



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - August 20, 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](#) .

Order of Worship

We Gather

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Musical Interlude/Listening to the Holy Spirit

Call to Worship:

One: As followers of Jesus, we are called

Many: to bless those who persecute us;

One: to rejoice with those who rejoice, and mourn with those who mourn;

Many: to live in harmony with others and not be arrogant.

One: As disciples of the Prince of Peace, we are called

Many: to not repay anyone evil for evil;

One: to, as far as possible, live peaceably with all;

Many: to feed our enemies when they are hungry and offer a drink when they are thirsty.

One: Ours is a hard and holy calling, friends. And so we gather.

Many: We gather for prayer and study.

One: We gather for singing and silence.

Many: We gather for encouragement and support.

All: We gather for worship.

Opening Prayer

Song: Praise with Joy the World's Creator – VT 428

We Worship in Scripture, Song & Celebration

Psalm 105: 1-4; Psalm 108: 1-5

Song: Great is Thy Faithfulness - VT 419

VT 887 - Congregational Reading

Song: Spirit of the Living God (2x) - VT 740

We Hear God's Word

Romans 12: 14-18

1 Samuel 25: 1-35

Meditation: "***Called to be Peacemakers; Called to Peace***" Pastor Clare

We Respond

Song of Response: Jesus Help Us Live in Peace – VT 719

Offering our Gifts

Prayers of the People

We are Sent

Sending Song: Heart with Loving Heart United – VT 813

Benediction

Worship Leader:

Pianist:

Song Leaders:

Ushers:

THIS WEEK See WMC calendar go to: <http://www.wellesleymennonite.ca/calendar/>
Pastor Kara is on vacation until August 21. In the event of a pastoral care emergency, the congregation can contact [Pastor Clare](#).

Monday 8:30 p.m.— Ladies Three Pitch game in Newton

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

Ministry in Partnership - TGC & WMC Thank you as a church and as individuals for your willingness to participate with The Gathering Church in a ministry to the Youth of the Chandler Mowat Community in Kitchener. To those who have already contributed with a financial donation or with purchased clothes, I shout out "*Thank You*". And, if you are still planning to participate, you are not too late. Remember, we are collecting new clothes for students in Grades 7-12 - pants, long and short-sleeved shirts/sweaters/T-shirts and hoodies. This project will culminate with a "Youth Shopping Day" on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17 at the Chandler Mowat Community Centre. Here clothes will be made available to students to shop/choose (for free) a limited number of items per person.

Reminders:

1. **Clothes may be placed in the container in the lobby at WMC. Final collection date for clothes is Sunday, August 27.**
2. **Monetary donations may also be made to WMC designated "CMCC Clothes Drive". Final collection date is Sunday, August 20.**
3. **If you would like to volunteer on Sept. 17 to set up the "store" and assist youth, please notify Pastor Clare. You are welcome to join The Gathering Church at 10:30 for a service, followed by lunch for volunteers, and then assist with set-up.**

Back to School Snack Drive!! WMC's Mission Committee is asking you to help the Wellesley Community Food Cupboard support community kids by donating **school snacks** (e.g. granola bars, fruit snacks, apple sauce/pudding cups etc.) and **laundry detergent** from **August 20 - September 17**. You may leave your donations in the designated box in the church lobby. Monetary donations are always welcome for day-to-day expenses of the Wellesley Community Food Cupboard but will not be accepted for the snack drive. Thank you!!

Mark Your Calendars! You don't want to miss **WMC's Gathering Sunday Potluck, Sunday, September 10th** following the worship service. Please bring plates and utensils, drinks will be provided.

Wanted: Volunteer Drivers. Looking for volunteer drivers to drive a senior gentleman who lives in Wellesley, to/from programs. Will cover costs. Tuesday mornings 11 am pick up at Rockway golf course, Thursday mornings into Kitchener for an 11 am program, Friday drop off 9:45 am and/or pick up 2:45 pm in New Hamburg. Call 519-497-3615. Talk to Pastor Kara for more information.

KFC (Kids For Christ) will soon be in full swing! If you are interested in helping out with this vibrant mission, please contact Donna B. We have LOADS of FUN!! Our first evening will be Monday, September 25, 6:30-8:00 pm. KFC is held the last Monday of each month with a few exceptions.

