



# WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

## INFORMATION SHEET - August 27, 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*** ***Seeking Peace Together: Peace With Others***

#### **We Gather**

Prelude (lighting the Peace Lamp)  
Words of Welcome and Land Acknowledgement  
Announcements  
Musical Interlude / Listening for God  
Call to Worship:

Leader: God makes room for us here, in this broad space of worship.

**People: Room for our questions and room for our confidence.**

Leader: Room for our joy and room for our grief.

**People: Room for our fear and room for our generosity.**

Leader: Room for ourselves and room for each other.

**People: Let us receive God's blessing of this spacious place.**

**All: Let us worship together in faith.**

Opening Prayer

Gathering Song: Mountain of God #11 VT

#### **We Listen**

Old Testament Scripture: Genesis 26: 12-33

Song: Beauty for Brokenness #712 VT

New Testament Scripture: Matthew 5: 38-42

Meditation: ***Isaac and His Neighbours*** Pastor Kara

#### **We Respond**

Song of Response: Longing for Light #715 VT

Offering our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

#### **We are Sent**

Sending Song: For We Are Strangers No More #409 VT

Sending Blessing

#### **Worship Leader:**

**Pianist:**

**Song Leaders:**

**Ushers:**

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

Monday 7:00 p.m.– Ladies Three Pitch game in Newton

**Birthday Celebrations:**

**Households of Faith:**

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

**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 Congregational Potluck, Sunday, September 10th** following the worship service. Please bring plates and utensils, drinks will be provided.

**Tuesday, September 12, 8:30 am - Men's Breakfast: "North of 60" - Schmidtsville Restaurant.**

Circle this date on your calendar and join us for a great breakfast, wonderful conversation, and warm fellowship around the table. Invite a friend or neighbour as well since we will be meeting downstairs and will have lots of room. Food will be available buffet style and you can enter via the side door to the building or from the restaurant itself. This room will make it much easier to hear our speaker. Yes, we will joy in hearing John Kuepfer, owner of Home Hardware, Wellesley, share a "Life Story". See you at Breakfast.

**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.

It's already that time of year again, the **Apple Butter and Cheese Festival** this year is on Saturday, September 30th. We (Wellesley Mennonite Church) are again making apple fritters. To make that happen we need your help. We need high school aged youth and adult volunteers to peel, core/slice, mix batter, fry, sugar and sell apple fritters. If any of these exciting jobs sound like something you would like, please sign up. They will be 2 hour shifts- but the time goes very fast because it is so much fun!! This is a great opportunity for high school aged youth to get some community service hours. An online sign-up form will follow next week. If you would prefer, please contact me at 519 656 9966 or [tandcgerber@gmail.com](mailto:tandcgerber@gmail.com) to sign up. Thank you very much for being a part of this great community event.

**Mark your calendar for "A Celebration of Fun Event" in memory of John (Jack) Schultz.** To be held at Poole Mennonite Church on Sunday, October 22 from 2-5 with hotdogs and light refreshments to follow. We are having an afternoon of entertainment so if you would like to be a part of the show, (sing/play, a skit, tell a story or jokes etc.) please contact Ruth Bahr at 519-655-3270 or [leoruthb123@gmail.com](mailto:leoruthb123@gmail.com). You can do this as a solo act or with a group and it does not have to relate to John. We just ask that you keep it light hearted and there is no age requirement. Herb and Shirley will be giving a short presentation about John. This event is being sponsored by the Schultz Family and everyone is welcome to attend.

## THANK YOU!

**Ministry in Partnership - TGC & WMC** - WMC raised \$1,190 plus many donations of new clothes for the Chandler Mowat Community Centre youth! Meridith from The Gathering Church says: *Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!! That is amazingly generous and we are so grateful to be able to partner with you in this way. Thank you for being a blessing to the Chandler Mowat community by sending youth back to school with new clothes!*

Reminders:

1. Final collection date for clothes is Sunday, August 27. Please place in the box located in WMC lobby.
2. 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.

## CALL TO PRAYER

O God, we grieve with those in our communities and our world who are suffering today. Some have lost homes due to wildfires, many are impacted by war and violence; others are struggling to provide for their families, and some are facing crucial health issues. God, in your mercy and grace, intervene with mighty power, granting comfort and hope through your Presence. Help us as your children, to live in Hope, and to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this world. Holy Spirit, enable us to be instruments of your Peace, both physically and spiritually. We praise you God for working both in and through us. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

## BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

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

*Faith Climate Justice Waterloo Region* and climate justice partners *Divest Waterloo*, the *Working Centre*, and *50by30WR* have planned a series of **16 vigils to be held every Friday at Waterloo Public Square from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning September 1 and continuing to December 15.** These vigils are a local response to the global climate emergency: they seek to provide for people space and time to contemplate and reflect on the climate struggles facing our world. For details contact [climatevigilswr@gmail.com](mailto:climatevigilswr@gmail.com) See letter on bulletin board.

