



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - March 10, 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 *Christ Among Us, Showing Us Justice*

Prelude

Gathering

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship:

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good!

All: God's love endures forever.

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story.

All: God's love endures forever.

One: We may make careless choices and lose our way.

All: God's love endures forever.

One: We call out to God when we are in trouble.

All: God's love endures forever.

One: God rescues us from our anxieties and fears

All: God's love endures forever.

One: God's word sets us free to walk in newness of life.

All: God's love endures forever.

One: God gathers us in, from the east and the west, from the north and the south.

All: For God's unfailing love, we give thanks to the Creator of all that is good.

Opening Prayer

Opening Song: The Love of God - VT #162

Hearing God's Word/Confession

[Numbers 21: 4-9](#)

[John 3: 14-21](#)

Prayer of Confession:

One: Merciful God, we forget that you are the light of the world.

Many: Forgive us for our short memories

One: Remind us that you are rich in mercy

Many: when we wander away from you

One: Loving God, convict us of your immense love

Many: that shines brightly on us.

All: Merciful God, light of the world, we come seeking new life in you. Live in us, live through us.

Enable us to be agents of your mercy and grace.

Song: My Jesus, I Love Thee - VT #133

[Ephesians 2: 1-10](#)

Sermon: **"Receiving Mercy & Grace; Giving Mercy & Grace"** Pastor Clare

Responding to God's Word

Song of Response: Wonderful Grace of Jesus – VT #170

Sharing our Offerings

Congregational Prayer

Blessing & Sending

Sending Song: Longing For Light - VT #715

Benediction

Worship Leader:

Pianist:

Song Leaders:

Christian Ed Time: "Filling Our Branches" We will further explore what WMC, our church, brings to our community and beyond, and what we want to see happen in the future! Led by the Search Committee.

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.

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

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

We look forward to connecting with each of you as we share this Men's Breakfast together. Come and enjoy good food and great fellowship together. Come alone or bring a friend or two...we will always make room for more. We will also enjoy hearing from Glen Radke as he shares a Life Story. Please contact Clare or Ross if you are willing to share at a future Breakfast. **Please note: We will again be meeting in the room upstairs.** Enjoy the gift of life that God gives us each new day!

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.– Board of Directors' meeting

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

How did everyone respond to filling the branches that make up our WMC faith community? Following the Service on **March 10th, and March 17th, the Search Team would like to invite further discussion around "Filling Our Branches".**

WMC's Mission Committee is sponsoring a table for eight people at **Youth Unlimited—Waterloo Oxford 2024 Banquet** Saturday, March 23, 5:30 pm @ Bethel EMC, New Dundee. Would you like to join a group and attend? Maybe your small group or committee would like a night out? *Contact a member of WMC's Missions Committee if you are interested. The cost of the meal has been covered.*

2024 Easter Giving Project! The Missions Committee is inviting you to support Compass Refugee Centre this Easter season. We heard about their good work from Shelley Campagnola, Executive Director of Compass, on Sunday, March 3rd. You may make donations through the church until March 31st by cash, cheque or e transfer by indicating it is for 'Compass'. Thank you for your support!

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp's Annual Bowlathon is happening again this year! Please show your support by sponsoring Brad Mavin and Jessica Pavilonis, or by donating online at hiddenacres.ca/donate and select "Annual Bowlathon" from the list. Thank You!

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:

WELLESLEY BLOOD DONATION EVENT, Monday, March 11 from 2 p.m.–8 p.m. Wellesley Community Centre. By appointment. Book now by calling 1 888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283) / www.blood.ca / GiveBlood App

Wilmot Ecumenical Working Group on Indigenous/Settler Relationships free film screening at Zion United Church, New Hamburg on Tuesday, March 19th at 7 p.m. In a creative departure from previous films, Cree Code Talker, Tshueta and Three Thousand celebrate storytelling, resilience and culture originating from different Indigenous communities across Canada. Local writer and educator, Sherry Coman, curated the film series and will introduce the films and lead the discussion after the screening. Contact ecumenicalworkinggroup@gmail.com

Join **MEDA's Waterloo Network Hub for a breakfast gathering** on Thursday, March 28th, 7:30 a.m. at the [RiverSong Banquet Hall](#) (632 Hawkesville Rd, St. Jacobs, ON N0B 2N0). This event presents a unique opportunity for both young professionals and dedicated [MEDA](#) supporters to convene, network and expand your understanding of MEDA's mission. We are delighted to feature Guest Key Speaker, Chloe Hamilton, Founder of [Warm Embrace Elder Care Ltd](#), who will share her compelling journey, providing valuable insights into her community engagement and advocacy efforts that are sure to inspire. Cost: \$25 Regular, \$15 Student. [RSVP HERE](#): by **March 22nd**.

Hold Me Tight Couple's Workshop— March 23rd & March 24th, 9 am-5 pm at Interfaith Counselling Centre, New Hamburg. Learn how to: acknowledge strengths in your relationship, identify negative communication patterns, skills to de-escalate conflict in your relationship and heal from past relationship injuries. More info or to sign up: 519-662-3092 or admin@interfaithcounselling.ca Limited space available - \$500/couple (please let us know if this is a barrier).

All are invited to hear the Gospel Echoes Living Hope Team share God's love through music at Maple View Mennonite Church, 5074 Deborah Glaister Line, Wellesley on Sunday, March 24 at 7:30pm.

MCEC Annual Church Gathering, April 26 & 27, Leamington, ON. Inspired by Hope. Be inspired by the hope we find in Jesus. "We need you this weekend," says Ben Cassels, MCEC moderator. "We need your voice, engagement, wisdom and prayers as we gather to be the Church." Hear stories of inspiration and experience the wonder and mystery of God. Doug Klassen, celebration of ten years of ministry impact with Legacy Initiatives Fund; welcome five new congregations and more! [Registration is now open!](#)

Help support Rockway's Student Tuition Assistance program by becoming a golf sponsor in our [29th Annual Golf Classic](#). Contact Chris Ainsworth, Director of Advancement, at advancement@rockway.ca to learn more.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate is accepting nominations to be on the **Rockway Board of Directors**. If you are a champion of Rockway and wish to apply, visit www.rockway.ca and fill out the [google form](#). If you wish to nominate someone else, please email your suggestion at: nominations@rockway.ca

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for [Floradale Mennonite Church](#). Jim Loepp Thiessen and Anita Schroeder Kipfer provide pastoral care for this congregation. Floradale Mennonite Church is a congregation with a vision to love God and to love others. Pray for this congregation of more than 200 members as they worship together and care for each other and for their community.
- Pray for the MCEC Executive Minister search committee as they continue in their work. Pray that God would call candidates and for good discernment for all on the committee. ([See update](#).)
- Continue to pray for Myanmar, Ukraine, Gaza and throughout a world that cries for peace. Pray for those who are displaced, those who search for family members, those who make decisions and those who attempt to provide aid. Lord, hear our prayers.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate is accepting applications for the position of Vice-Principal. If you, or someone you know would be a good fit for our school, please view and share the full job posting at: rockway.ca/employment

OFFERING REPORT - March 3, 2024

Total Offering (budget): \$3660.00

Regular Offering: \$2200.00

PAO Offering: \$1460.00

Above Budget Donations:

Celebration Jar: \$17.00

Wellesley Food Cupboard: \$100.00

Compass Refugee Centre: \$116.00

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