



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - February 25, 2024

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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://us06web.zoom.us/j/85140408023>

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

Lent 2: Christ Among Us, On the Path of Faith

Prelude

Gathering

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship: VT 859

Leader: God of every place,

Some of us see you today from mountains of joy and confidence,
mountains of gratitude and praise.

Congregation: Some of us seek you today

From valleys of grief or doubt,

Valleys of loss or exhaustion.

Leader: And in all places, There you are with us, nudging us onward

Congregation: When we descend from the heights, Show us your presence on the ground.

Leader: When we rise from the depths, Show us the light of your way.

All: Meet us all on the path made by Jesus.

Opening Prayer

Opening Song: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (VT 581)

Hearing God's Word

Old Testament Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-22

Song: Great is Thy Faithfulness (VT 419)

Psalms 71: 1-9, 14-21

New Testament Reading: Mark 8: 27-38

Song

Sermon: ***Christ Among Us, On the Path of Faith***

Responding to God's Word

Song of Response: How Firm a Foundation (VT 592)

Sharing our Offerings

Congregational Prayer

Blessing & Sending

Sending Song: Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him (VT 30)

Benediction

Worship Leader:

Pianist:

Song Leaders:

Ushers:

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

Monday 6:30-8:00 p.m.- Kids For Christ - Give The Shirt Off Your Back Night!! Children are to bring a new or never-worn child-sized T-shirt to donate to a mission, shelter, or other organization that works with needy children (will be determined). Giving to those in need (Romans 12:20). Leah Schwartzentruber, a sea turtle biologist, will share why caring for sea turtles is important, what she does to help them and what we all can do to care for God's creation. Come on out for another fun packed KFC event!

Tuesday 7:30 p.m.- Search Committee meets

Friday, 1:00 p.m.- WMC partners with a number of local churches for a World Day of Prayer Service each year. This year's theme is "Praying with Palestinian Women" and will be held at St. James Lutheran Church, 1998 Line 45, Perth East. All are welcome!

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

The Women's Ministry committee will be holding an event on Wednesday, March 6th, 7 pm at the church. Our guest speaker will be Christianne Dixon who owns *CDC Landscaping and Floristry* (located in the old mill by Schmidtsville Restaurant). Garden themed desserts will be served. Come and get garden inspired! Feel free to bring a friend.

Senior's Event: Sunday, March 10th. Everyone is welcome to join WMC seniors for a noon potluck followed by crokinole! Please bring potluck food, your own plates, cutlery, mugs and crokinole boards.

Please find attached to this info page a newsletter from **Greg and Tracy McLean**. WMC supports their work with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Leadership transition plan update:

1. As announced on February 4th, the board of directors has approved hiring Paul Dyck as interim supply pastor on a 0.6 time basis. He will begin his ministry with us on April 1, 2024. Paul has many years of pastoral experience in local churches and will provide steady leadership while the search committee proceeds to lead us in the process of calling a long term pastor.
2. The search committee as previously noted will be: Lisa Neeb, Andrew Pavilonis, Dan Gingrich, Grace Oesch, and Dan Lebold. They will be in regular contact with Al Rempel from MCEC as they begin the process of seeking a permanent pastor for our congregation. Please hold them in prayer for wisdom and clear guidance as they make important decisions.
3. Thank you for engaging in this meaningful transition time through the worship services we had leading up to Lent. Don't hesitate to contact the Leadership team as you are inspired by insights, comments and questions.

Jane, Dan, Jamie

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENT:

Peace & Possibility, Part II: Raja Khouri is a Palestinian-Canadian; Jeffrey Wilkinson is an American Jew. Hear them discuss their 2023 book, *The Wall Between: What Jews and Palestinians Don't Want to Know About Each Other*. Hosted by *Canadian Mennonite*, *Anabaptist World* and the *Palestine-Israel Network*. **Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. CT.** See canadianmennonite.org/events.

CommonWord virtual launch of the *Together in Hope* resource collection for facing the climate crisis. On Thursday, February 29, 7:30 PM (CST) join members of the MC Canada Climate Action group as they launch a new collection of resources designed to help us face the climate crisis in hope. Register for the Zoom event at commonword.ca/go/3801.

On February 29th at 1:00 pm, **MCC will be hosting a webinar with Sarah Funkhouser and Seth Malone, MCC Country Representatives for Jordan, Palestine, and Israel.** During our time together, Sarah and Seth will share updates about what they're hearing from local partners and MCC's current and future emergency response in Gaza and the West Bank. Register [HERE](#).

