



# WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

## INFORMATION SHEET - September 10, 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**

**On the "Reimagining Church" Road**

***God is "doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?" (Isaiah 43:19 CEB)***

#### **We Gather**

Prelude  
Words of Welcome and Land Acknowledgement  
Announcements  
Musical Interlude / Listening for God  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer  
Gathering Song: Summoned by the God Who Made Us VT #1

#### **We Listen**

Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 27: 13-14; Isaiah 43: 18-19  
Song: One Is the Body VT #386  
New Testament Scripture: Mark 1: 16 – 20  
Meditation: ***Casting New Nets*** Pastor Kara

#### **We Respond**

Song of Response: Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore VT #283  
Offering our Gifts  
Congregational Prayer

#### **We are Sent**

Sending Song: Take My Life, and Let It Be VT #759  
Sending Blessing

#### **Worship Leader:**

**Pianist:**

**Song Leaders:**

**Ushers:**

**Christian Ed Time:** All are invited to a Sermon response led by Pastor Kara

**Congregational Potluck, Sunday, September 10th, 12 noon.** Please bring plates and utensils, drinks will be provided.

**THIS WEEK See WMC calendar go to:** <http://www.wellesleymennonite.ca/calendar/>  
*Pastor Clare will be on holidays from September 11-24.*

**Tuesday 8:30 a.m.-** Men's Breakfast: "North of 60" - Schmidtsville Restaurant. 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.

**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.-** Church Council/Board of Directors' meeting

## **Birthday Celebrations:**

## **Households of Faith:**

## **NEXT SUNDAY:**

- **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. Mark your calendar for future dates: October 15 and November 12.

## **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.

**KFC (Kids For Christ) will soon be in full swing! If you are interested in helping out with this vibrant mission, please contact [Donna Britton](#).** 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 Gerber at 519 656 9966 or [tandcgerber@gmail.com](mailto:tandcgerber@gmail.com). 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 Schultz.** To be held at Poole Mennonite Church on Sunday, October 22 from 2-5 pm 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 [loruthb123@gmail.com](mailto:loruthb123@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. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**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

## **Address Directory Update:**

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## 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

**Pastors in Exile (PiE) is excited to gear up for fall programming for young adults in Waterloo Region.** We're beginning a weekly dinner and Bible Study for young adults Monday, September 11 at 6pm (dinner) and 7:15 (Bible Study) at WK United Mennonite Church. Bible Study Themes: Ecofeminism – Sept 11-Oct 2; Drag & Disguise in the Bible – Oct 9-30; Pre-Advent – Nov 6-27.

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](https://www.doorsopenwaterlooregion.ca), [detweilermeetinghouse.ca](https://www.detweilermeetinghouse.ca) or contact [mlroes@sympatico.ca](mailto:mlroes@sympatico.ca).

**GTA Mennonite World Relief Sale-** September 16, 10:00am to 4:00pm, Willowgrove Farm, 11737 McCowan Rd, Whitchurch-Stouffville. Did you know that when you attend the Greater Toronto Area Mennonite Festival for World Relief you are changing lives through MCC? Come enjoy traditional (and not so traditional!) Mennonite foods, enjoy family fun activities including wagon rides and shop for beautiful crafts. While you're there, take a moment to bid on your favourite quilt! More info at [mcco.ca/events](https://mcco.ca/events).

**Skipping club 'Don't Skip A Beat'**- Sept. 19th, 6:30pm. Crosshill Church gym. No charge. Anyone aged 10 and older that likes to skip is welcome! Contact [Lora Gerber](mailto:Lora.Gerber@sympatico.ca) for details. We will have a guest (Pro) skipper to teach us some new moves with some praise music. Bring a rope & water bottle and come for an excellent cardio burn.

**Power and Praise Fitness classes** led by Lora Gerber at Crosshill Mennonite Church gym will begin Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. Bring water bottle, mat and weights if you own some. All ladies invited!!

**The Abner Martin Music Scholarship** (\$4,000 value last year) is awarded annually by Menno Singers to a student who: 1) will be enrolled in a full-time music major or minor program at the undergraduate or graduate level in 2023-2024; 2) is affiliated with an MCEC congregation; and 3) has demonstrated involvement and proficiency in musical activities in church and community. Applications must be received by September 22. For more information and/or an application form contact Lewis Brubacher, [lbrubacher@sympatico.ca](mailto:lbrubacher@sympatico.ca), or call him at 519-884-3072.

**MCC Ontario Annual General Meeting-** September 25, 7:00-8:30 pm, Online. We deeply appreciate your support, and how you are impacting so many lives in Ontario and around the world. Join us for our Annual General Meeting as we share MCC Ontario's financial outcomes and a snapshot of our strategic plan progress. Official Congregational Representatives and Delegates who register as such are entitled to vote. Visit [mcco.ca/AGM](https://mcco.ca/AGM) for details.

**Mission Possible: Launch Your Waste Reduction Journey! Thursday, September 28th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. EDT.** This free webinar will help you learn about specific steps that we can take to reduce waste in our lives and what corporations and governments need to do to reduce waste. Following the keynote speaker's presentation, a panel of community members will share their personal experiences of trying to reduce waste. A Question & Answer period will follow. For more information go to [nvecoboosters.com](https://nvecoboosters.com) or contact [nvecoboosters@gmail.com](mailto:nvecoboosters@gmail.com)

**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. Register [here](#).

**Xplore** – Xplore offers life-long learning courses that investigate dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without assignments or exams! Join one or more of our offered courses (in-person or online) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. Courses will begin on October 3 and 4. For more information visit [cmu.ca/xplore](https://cmu.ca/xplore).

**Greetings from MCEC!** Greetings from Ann L. Schultz, MCEC Executive Team Leader, as your congregation begins the church year this fall. Find out about some great events coming up this fall. We are grateful and happy that you are a part of MCEC. May we all be transformed by the love of God, inspired by the hope we have in Jesus and called to action by the Holy Spirit. [Watch the video now!](#)

**House of Friendship News:** This issue of your *Friendship News* is filled with stories of hope, resilience and new beginnings that you have made possible! Click [here](#) to read it. If you prefer a paper copy, contact Susan Roes.

**Ontario Christian Gleaners is celebrating 15 years!** With support from volunteers, food donors, financial donors, prayer warriors, staff & the board- God has greatly blessed the work here at the Gleaners. Read the September Newsletter [here](#). If you prefer a paper copy, contact Susan Roes

**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).

## 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

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. [More information at mcec.ca](http://mcec.ca).

## OFFERING REPORT - September 3, 2023

Total Offering (budget): \$2640.00

Regular Offering: \$1260.00

PAO Offering: \$1380.00

Above Budget Donations:

Celebration Jar: \$21.00

Wellesley Community Food Cupboard: \$40.00

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

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