with brief introductory words and scripture including questions for reflection, followed by 1/2 an hour of silence in nature. Our closing includes a circle of sharing and sending prayer/blessing. Please bring a flashlight, a lawn chair for our gathering around the campfire, and a journal or bible for your reflection time if you would find that helpful. Dress for the weather. Please contact Kara if you have any questions. All are welcome!

Kids For Christ - Monday, February 27, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Love/Kindness Night. You are welcome to wear something with hearts/polka dots/stripes/pink/red or something very colourful! Our story theme will be around Joseph and his coat of many colours and how this involves Love and Kindness.

Women's Ministry Event - *Beat The Winter Blues!* Wednesday, March 1st, 7:00 p.m. Desserts provided by the committee. Game: What is in your purse? Don't forget to bring one along!

Milk Bag Mat update– In January and February 20 mats were sent to Kitchener and 40 mats to Cambridge for homeless folks. Eight of them were from the Wilmot Menn. Church where Roy S helps on Tuesday mornings. *Please save your milk bags.* Anyone wanting to help at Wilmot Tuesday mornings from 9am-11:30am should contact Roy for more information.

Directory Update

Kara and Alvin Carter no longer have a land line. Please use their cell phones:

Kara: 519-749-5008

Alvin: 226-749-2582

CALL TO PRAYER

Lord:

In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce remind us of the warmth of your love. In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak remind us that Easter is but a short time away.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul.

- Cal Wick

OFFERING REPORT for February 5, 2023

Total Offering (budget): \$3065.00

- Regular Offering: \$1775.00
- PAO Offering: \$1290.00

House of Friendship: \$105.00

Celebration Jar: \$40.00

Wellesley Food Cupboard: \$50.00

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for [Vineland United Mennonite Church](#). Craig Frere provides interim pastoral leadership for the congregation. Pray for them as they minister in their neighbourhoods and as they seek God's leading for their congregation.
- Pray for Garry Janzen, Kevin Barkowsky, Nhien Pham as they teach at a conference in Vietnam and Jeanette Hanson as she prepares to make connections to the wider Mennonite Church. Pray that the Holy Spirit would move and that churches in Vietnam and Cambodia would be encouraged and strengthened in Christ.
- Continue to pray for peace and wisdom in Ukraine, Russia and in places throughout our world where the people cry out for peace. Lord, hear our prayers.

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

MCC is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye and Syria. MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counselling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God's love and compassion with our global neighbours by providing a gift online at mcccanada.ca/earthquake, by calling 800-313-6226 or by sending a cheque earmarked for "Syria and Türkiye earthquake" to MCC, 203-50 Kent Ave, Kitchener, ON N2G 3R1

Come Home to Rockway! Join us at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate on February 15 for our Founders' Day Chapel. Later that night we'll have our first ever Soup Supper fundraiser, followed by our second Alumni Sports Challenge of the year. Read all about it at www.rockway.ca/foundersday Hope to see you there!

Sunday, February 19, 7:30pm. **Harbour Lights Ministries** (Jake and Margie Penner and family) will be sharing at Maple View Mennonite Church, 5074 Deborah Glaister Line, Wellesley. Please see poster for more information.

Free Family Day Open House at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp- Feb. 20, 2023 from 10:00am-3:30pm – Come for a fun and relaxing day with your family! Pretzel-making, roasting bannock around the fire, sledding, skating, games, puzzles, crafts, ping-pong and more! RSVP to info@hiddenacres.ca or call (519) 625-8602. Check www.hiddenacres.ca for more details.

First St Paul's Lutheran Church Wellesley Annual Pancake and Sausage Supper fund-raiser dinner, Shrove Tuesday February 21st from 5-7pm. Proceeds to the Wellesley Community Food Cupboard.

Consider CMU, “where faith and community matter” – Virtual open house on Wednesday, February 22, 6:00–7:00 PM CST. Receive a virtual tour of CMU's campus, ask questions of our Admissions team, and hear from faculty and current students. For information and to register, visit cmu.ca/virtual-open-house.

MEDA's Waterloo Network Hub: Annual Spring Banquet will feature Keynote Speaker, Dorothy Nyambi, President & CEO of MEDA. Please join us for dinner on Saturday, March 4th, at Shantz Mennonite Church. Cost: \$45 Regular Meal and \$25 Student. Doors open at 5:30 pm with dinner served at 6:15pm. Please pay and register online at: <https://www.meda.org/events/> by February 24th.

MCEC Becoming a Restorative Church: Theology, Leadership and Accountability - Register for MCEC's next free online event for pastors, chaplains and congregational leaders in the Becoming a Restorative Church series. February 28, 2-3:30 p.m. online. What kind of leaders does God challenges us to be? Pastors, chaplains and congregational leaders are invited to a conversation with Marilyn Rudy-Froese and Doug Klassen about theology, leadership and accountability within Mennonite Church Canada and MCEC. [Register your team today.](#)

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp: Winter and Spring Retreats: Come to Silver Lake in 2023 for some fun camp experiences! Coming up soon are... Winter Camp for Grown-Ups (Mar 3-5), March Break Family Getaway (Mar 14-17). Go to [SLMC Retreats & Events](#) for more info and to register.

Grandparent and Grandchild Day at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp- The annual Grandparent-Grandchild Days sponsored by Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is planned for Monday, March 13. This retreat is for grandparents and their grandchildren in Grades 1-6. Greg Taylor will be leading the day, focusing on the theme of God of Wonders: Discovering the Creator Through Space. Check out www.hiddenacres.ca for more details.

Summer Camp Registration is now Open: Visit the Silver Lake MC website for more details about overnight camps, outtrips and day camps. New this year – **March Break Day Camp in Kitchener** (Mar 13-17). Click here for [Camp Info and Registration](#)

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to register today for their 28th Annual Golf Classic, happening on Monday, May 29 at Grey Silo Golf Club. Register as a single or get a team of 4 together. Details can be found at www.rockway.ca/golf

The latest edition of Behind the Hammer is now available online. Here's what you'll find inside the Winter 2023 issue: the MDS response in Southwest FL; work in Nova Scotia; how MDS builds homes with resiliency; and stories from a number of MDS responses to disaster across the US and Canada. [Click here to view the digital version of Behind the Hammer.](#)

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Tri-County Mennonite Homes was established in 1968 by the Mennonite community, funded through the Province of Ontario and is comprised of Aldaview Services, Greenwood Court and Nithview Community. **We invite you to consider being a member of our Board of Directors.** For more information, please contact Linda Shantz, Chair of the TCMH Nomination and Governance Committee (lshantz@tcmhomes.com), or Emily Shannon, TCMH Executive Assistant (eshannon@tcmhomes.com). See poster on bulletin board.

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

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