



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - March 5, 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.

Lent Two Message: *Shaped by New Life* Pastor Kara

Worship Leader: Betty Ann G

Ushers: Rod W, JD K

We would like to invite all the children, 3 yrs. to Gr. 5, to **Sunday School** during the worship hour. We will be listening and talking about Jonah and the Whale. We will join the congregation for the sending song.

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

Tuesday, 7 pm - Care Team meeting

Wednesday, 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.

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.– Board of Directors' meeting

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS:

Please find a Lenten Guided Prayer included with your info page. 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.

"North of 60"- Men's Group Breakfast - Tuesday, March 14, 8:30 a.m. Schmidtsville Restaurant, Wellesley. Come and join a wonderful group of men, some who are already your friends and some who will become friends. Order what you like for breakfast; it's on your tab. Enjoy great conversation, the encouragement of a "Faith Story", and of course good food. And YES, you are welcome to bring a friend or neighbour. See you on the 14th.

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 W 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 B.

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

"He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their face, he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53: 3-6

Thank you Jesus for your redeeming grace, your absolute gift of love as you suffered and paid the penalty for my sin. We praise you for your gift of LIFE. Amen

OFFERING REPORT for February 26, 2023

Total Offering (budget): \$5235.00
+ Regular Offering: \$3945.00
+ PAO Offering: \$1290.00

Above Budget Donations:

- House of Friendship (Emergency Food Hamper Program): \$75.00
- Coffee Time: \$12.85
- MCC Ukraine: \$25.00
- Wellesley Community Food Cupboard: \$25.00

Your gifts are appreciated in support of ministries, and for ongoing expenses, at WMC. Please consider the following ways to tithe:

- Signing up for **Pre Authorized Offering** (PAO). The same amount (determined by you) will be withdrawn from your bank account on the 15th of each month. Application form is attached. If you are already using PAO and would like to change your amount, please contact the [church office](#).
- **Email money transfer** to office@wellesleymennonite.ca. Please indicate where you would like your donation designated on your transfer (e.g. 'General Budget')
- **Cheque or cash** at Sunday morning worship services or drop in secure outside mailbox (office entrance). Contact [Susan Roes](#) for offering envelopes.
- **Through Abundance Canada**. A gift planning consultant will work with you to create a plan. Please call [1.800.772.3257](tel:1.800.772.3257) or [connect](#) here. All consultations are confidential and without obligation.

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for [Waterloo North Mennonite Church](#). Gordon Allaby, Carmen Brubacher and Kendra Whitfield Ellis provide pastoral leadership for this congregation in North Waterloo. Pray for them as they continue to seek God's direction for their family of faith and for their communities and neighbourhoods.
- Daniel Tela and Yosief Abraham will be Licensed Toward Ordination at Shalom Worship and Healing Centre on March 5, 2023. Pray for Daniel, Yosief, and the congregation as they celebrate their calling to ministerial leadership. To share your words of encouragement and support with Daniel, you can reach him at setit17@gmail.com and Yosief at dissepe02@yahoo.com.
- Thank God for the safety of Fanosie Legesse, MCEC intercultural mission minister, and Norm Dyck, MCEC mission minister, and leaders of Meserete Kristos Church, including President Desalegn, as they visited the Tigray region of Ethiopia where violence related to civil war has destroyed lives, churches and homes. Together, they worked to build peace within the Mennonite church and support and encourage pastors in the area.
- Pray for Sarah Wood, Mennonite Church Canada Witness intern, as she concludes her term of service in Thailand on March 10. Pray that these final days connecting with the school and church community in Loei will be rich, and that her transition back to life in Canada will be enriched by the experience.
- Pray for Jesus followers around the world who commit to learn and walk together in faithful response to the climate crisis. Pray for open ears and hearts, and for willingness to move as the hands and feet of 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

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

Venture Club at Crosshill MC - **Monday, March 6th from 6:30-8:00**. All children in grades SK to Grade 6 are welcome! This month is our **BEACH PARTY!!** We are super excited to shine some SUNSHINE in your life! For those daring enough, please feel free to wear your favorite pair of shorts/T-shirt/sunglasses/sun hat, etc. We plan on having games, crafts, devotion, and snack all BEACH themed. Please remember to Covid screen your children before coming and remain at home if necessary.

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!

Explore Grebel and the University of Waterloo, Saturday, March 18, 10 am-5 pm. Take a tour of residence, learn about your faculty of interest, and sample the famous Grebel cookie! grebel.ca/futurestudents

Church-to-Church Conversation: Myanmar Ministry Partners & Mennonite Church Canada, March 22, 10 a.m. EST. [Register for the Zoom link and join a conversation between Myanmar Ministry Partners and MC Canada](#): Amos Chin, President, Bible Missionary Church (Mennonite), Jehu Lian, Pastor, Chin Christian Church and Mennonite Church Canada. This will be an opportunity to hear updates from Myanmar on ministry collaboration and the current political climate. You will have an opportunity to share questions via the chat in this Zoom call. During a time of violence and unrest in Myanmar, two groups of Anabaptist Christians have asked for Mennonite Church Canada to support them in leadership development and peace theology training. Mennonite Church Canada supports leadership formation and training events, as well as the development needs of this emerging Anabaptist network of congregations.

Have you been meaning to clear out household items that you no longer use, but haven't gotten around to it yet? Well, now's the time to do it! Our **thrift shops are in need of household donations** to keep supplies strong on the sales floor. Pack up some boxes and head over to [your local thrift shop](#) today!

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to register today for their **28th Annual Golf Classic**, happening on Monday, May 29 at Grey Silo Golf Club. Help us get 100 golfers! Register as a single, pair or get a team of 4 together. Details can be found at www.rockway.ca/golf

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/>

Ontario Christian Gleaners: [Attached is our spring 2023 newsletter](#). You can read a beautiful account of the "*Gleaners' Mix Saving Lives in the Philippines*" by Al & Sonie Tadeo - Action International Ministries, an update from the manager, and another update from the building project committee. Also the exciting news of an upcoming event: [The Golf Tournament Fundraiser](#) and the many other ways you can help and contribute to this great ministry.

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.

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

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