



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - February 26, 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.

Sunday's Message: *Shaped By Testing* Pastor Kara
Worship Leader: Delores S
Ushers: Paul A, JD K

This Sunday's Christian Ed led by Pastor Kara. Are you curious about "Forest Church"? This past week we gathered to hear words of Scripture and a brief reflection related to Ash Wednesday. We held ashes in our hands, prayed, spent time in silence with God in nature. Following we gathered for sharing and a sending blessing. As we enter the season of Lent, we have an opportunity to experience an adapted "Forest Church" - indoors. All are welcome!

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

Monday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Kids For Christ - 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 wash/sanitize before you arrive and after you leave.

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.– Mission Committee meeting

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

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.- 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. Where: St Agatha Roman Catholic Church (host church this year). All are welcome!

Birthday Celebrations: Brent Bender, Ray Bender, Trudy Field

Households of Faith: Irene K; Richard and Daeng K; JD, Jane & David K

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.

Please find a Lenten Guided Prayer included with your info page this week. It will be sent each week during Lent. The focus for this season of Lent is "**Shaped and Called**". It invites you into deeper engagement with God, scripture, yourself, one another, and the world. Each of the weekly prayer sheets offers questions for reflection and several prayer activities that help you engage with your everyday life. Paper copies available by mailboxes.

Tuesday, March 14, 8:30 a.m.– "North of 60" Men's Group meets for fellowship and breakfast at Schmidtsville Restaurant. Invite a neighbour or friend to join as well!

Senior's Event: Thursday, March 16, 2:00 p.m. at WMC. What to do with old hymnals? Join us as Jeremy Heyer shares pictures and stories from his mission trip to Malawi with [Good Hope Ministries](#) (this is the ministry to which WMC donated *Hymnal: A Worship Book*) and Judy Wagler will show us some creative ideas for repurposing retired hymnals. Refreshments and fellowship included!

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp & Retreat Centre's 39th Annual Fundraising Bowlathon is happening Saturday March 25! This is one of the camp's main fundraising events and we look forward to the continued support of our community. Please show your support by sponsoring **Brad M** by donating on line at <https://hiddenacres.ca/donate> , or e-transfer to maryanne@hiddenacres.ca or cheque made out to Hidden Acres Camp. Please include which church and bowler you are supporting when making your donation. Thank you!!

The Worship Committee continues to invite congregants to participate in **song leading group and scripture reading**. Please contact the [church office](#) if you are interested.

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 Britton.

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

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

CALL TO PRAYER

God of our Lenten journey,
we enter this sacred season of testing and temptation
vulnerable,
repentant,
with contrite spirits.

We want to be transformed,
shaped by your love and grace,
to be made new,
to learn new freedom,
to serve God with all our heart, soul, and mind.
and walk with Christ.

Help us to go to the deep places within,
to see beneath the surface
not denial and sacrifice
not sin and death
but transformation.

May we be open to being changed
by your power and grace
so we may live fully and authentically alive
as your disciples of healing and hope. Amen

OFFERING REPORT for February 19, 2023

Total Offering (budget): \$2885.00

+ Regular Offering: \$1595.00

+ PAO Offering: \$1290.00

Above Budget Donations:

- House of Friendship (Emergency Food Hamper Program): \$30.00
- Coffee Time: \$4.25

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for [Warden Underground](#). Jordan Thoms and Jon Folkeringa provide pastoral leadership for this unique expression of church located in a South Scarborough Government Housing neighbourhood called Warden Woods.
- 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

Al Rempel will begin serving as Associate Executive Minister for Mennonite Church Canada beginning March 1, 2023. He will work closely with Church Leadership Ministers across Mennonite Church Canada in the encouragement of healthy, well-equipped and effective pastoral ministries. Additionally, he will also be the point person for *The Company of 1000*, a study fund that helps new and experienced pastors pay for education. The 0.40 FTE position will initially be a six-month term, with the hope of extension. Al is currently regional minister at Mennonite Church Eastern

Canada (MCEC), work he will continue with a reduced time commitment.

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.

Come enjoy a Silver Lake Online Campfire! Feb 26 (day camps), March 26 (outtrips), April 23 (overnight), May 28 (general) @ 7pm. A great chance to meet some staff and ask questions. Click here for [campfire details and link!](#)

Face to Face | Polarization: Get over it! Stories that lead the way – Jayme Menzies of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and Manitoba MLAs Kelvin Goertzen, Dougald Lamont, and Jamie Moses will share examples and stories of how they've overcome polarization in big and small ways in their various contexts. Join in person or via livestream on Monday, February 27 at 7:00 PM CST. More information and livestream at cmu.ca/face2face.

Da Capo Chamber Choir Concert: *Winding Toward Peace*. March 4 - 7:30 p.m. & March 5 - 3:00 p.m., Trillium Lutheran Church, Waterloo. With guest classical guitarist Mariette Stephenson. Tickets and full details at www.dacapochoir.ca or 519-725-7549. Limited tickets available. Pay-what-you-can pricing.

WELLESLEY BLOOD DONATION EVENT- Monday, March 6 - 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wellesley Community Centre. By appointment. Book now by calling 1 888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283) / www.blood.ca / GiveBlood App

K-W MCEC Congregations: You are invited to a day of intercultural volleyball fellowship. It's going to be great! March 11 at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm. \$100/group (team, church), Pizza for lunch. Bring your own drinks. Contact: Yoel Masyawong at yoelmasya@gmail.com Hope to see you there!

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.

Donations Needed! It's been an interesting winter at the New Hamburg Thrift Centre. We have found ourselves in a place of desperately needing donated items to sell. We have had to send volunteers home due to lack of work, and we are seeing sales starting to trend downwards as a result of not having enough to sell. Please keep the Thrift Centre in mind when you have items to donate. We thank you for your help, and appreciate everything that you do to support the thrift centre and the broader MCC.

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.

Seats are still left for July's **Russlaender 100: Memories of Migration Tour**. 2023 marks the 100th anniversary of the first arrival of Russian Mennonites in Canada in the 1920s. This group is often referred to as the "Russlaender". A collaborative effort among the national and provincial Mennonite historical societies and TourMagination, this cross-Canada train tour will re-enact the historic migration of 21,000 Russlaender Mennonites between 1923 and 1930. Starting in Quebec, going through Ontario and the prairie provinces and ending in Abbotsford, BC, the tour is offered in three sections. Spots are still available so you can still join up for one, two or all three. More information is available at the TourMagination website at: <https://tourmagination.com/tour/cross-canada-russlaender-centenary-tour/>

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

MDS Cape Breton, Nova Scotia Response– Your invitation to volunteer to be the hands and feet of Jesus for those who need help while visiting one of the most beautiful provinces in Canada! MDS Volunteers did great clean up work last fall after Hurricane Fiona struck, but there is still so much need. When: March 20 to end of October. What: Various stages of house repair at numerous homes. Accommodations: Camp Breton Dean (July and August at Lighthouse Church, in Glace Bay). Volunteer by contacting Clara Flores at cflores@mds.org See poster for additional information.

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](#).

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