



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - February 19, 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: "Hearing AND Doing...I WILL..." Pastor Clare

Christian Education:

- Sermon on the Mount Wrap Up
- Faith Exploration Class meets from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

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

Tuesday 10 a.m.- Personnel Committee meets

Wednesday 5-6 p.m.- Forest Church at Luke & Delores Schwartzentruber'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!

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.

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. Come out and join us for some fun crafts, snacks, storytelling, songs and games. Please screen for COVID and hand washing/sanitizing before you arrive and after you leave.

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!

WMC partners with a number of churches for a **World Day of Prayer service** each year. This year will be an in person worship time. Theme: *I Have Heard About Your Faith*. Featured Country: Taiwan. When: Thursday March 2nd at 1:00pm. Where: St Agatha Roman Catholic Church (host church this year). All are welcome!

Volunteers are needed for Junior Sunday School. Plans are to hold it once per month, during the worship service. If you would like to be part of this exciting adventure by helping on March 5, April (TBA), May 7, and/or June 4, please contact Donna B.

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.

Save The Date!! Mark your calendars for **WMC's Annual Camping Weekend** at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp: Friday, June 9 - Sunday June 11.

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 12, 2023

Total Offering (budget): \$3708.00

- Regular Offering: \$2418.00
- PAO Offering: \$1290.00

Above Budget Donations:

House of Friendship (Emergency Food Hamper Program): \$85.00

MCC (Türkiye & Syria): \$50.00

Coffee Time: \$5

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for [Wanner Mennonite Church](#), Cambridge, ON. Kyoung Jung Kim and Danielle Raimbault provide pastoral leadership for the congregation and for Preston Mennonite Church. Pray for Wanner as they continue to seek God's leading for their congregation.
- Pray for the Mennonite Community of the Congo (CMCo) and the Bitanga parish as they help care for 320 people displaced by violent clashes in the last six months. Thousands have fled. Basic necessities are scarce for the hosts and the guests. Pray that negotiations will return peace to affected people.
- Pray for Pastor Hong as she gives leadership to the denomination and to Pastor Hoa as he leads the congregation worshipping in Evangelical Mennonite Church Vietnam's newly opened worship and training centre.
- Pray for Palestinian Christian brothers and sisters who seek to be faithful witnesses to God's peace amid heightened conflict, and an end to the injustices at the root of the violence. During the last month, tensions in Palestine and Israel have risen as Israel's new extremist government threatens to accelerate the confiscation of land for more settlements in the occupied territories. So far this year, at least 50 people have been killed and many more injured. At least three quarters of the victims are Palestinian - some of them militants and others innocent civilians - and the rest are Israeli soldiers and settlers. - Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network
- Pray for deep engagement by the 45+ registrants in the 4-session online book study, *Walking Together*, being presented by MCEC Truth and Reconciliation Working Group. Thank God for the swell of interest among 150 people from several congregations attending the "Land, People and Covenant (Treaty!)" workshop led by Derek Suderman of Conrad Grebel College.
- Pray this week with leaders across the Anabaptist family of faith as they discern how to work at the intersection of climate action and peacebuilding.
- 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, sanita-

tion 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 mccc.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

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.

Piecing together the allyship puzzle- February 22 - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Join MCC for part two of the Watershed Moment webinar series. This webinar will discuss walking with communities and supporting First Nations' efforts to obtain access to safe drinking water. The webinar is part of a series of educational opportunities that MCC and partners are hosting to discuss the spiritual and cultural importance of water and the necessity of access to clean, safe water. Throughout the series, we'll explore what it means to listen, learn and connect with water, as well as with one another. Register online at mcco.ca/events.

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.

Sunday, February 26, 2:30pm, St Jacobs Mennonite Church. **Please join Carla Klassen for the launch of her new book, *These Songs We Sing: Reflections on the Hymns We Have Loved*** (Pandora Press <<https://www.pandorapress.com/#/>>). This event will combine a live performance of some of the piano arrangements with selected readings from the book. This is a pay-what-you-can event to cover costs. All are welcome.

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 challenge 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. **March Break Day Camp in Kitchener** (Mar 13-17). Click here for [Camp Info and Registration](#)

The Raw Carrot is excited to announce that our soup is available for sale at your local thrift shop! As an MCC Ontario program, The Raw Carrot provides a compassionate workplace to people on long term disability. Our healthy soups are handcrafted in small batches, packed with tasty veggies and free of added preservatives. Fresh ingredients are sourced as locally as possible. Our staff are "stirring up" change with their delicious, handcrafted gourmet soup!" Learn more at mcco.ca.

Dear Friends at Wellesley Mennonite Church, Thank you for considering MennoHomes/Beyond Housing as an extension of the mission of your church. Please find attached a [Summary 2022 Annual Report](#). The report includes links to a recording of our AGM held on January 25th, as well as a link to our full 2022 Annual Report.

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.

The New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale is searching for a volunteer logistics coordinator (or coordinators). The logistics coordinator handles all the logistical planning, setup and teardown at the Sale and leads a well-oiled team of volunteers. Orientation and training are provided. Please contact Duane Martin at duanemartin@nhmrs.com if you would be interested in joining the NHMRS organizing team.

Wanted: Volunteers to serve on the Board of the Detweiler Meetinghouse and Roseville Cemetery. Contact Marion Roes, secretary at mlroes@sympatico.ca about the work of the board. See www.detweilermeetinghouse.ca for more information about us. The historically restored stone church at 3445 Roseville Road, can be rented for public meetings and there are occasionally planned public events. The Board meets twice a year.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Not all leadership roles are the same, take advantage of this rare opportunity to make a difference, as **Executive Director of Mennonite Central Committee Ontario**. At MCC Ontario we believe in facing BIG challenges head on. That's why we work alongside partners, churches and communities to provide disaster relief, sustainable community development and justice and peacebuilding. Together we are making real change here in Ontario and around the world. Don't pass up this chance to lead a passionate and motivated staff in this work! Make the change by clicking [here](#).

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

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