



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - March 12, 2023

(Remember to turn your clocks ahead this weekend!)



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 Three Meditation: *Shaped Through Thirst* Pastor Kara

Worship Leader: Jamie G

Ushers: Alvin C, Bob H

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

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.- "North of 60"- Men's Group Breakfast - at 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.

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.- Elders' meeting

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.- Worship Committee meets

Thursday, 2:00 p.m. Senior's Event 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!

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS:

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 Mavin** 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!!

This Easter the mission committee invites us to "Spring Into Action" with two different giving projects:

1. Clean out your cupboards before your Easter Dinner and bring your surplus dishes or home décor items to church to donate to the New Hamburg Thrift Centre to support MCC. It could also be books, toys or hardware. Please bring these items to church on **Palm Sunday** and we will see if we can line the isles with these much needed donations!
2. **Easter Sunday** we will be collecting monetary donations to support MCCO to help them "Spring Into Action" supporting people after the earthquakes in Syria and Türkiye.

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.

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

DAY BREAK: Every morning the sun comes up in the east. Sometimes we can see it and sometimes it is hidden. We are so thankful for the beautiful sun rises and how each sunrise is unique. The fresh sunrises remind us that we are facing another new day and new challenges that will confront us thru the day. In the design of sun in the am clouds and the bright energy of the sun we seem to hear and see God's promise that we are not alone. Thank you God for the reminder of your presence and for a blast of assurance that you woke with us and will give us energy for the day. May we continue to look at the beautiful creation of sunrise and recognize your presence in our day and lives. AMEN

OFFERING REPORT for March 5, 2023

Total Offering (budget): \$4362.00

+ Regular Offering: \$3060.00

+ PAO Offering: \$1302.00

Above Budget Donations:

- Coffee Time: \$21.00
- Celebration Jar: \$17.00
- Wellesley Community Food Cupboard: \$50.00

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-Kitchener United Mennonite Church](#). Ben Cassels provides pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for them as they continue to learn and live the way of Jesus.
- Pray for Steve Brnjas (MCEC Ordained minister) and his family as they grieve the loss of Steven's mother, Mary Brnjas, who died on Thursday, February 23. Prayers were offered on Saturday, March 4, 2023 followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. from St. Anthony Daniel R.C. Church, Kitchener, ON. [View Mary's obituary](#).
- 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

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. 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.

You are invited to Crosshill Mennonite Church's Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 25 at 8:30 AM. We are excited to welcome **Trevor Biehn** as our guest speaker for this event! Feel free to invite your friends, sons, brothers, fathers, cousins, etc! *Cost for Breakfast is \$20 and can be paid at the door.* Please use the electronic sign up sheet (link below) so that we have an idea of numbers for breakfast.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rfFJSY33cEEnM28WAjmmA7C1O8gbZVFsQiu_dvAFqgA/edit?usp=sharing

CMU Open House: At our place or from your place. In person open house takes place on Tuesday, March 28, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM; virtual open house takes place on Wednesday, March 29, 6:00–7:00 PM CDT. Receive a campus tour, ask questions of our Admissions team, and hear from faculty and current students. Visit cmu.ca/experience to register.

Indigenous Learning Retreat (April 26-27): Indigenous cultural awareness workshop with Diane Giroux. Come to Silver Lake on Wednesday evening for dinner and spend the night. Thursday morning be inspired to learn about indigenous culture. Great opportunity for church ministry workers. Go to [SLMC Retreats & Events](#) for more info.

MCEC Annual Church Gathering, April 28 & 29, 2023, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, ON. Transformed. Inspired. Called. Join new and now friends as we grow, learn and serve together as a community of faith. Fanosie Legesse, MCEC Intercultural Mission Minister, will encourage and challenge us on Friday night at a Mass Intercultural Worship Service. Followed by a Saturday filled with celebration, learning, much discussion and worship. All are welcome! How do we choose to live a life of constant transformation, unceasing inspiration and filled with courage to stay strong in our calling? When we worship and pray together, we become grounded in God's love and connected to the Spirit's movement. [Come and gather as God's people across MCEC.](#)

Youth Camp (May 12-14): A fun-filled weekend for teens! Join us at Silver Lake camp for a relaxed weekend and participate in waterfront activities, campfires, games, and more! Youth can come with or without a sponsor. Click here for [Youth Camp Details](#)

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

Project: Pick Up Your Needles - join the Huron Perth Health Alliance in creating Care Shawls and Blankets to give families during End-Of-Life, or when in need. Let's work together to show people that we love them and care for them by wrapping them in blankets of care! Bring all your gathered items to the volunteer desk of Stratford General Hospital marked 'attn. Spiritual Care.' Items will be distributed to Clinton, St. Mary's and Seaforth hospitals too.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Join the Rockway Team! **Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** is looking for an Administrative Assistant - Main Office. Responsibilities include: daily operations of the main office, attendance, managing rentals, support for communications and other administrative tasks. Visit www.rockway.ca/employment for the full posting. Applications will be accepted until 11:59 pm on March 19.

Erb Street Mennonite Church (ESMC) seeks a part-time Communications and Office Manager. This position is approximately 20 hours a week, with some fixed office hours. If you are interested in this position or would like more details please reach out to Sandra Schiedel, chair of Personnel Committee, personnel.chair@erbstchurch.ca.

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

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