



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - March 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.

Lent Four Meditation: *Transformed By Light* Pastor Clare

Worship Leader: Terry G

Ushers:

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

Tuesday, 10 am- Personnel Committee meets

Wednesday 5:30-7:00 p.m.- All are welcome for a time of fellowship, good food, inspiration, and conversation with a community member. Our "neighbourhood" guest this week is Katrina Davidson, owner of *Grammy's Gourmet Gift Baskets and More* here in Wellesley. See you Wednesday evening!

Thursday, 7 pm - SRC/Elders meet

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 etransfer 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!!

Sunday March 26 - Adult Christian Ed- All are welcome to be part of the renewal of the Anabaptist movement! As the Anabaptist movement approaches its five hundredth anniversary in 2025, MennoMedia is commemorating the event with the *Anabaptist Community Bible*, which will feature marginal notes and commentary from 500 Bible study groups from a wide spectrum of Anabaptist faith communities. Mollee Moua, Managing Editor of MennoMedia's *Anabaptism at Five Hundred* will be here to provide helpful information and resources as we anticipate participation in this exciting project. All are welcome to stay and hear how we can participate as ordinary people reading Scripture together, trusting that the Holy Spirit will inspire, comfort, unsettle, and transform God's people today, just as it has in the past.

Monday, March 27, 6:30-8:00 p.m.– Kids For Christ Outer Space Night!! "God made the sun, moon, stars. He created the heavens and the earth" Genesis 1. Join us for a night of stories, games, crafts, snacks, music and more!! ☺

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.

CALL TO PRAYER

Based on Psalm 23:

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want, I seek the grace of God and my cup runneth over

I seek the will of God and my cup runneth over

I seek the strength of God and my cup runneth over

How generous is God's love so much the world cannot contain it

The Lord is my Shepherd and I lack nothing.

Amen

OFFERING REPORT for March 12, 2023

Total Offering (budget): \$2985.00

+ Regular Offering: \$1683.00

+ PAO Offering: \$1302.00

Above Budget Donations:

- Coffee Time: \$13.25
- Wellesley Community Food Cupboard: \$100.00
- MCCO: \$50.00

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for [Waters Mennonite Church](#), Lively, ON. Leadership is collaborative. Pray for them as they live life together and lean into the mystery of what God is wanting to do in their lives individually and also as a congregation.
- Mennonite Church USA invites Mennonite Church Canada to prayer on March 19-21. The San Carlos Apache people will testify at a court challenge against the use of a two-mile swath of sensitive land proposed for a copper mine in Arizona. [More information](#).
- Pray for Witness workers Werner and Joanne De Jong as they teach and mentor students in the Meserete Kristos Seminary in Ethiopia.
- Pray for God's guidance for Colombian Mennonite Church (IMCOL) and presenter Henk Stenvers, MWC president, as they gather on March 16-18 for planning and decision making at their annual assembly.
- Pray for peace in Mindanao, Philippines, as Witness workers Dann and Joji Pantoja, continue to bring people together. Praise God for that the local military is listening to their perspective on justice-based 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

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_dvAFggA/edit?usp=sharing

Fostering gender equality and Becoming whole together- Mar 28, 7 pm - 9 pm and Mar 29, 1 pm to 4 pm at Conrad Grebel University College. Gender Equity & Reconciliation International (GERI) applies principles of Truth and Reconciliation to create practical new pathways for establishing gender equality. You are warmly invited to join us as we explore a compassionate application of Truth and Reconciliation principle toward achieving gender equality in society. To learn more and to register, go to mcco.ca/events.

In partnership with the MCC Indigenous Neighbours Program, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to "**Bison and a Buggy**" on Wednesday, March 29 from 7-9 pm at Rockway. This event will feature [The Landed Buggy](#) Art Exhibit alongside Indigenous Cuisine samples by [Chef Destiny Moser](#). Visit www.rockway.ca for more information.

CMU Open House: At our place or from your place. In person open house takes place on Tuesday, March 28, 10 AM–3 PM; virtual open house takes place on Wednesday, March 29, 6–7 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.

Woolwich Counselling Centre and Community Care Concepts present **Emotional and Mental Wellness for Seniors: Building Resilience** - a no cost, lunch-and-learn workshop. Wednesday, April 12, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Linwood Community Centre. Please register by March 28: Contact Sarah at 519-577-0439 or walc@communitycareconcepts.ca

Free Film Screening- "Colonization Road" - an exploration of the effects of road building by settlers on Indigenous land and culture. The Wilmot Ecumenical Working Group on Indigenous/Settler Relationships rescheduled the screening to Friday, March 31st, 7 p.m. at Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg. The church requires that face masks be worn. Registration is not necessary.

Menno Singers and artistic director Brandon Leis present Rachmaninoff's All Night Vigil (Vespers) at Trillium Lutheran Church (22 Willow, Waterloo) on Saturday, April 1 at 7:30pm. \$25 Adults. \$5 Children/Students. Tickets available on-line or at the door (cash or credit) www.mennosingers.com

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](#)
Interfaith Annual Online Silent Auction will take place between May 15-May 28. Donations of a product, gift certificate for a service or experience, or cash donations are gratefully appreciated and will be tax receipted. Please contact admin@interfaithcounselling.ca

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.

Wellesley Township Poppy Project– More poppies are needed to use in the Remembrance Displays around the Township of Wellesley in November. If you would be able to create knitted or crocheted poppies, please contact Beth Schlueter at bluebird.4329@gmail.com

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.

Join our team! MCCO have two new openings based out of the 50 Kent office in Kitchener. We're looking for an [Education and Engagement Program Associate](#) and a [Walking with People in Poverty Program Coordinator](#). Check out the postings and apply today at mcco.ca/serve.

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

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