



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - September 17, 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](#) .

Gathering Sunday: September 17- 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.

Order of Worship Gathering Sunday

On the "Reimagining Church" Road

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

Prelude

We Gather

Words of Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Musical Interlude / Listening for God

Call to Worship:

Leader: People of God: welcome!

People: Welcome to this place of love and grace,
this place where we grow in faith.

Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

People: God invites all of us to be part of beloved community.

Leader: God invites all of us to share in the good news;

People: We are welcome, just as we are.

We are loved, just as we are.

ALL: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Opening Song: Let Us Build a House Voices Together (VT) #36

Blessing & Commissioning Litany for all volunteers working with children, youth and vulnerable persons

Bible Presentations: Grade 1:

Grade 7:

Backpack/ lunch bag / toolbelt/ book bag/ Blessing

We Listen

Scripture: Isaiah 43: 18 & 19

Song: New Earth, Heavens New VT #377

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 9: 24-26a, Hebrews 12: 1-2

Meditation: **Our Marathon & God's Faithfulness** Pastor Kara

We Respond

Song of Response: Guide my Feet VT #816

Offering our Gifts

Words of Greeting:

Prayers of the People

Sent to Bless

Sending Song: We, Your People, Sing Your Praises VT #89

Sending Blessing

All are warmly invited to enjoy a time of fellowship following the worship service. A very special welcome to the Hampstead United Church community for joining us for worship and providing treats this morning.

** All volunteers working with children, youth, and vulnerable persons are invited to sign volunteer commitment form immediately following worship today.

Worship Leader:
Pianist:
Song Leaders:
Ushers:

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. Theme: "A Garden of Eden".

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

Pastor Clare will be on holidays from September 11-24.

Tuesday 5:30 p.m.– Care Team meeting

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**. You may leave your donations in the designated box in the church lobby until **September 17**. 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) Monday, September 25, 6:30-8:00 pm for kids ages kindergarten-Grade 5. Fall Festival – Carnival Night. "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" Ecclesiastes 3:1

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. Thank you very much for being a part of this great community event!

Ladies come join us for our "Dip Into Fall" gathering. Wednesday, October 4th, starting at 7pm.

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 leoruthb123@gmail.com **by September 24th**. 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.

Library News: Please feel free to check out a variety of **new books** that are on display on the library table.

Thank You

A word of appreciation to my WMC friends that Esther & I worshipped with over the years. You all have been very dear to our hearts, and the prayer support that my family received when she was experiencing major health issues, and then upon her passing, were much appreciated. My move went very well and I'm settled in and trying to get into a daily routine again with new people to get to know and activities to take in. You are in my thoughts and prayers even though I've started worshipping with a different congregation. Blessings to you all.

Roy Scheerer

Roy's address update:

CALL TO PRAYER

God of fresh starts and new beginnings,

we bring ourselves, our big feelings and all that we carry to you.

We hear your call to run the race with perseverance, looking to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith. May we commit again to spiritual disciplines that nurture and nourish our relationship with you and provide strength for each step.

May we know your presence within and amongst us, ahead and around us as we run the good race of faith. Our shoes are laced up. Guide our feet, we pray. Amen

BROADER AREA NEWS AND 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](#) 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!!

Peace Week at MCC- September 21-30. MCC is partnering with the *Kindred Credit Union Centre for Peace Advancement* to host three peacebuilding events during Peace Week. [Training Active Bystanders](#) equips you to recognize and prevent harm-doing. A [blanket exercise](#) at 50 Kent Ave., Kitchener will take place; it's an experiential journey through 500 years of colonization. "[Doing good...better](#)" is a new, free event in Niagara that will help you unpack invisible assumptions that may be hindering lasting peace and justice. Learn more at mcc.org/events.

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, or call him at 519-884-3072.

Wilmot Family Resource Centre's 29th Annual Poor Boys Luncheon, Thursday, September 28 @ New Hamburg Community Centre (251 Jacob St). Tickets available at the door, cash or cheque only: \$10 or Family of Four \$35. Lunch 11:30 am—1:30 pm, Dinner 4:30-6:30 pm.

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 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 or contact nvecoboosters@gmail.com

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.

Calling all young professionals! MEDA's Convention Grant & Volunteer Opportunity is here! Join entrepreneurs and business professionals across North America in vibrant Toronto from November 2-5 for MEDA's 70th Anniversary Celebration. Apply today and you could be one of three lucky convention volunteer applicants with exclusive, behind the scenes access to this year's event. Deadline is October 4. [Learn more here.](#)

We Own this Now- October 12, 7:00 pm, Steinmann Mennonite Church, & October 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Starring Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne, *We Own This Now* is a play that looks at love of land, loss of land and what it means to "own" something. *We Own This Now* examines how the Doctrine of Discovery is still being used and causing harm today. Presented by Ted & Company TheatreWorks. Tickets are \$15 each (\$10 for students). Get yours at mcc.org/we-own-this-now.

Empty Bowls for Haiti - Sat. Oct 14 at 5 pm and 7 pm, Steinmann Mennonite Church. Local potters donate hand-crafted bowls and local restaurants provide a wide variety of delicious soups. Funds raised strengthen communities in Haiti. Tickets are \$35 each. Go to mcc.org/events to buy your tickets today!

Gleaners Fundraising Dinner – Friday October 27th. Corporate sponsors for this event are needed, please call the Gleaners office 519-624-8245

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

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for Breslau Mennonite Church. Eleanor Epp-Stobbe provides pastoral leadership for the congregation. Amanda Snyder is children, youth and young adult coordinator for this congregation. Pray for them as they strive to be a welcoming community of faith and worship.
- Hold in prayer the organizers and planners of the 'We are All Treaty People' event being held Sept. 17th in Winnipeg.
- Call to prayer from the faith communities who gathered at Camp Morgan, at the entrance to the Brady Road Landfill outside of Winnipeg, MB! Praying for a broad acknowledgement that Indigenous women and girls continue to be violated in society and that God is weeping with those who suffer. May there be an outpouring of justice born from the realization that our communities have a role to play in coming alongside human suffering and extending healing and hope through presence, encouragement and advocacy. May our collective attention to injustice waged against indigenous communities not be as short sighted as the media cycle but sustained and focused on the good way of reconciliation.

OFFERING REPORT - September 10, 2023

Total Offering (budget): \$3040.95

Regular Offering: \$1660.95

PAO Offering: \$1380.00

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