**Igniting Souls for Love - Retreat and Concert**, September 15-17 at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. A weekend to inspire and ignite our souls to Love through the ancient text of Psalm 23 as a passageway for rest, receptivity, accompaniment, empowerment and blessing. This retreat will include group sessions, times of reflection in poetry, meditations, stillness and music, times for personal quiet, walking the labyrinth, and more. Come for the weekend, or for a day and/or the concert! More info at 905-327-2642 or [www.bethwoelk.com](http://www.bethwoelk.com)

**Shalom Counselling Service's 10,000 Steps for Mental Health** Saturday, September 16. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Participants will travel a route from Shalom Counselling Services (9 Avondale Ave. S., Waterloo) to the Iron Horse Trail, along the trail, and back to Shalom. Join us and start setting your goals. It could be taking 10,000 steps or 1,000 steps, fundraising \$10,000 or \$100. Set a goal that is right for you and help provide more affordable, accessible counselling services in Waterloo Region. Sign up on our website at: <https://shalomcounselling.org/steps> After the walk there will be a community block party celebrating Shalom Counselling Services 40th Anniversary. Please come out and support local mental health resources.

**This Fall you are invited to join as a singer in the Mennonite Mass Choir** in a performance of Handel's Messiah with the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony at Centre in the Square on Sunday, December 10th (afternoon). Monday evening rehearsals begin on September 25th at First Mennonite Church (800 King St E, Kitchener) from 7:30-9:30pm. For more information and to register go to [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com)

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](mailto:mykaylat@smu.edu) Joel Woods [joel.woods@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:joel.woods@uwaterloo.ca)

**Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship:** Sept. 28–30 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Attend in person or online! This conference on “Pathways through Climate Doom: Resistance and Resilience” will examine theological, biblical and pastoral care responses to climate doom. Keynote speakers: Kaitlin Curtice; Leah Thomas, PhD; and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD. Register by Sept. 20 if meals are desired; final registration deadline is Sept. 26. [ams.edu/rooted-and-grounded](http://ams.edu/rooted-and-grounded)

**MCEC Urban Anabaptist Church Planters Workshop**, September 30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ottawa, ON. *Tentmaking: Opportunities and Challenges for Developing Congregations* with James Watson. A day of worship and prayer for church planters and pastors focused on tentmaking or multi-vocational ministry. [Registration is open at mcec.ca](http://mcec.ca).

**Behind the Hammer**, the quarterly publication of Mennonite Disaster Service, is available by clicking [HERE](#). Inside this issue: hear from several volunteers who share why they have a heart for service; college students experience hands-on service and learn about Native American culture at Red Lake, Minnesota; a unique reunion of families brought together by Hurricane Ian; and stories from a number of MDS responses to disaster across the US and Canada.

**MCEC Sprout: Stories of Transformation**- Have you seen the most recent edition of Sprout? Hard copies have been distributed to congregations. Available now online as a pdf download or read the individual stories. Discover how God

has transformed lives of those in MCEC and around the world. [Download your copy today at mcec.ca](http://mcec.ca).

## 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.
- Please pray for the family and friends of Helga Dueck who died on August 19th at Leamington Mennonite Home. Helga was married to the late Henry Dueck who was pastor at Leamington United Mennonite Church from 1974-1981. Helga ministered alongside Henry. They also served as interim pastors at Faith Mennonite Church. [You can read Helga's memorial tribute here.](#) Visitation will take place at the Leamington United Mennonite Church (LUMC), on Thursday, August 24 from 3-6 p.m. The burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery on Friday, August 25 at 9:30 a.m. The Funeral Service to celebrate Helga's life will be at LUMC at 11 a.m. followed by a Fellowship Meal in the Auditorium.
- Urgent prayer request from our sister church in Burkina Faso: With the recent coup in Niger, there is threat of war in the Sahel region of Africa. Please join us in praying that this escalation will stop, that peaceful forms of resolution will be found to the crisis in Niger and the other Sahel countries, and that peace will return to this region.
- Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia celebrated its 75th anniversary in March 2023. Pray that God will continue to lead them into pathways of peace and service for their communities and their country.
- Pray for Community Peacemaker Team's Turtle Island Solidarity Network arrived in Winnipeg, August 15, in anticipation of a 10-member delegation visit to the Asubpeeschoseewagong Netum Anishinabek (Grassy Narrows First Nation). CPT continues to support Grassy Narrows as the community resists mining and logging proposals and campaigns for reparations for mercury poisoning. The delegation will be in Grassy Narrows until August 25th and is comprised of members from BC, Ontario, NY, and Arizona! Pray for important connections and community to be built through this delegation.

## OFFERING REPORT - August 20, 2023

Total Offering (budget): \$3215.00

Regular Offering: \$1835.00

PAO Offering: \$1380.00

Above Budget donations:

Wellesley Community Food Cupboard: \$275.00

CMCC: \$785.00

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