Feb. 29 (Thurs) 8:30 to 10 am - CardiacCrash Showcase in KW. Heart & Stroke Canada has built a wonderful new program for the general public to teach CPR and AED use, and also make it engaging. Their goal is to encourage organizations/workplaces as well as schools to embrace the program, and they are hosting a free showcase of CardiacCrash in Kitchener-Waterloo at Communitech, 151 Charles Street West, 3rd Floor - Roddenberry Room. Here's the link to register for the event: [link](#). More information about the CardiacCrash program is on the bulletin board.

All are welcome at an evening of Lenten Worship: Stations of the Cross, followed by meditative Lenten music shared by *John B. Miller and Friends* on March 2nd (Sat) at Shantz Mennonite Church (2473 Erbs Road Baden) at 7 pm. The event is free, but donations are appreciated to support the musicians.

Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp. Monday, March 11th @ 9:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Grandparents and grandchildren in grades 1-6 are invited to camp to "Discover God through the Creative Process" with Mike Vlaming, owner of Little Creek Pottery. Join us for a day of creativity, fun and connecting! For more information or to register go to our website www.hiddenacres.ca

Relief, Development and Podcast: Just Peace in Palestine and Israel- Gaza has seen so much devastation over the last few months. In [this episode](#) we are joined by Palestinian human rights lawyer and former MCC volunteer, Jonathan Kuttub, as well as Alain Epp Weaver, director of MCC's planning learning and disaster response department, to talk about the current situation and the history that has brought us to this point. MCC has continued to respond through local partners. Seth Malone and Sarah Funkhouser, MCC representatives for Jordan, Palestine and Israel, tell us how.

The February edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: meet Nikki Hamm Gala the Communications Coordinator for MDS Canada, learn why one woman says MDS is the light of Canada, and hear how MDS volunteers are finding additional work along the Texas border. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/4blyn7L>

Thank you for considering Beyond Housing as an extension of the mission of your church. We appreciate the role you play in helping us share news and updates with members of your congregation. Please find attached a [Summary 2023 Annual Report](#). The report includes links to a recording of our AGM held on January 30th, as well as a link to our full 2023 Annual Report.

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for [First Hmong Mennonite Church](#). Chung Vang provides pastoral care for this congregation. Pray for this congregation as they learn how to live the Christian life faithfully together as a community and share the gospel with others.
- Pray for **Kapilan Savarimuthu**, pastor of Markham Christian Worship Centre. His wife, Rosabel Paul, suffered a heart attack and died Monday, February 19, 2024. Pray for Kapilan, his 15 year old daughter, and the congregation as they grieve this terrible shock. Visitation is on Friday, February 23, 2024 from 5-9 p.m. and on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 9 - 10 a.m. followed by the funeral at 10 a.m. at Unionville Alliance Church, 4898 16th Ave., Markham, Ontario. [Visitation and Funeral information can be found here.](#)
- Pray for **Michel Monette**, MCEC Catalyzer Minister, and **MCEC congregations in Quebec** as new congregations gather this weekend for a workshop on church governance. Pray that God's spirit will inspire their conversations as they learn and grow together.
- Pray for **Mennonite Church British Columbia** as they gather this weekend for their annual meeting looking at *Stuck Together: The Hope of Christian Witness in a Polarized World*. Pray that God's spirit will guide and unify them as they gather in worship.
- **Continue to pray** as war and rumours of war resound. This is our long-standing prayer, O Lord. We don't understand. Pray for those who experience grief and pain, for those who live in fear and danger. We call to you God - show us how to forge swords into ploughshares, and spears into pruning-knives. Lord, hear our prayers.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

The Migration and Resettlement team has an opening for a [Migration and Resettlement Settlement and Integration Associate](#) based out of the MCC Kitchener office. Don't miss out on this chance to be part of something meaningful! Go to mcc.org/careers for more information and to apply.

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp Hiring for our 2024 Summer Staff Team! Are you or is someone you know looking for a summer job filled with meaning, friendships and fun? Apply to join our 2024 Summer Staff Team! Check out our website at www.hiddenacres.ca for available positions, information and to apply. Connect our Program Director, Josh Penfold at josh@hiddenacres.ca with any questions.

OFFERING REPORT - February 18, 2024

Total Offering (budget): \$3155.00

Regular Offering: \$1695.00

PAO Offering: \$1460.00

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