



# WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

## INFORMATION SHEET - September 3, 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](#) .

**Reminder:** *On Sunday morning, each of you are invited to bring an item which reminds you of the beauty and handiwork of God evidenced through Creation. It may be a bouquet of weeds, a pitcher of water, a leaf or small branch of a tree, maybe a stone or an apple, a seashell or even a picture, etc. etc. You are invited to place it on one of the two tables at the front and please remember to take it home with you after the service. We look forward to sharing together with you Sunday morning as we together "Rejoice With Creation".*

### **Order of Worship** **Seeking Peace Together**

Prelude

#### **We Gather**

Words of Welcome and Announcements  
Musical Interlude/Listening to the Holy Spirit  
Call to Worship:

One: Let us seek God, who can be found.

**Many: Let us call upon God, who is near.**

One: As the thirsty soil receives rain from heaven,

**Many: let us receive the word of God offered in this place.**

One: Let us praise God joyfully with a loud voice!

**Many: For if we are silent, the stones would shout out.**

One: Let us burst into song with the mountains

**Many: and clap our hands with the trees.**

**All: Let us worship God together with joy.**

Opening Prayer

Song: How Great Thou Art - VT 436

#### **We Worship in Scripture, Song & Celebration**

Genesis 1: 1-5, 27-31; Psalm 19: 1-4a

Song: This Is God's Wondrous World - VT 180

VT 881 - Congregational Reading

Song: Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah - VT 95

#### **We Hear God's Word**

Colossians 1:15-20

Isaiah 55: 6-13

Meditation: **"Rejoicing with Creation"** Pastor Clare

#### **We Respond**

Song of Response: You Shall Go Out With Joy - VT 847

Offering our Gifts / Offertory / Prayer

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Blessing for the new Church Year Pastor Kara

Celebration Jar

#### **We are Sent**

Sending Song: Rain Down - VT 703

Benediction

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

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

**Wednesday 5:30 p.m.**– Worship Committee meeting

**Thursday 6:00 p.m.**– Elder's meeting

**Friday-Saturday**– Ladies Three Pitch tournament in Millbank.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**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.

**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.

**Gathering Sunday: September 17-** As we kick off a new church year we look forward to bible presentations and the installation of WMC volunteers working with children, youth, and vulnerable persons, and signing volunteer commitment forms. As a twist to our annual back pack blessing, **all are invited** to participate by bringing your back pack, book bag, brief case, work lunch bag, tool belt, or something related to your volunteer roles. We will ask God's blessing upon us as we learn, study, work, and serve in the community.

**Hey Kids!** Junior Sunday School for ages preschool to grade five is happening on Sunday, Sept 17 during the worship service from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**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 that time of year again, the **Apple Butter and Cheese Festival** is on Saturday, September 30th and Wellesley Mennonite Church is again making apple fritters! To make that happen your help is needed: 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. The two hour shift goes very fast because it is so much fun!! This is a great opportunity for high school youth to get some community service hours. Sign up online [HERE](#) or contact Terry G. 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.

## Address Directory Update:

### CALL TO PRAYER

God of our lives,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
we have been drawn together by one baptism into one faith,  
serving one Lord and Savior.  
Do not let us tear away from one another  
through division or hard argument.  
May your peace embrace our differences,  
preserving us in unity,  
as one body of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—from the *Worship Book, Westminster, 1970*

### BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

*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.

Detweiler Meetinghouse, 3445 Roseville Rd., Ayr, will be one of the 20 sites for **Doors Open Waterloo Region, September 16, 10-4**. We welcome visitors to see the restored 1855 stone meetinghouse and learn about its 1990s restoration. A self-guided tour of the adjoining Roseville Mennonite cemetery will highlight about 10 people buried there. Information is online at [Doors Open Waterloo Region](http://Doors Open Waterloo Region), [detweilermeeinghouse.ca](http://detweilermeeinghouse.ca) or contact [mlroes@sympatico.ca](mailto:mlroes@sympatico.ca).

**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)

**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. [amb.edu/rooted-and-grounded](http://amb.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://Registration is open at mcec.ca).

**Hidden Acres annual Senior's Fall Retreat**, Monday October 2nd. The theme is *Songs that Shape and Reshape*

Us. Our resource person is Ingrid Loepp Thiessen. Doug Cressman will accompany the singing. Cost is \$50 per person, registration is limited. Please find a copy of the brochure by the mailboxes. The link for registration can be found [here](#).

**Canadian Mennonite is evolving.** You can read about it in Tobi Thiessen's [August 25 editorial](#). Help shape the next chapter by completing their survey. Go to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/CM\\_mag\\_ideas](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CM_mag_ideas).

**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](#).

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Make a Difference in your community and around the world** by volunteering at the New Hamburg MCC Thrift Centre. Visit <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/355734513> and fill out a volunteer application today!

## 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 Mississauga Mennonite Fellowship who have made the decision to close their congregation. We thank God for the ministry of this congregation who came together in 1981 to provide a Mennonite Anabaptist presence in Mississauga. Pray for their members in this transition and for the many people who have been impacted by their ministry throughout the years. The congregation officially closes August 31.
- Please pray for MCEC as we seek someone to fill the key leadership position of Operations and Finance Director. Pray for those who view and apply to the opportunity, those involved in the interview process and for the individual who will accept the call to this position. We ask for God's wisdom and leading.
- Northeast Asia is an area of the world where the potential for armed conflict is growing. Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park, Witness workers in South Korea, see signs of this in their country and their community. Join with them in prayers for peace as they work for peaceful resolution of conflict in homes, schools, communities and churches.
- Pray for Phim and Joseph Poovong, children of Witness workers, Christine and Tom Poovong. Phim and Joseph have only dim memories of life in Canada. Growing up in Thailand, Thai and Issan language and culture are their home. As they think about traveling to Canada for a visit next spring, they are already anticipating embracing the Canadian part of their identity, including brushing up on street hockey ball. Pray for them as they grow up with the blessings and challenges of multiple cultures and languages.

## OFFERING REPORT - August 27, 2023

Total Offering (budget): \$3508.00

Regular Offering: \$2128.00

PAO Offering: \$1380.00

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