CALL TO PRAYER

A SUMMER TIME CALL TO PRAYER

Thank you for the summer time. A time to rest and regenerate. We even thank you for the heat that sometimes seems unbearable. We thank you for the times we can be with family and friends to catch up and have fun. We thank you for the many ways we see you in nature and in relationships. Thank you for the times we suddenly become aware of your presence. We ask for your presence and peace for those who are hurting and dealing with challenging times. We ask that you hold close to you those who are dealing with loss and suffering. Despite our humanness may we strive to love, support and forbear those around us. Help us to take the time to look around and realize that you are closer than we think. Thank you for the summer reset. AMEN

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Ontario Mennonite Music Camp Community Events: Chapel Service - August 20, 10:30 am @ Luther Village on the Park, 139 Father David Bauer Dr., Waterloo. Final Concert - August 25, 7:00 p.m. @ Conrad Grebel University College, 140 Westmount Rd. N, Waterloo. All are invited.

Detweiler Meetinghouse will be on Kitchener CTV's *Amazing Architecture* series during the newscasts either August 26 or 27. After that it, and the other buildings featured, can be found online by Googling the series.

WELLESLEY BLOOD DONATION EVENT- Monday, August 28 from 2 p.m. –8 p.m. At the Wellesley Community Centre. By appointment. Book now by calling 1 888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283) / www.blood.ca / GiveBlood App

The Inter-Mennonite Children's choir is excited for rehearsals to start on September 12. We are looking for a few more singers to join us. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday evenings at W-K United Mennonite Church for children in grades 1 and up and provide an excellent music education experience while singing with friends. Singers ages 9 and up who are new to the choir need to have a Vocal Placement Interview. Please go to: www.mennosingers.com/imcc under "Join us" for more information or contact: conductor@imcchoir.org and sign up before August 28.

You're invited to discover the transformative power of **social impact investing** and its profound influence on women in business. This event is designed specifically for people who want to make a meaningful impact through their investments. Whether you are a seasoned investor or just beginning to explore the world of social impact investing, this event offers valuable knowledge and networking opportunities. Join us to be inspired, empowered, and learn how you can shape a better future through your investments Wednesday, September 13th, Catalyst 137-Marketplace at 137 Glasgow Street, Kitchener, Doors open at 6:00 pm, 6:30 start time. Hors d'oeuvres provided by [Graffiti Market](#) Cost: FREE. RSVP by September 1st. [Register here.](#) Sponsored by Kindred Credit Union and MEDA.

Sept. 20, 9 am-4 pm. You are invited to go "Up the Nith" for a heritage bus tour led by Fred Lichti. Through stories and stops along the way, learn about the oldest Amish Mennonite settlement in Canada and today's diversity of congregations--from the "tradition minded" Old Order Amish to the "change minded" Mennonite groups of Amish heritage. Cost-\$85 per person includes lunch at Schmidtsville Restaurant. Pre-payment required. To register contact Doreen Erb 519-656-2561 or lderb2@gmail.com

Online Short Course: Resisting Christian Nationalism with the Gospel of Peace: Oct. 25 – Nov. 21. Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this four-week online AMBS short course to deepen your understanding of White Christian nationalism and explore practical and effective nonviolent strategies for resisting it — drawing insights from how Jesus countered oppression. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 4 to save \$50. ambs.edu/nationalism

With the support of Menno Singers family of choirs, it is our pleasure to introduce the **Menno Youth Ensemble** to Kitchener-Waterloo and surrounding areas! This ensemble welcomes musicians between the ages of 14 and 24 to expand their musical and collaborative imaginations. Weekly rehearsals will culminate with regular performing opportunities and one major performance event per semester. The Menno Youth Ensemble is open to all voice-types and instruments, and all participants should be willing to sing. For more information or to register for the Menno Youth Ensemble, please contact one of the co-directors: Mykayla Turner mykaylat@smu.edu Joel Woods joel.woods@uwaterloo.ca

Oksana Chorna arrived in Canada on June 25, 2023, leaving their home in Dnipro in 2022 and spending a year in Poland. She is accompanied by her sons, Alex and Leon. Linda and Neil Lackey are hosting Oksana and her sons. Though they are studying for driver's licenses, their current transportation is by bicycle. Alex, age 19, studied in Poland for 2 years, and is also able to work in IT settings as well as being a willing labourer. Alex can be contacted by email at alexander.ch.2004@gmail.com Oksana wants to support her family and she is an excellent worker. If you want your house in Wellesley village clean, contact Oksana by email at oksanaleona76@gmail.com

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC community of congregations. Over the summer, we invite you to pray for congregations in your geographic "cluster": Brussels Mennonite Fellowship, Crosshill Mennonite Church, Poole Mennonite Church, Wellesley Mennonite Church.

OFFERING REPORT - August 13, 2023

Total Offering (budget): \$2845.88

Regular Offering: \$1465.88

PAO Offering: \$1380.00

Above Budget donations:

CMCC: \$205.00

Wellesley Community Food Cupboard: \$500.00

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

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