



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - April 21, 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. 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

Prelude

Gathering

Words of Welcome and Announcements
Land Acknowledgement
Musical Interlude
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
Opening Song: Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him VT #30

Hearing God's Word

Intro (Paul) and Scripture Reading: [John 21](#)
Sermon: **Meeting Jesus On the Beach** Speaker: Paul Dyck

Responding to God's Word

Song of Response: My Jesus I love Thee VT #133
Sharing our Offerings
Congregational Prayer

Blessing & Sending

Sending Song: We Your People Sing Your Praises VT #849
Benediction

Worship Leader:

Pianist:

Song Leaders:

Ushers:

Junior Sunday School during the worship service. Theme: *Kid's Mission in the Environment-Genesis 1:11-13*

Coffee Time: Please consider hosting a coffee time! Coffee required...snacks are optional ☺ Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

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

Susan Roes is on holiday until May 3.

Thursday, 7-9 p.m.– Youth Worship Night at Westheights Community Church. We have been invited for a worship and games night.

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

Kids For Christ! Monday, April 29, 6-7:30 p.m. (note time change). "The Blue Marble" *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth - Genesis 1:1*. We will be celebrating earth day with science experiments, songs, storytelling, crafts and snacks. Our special guests, Terry and Christa, will be sharing with us the important roles that bees play in the environment.

Women's Ministry event Wednesday May 1st at 7 pm. Our guest speaker is Ruth Abernethy a local Wilmot sculptor. Enjoy ice cream sundaes while we listen. We look forward to spending time together.

WMC Annual Business Meeting, Sunday, May 5th following the worship service. Please plan to attend this important meeting where we will review and reflect on the past year and set goals for the year ahead. Report booklets were emailed but if you prefer a hard copy they are located by the mailboxes.

Save the Date!! June 7th to 9th - church camping weekend and outdoor worship service and potluck. More details will follow for this fun and entertaining time of fellowship and connections in the great outdoors. Plan to pitch a tent, come with your RV/trailer or rent a cabin. Whether you come for the weekend or join in a campfire and/or the Sunday worship, all are welcome.

Wellesley Mennonite Church and Crosshill Mennonite Church are excited to bring back our annual **Vacation Bible School** for children entering JK to finishing Grade 6 (born 2020-2012). VBS runs from 9:00 am to 11:45 am on July 1-5 at Crosshill MC. **Registration is now open online:** <https://www.crosshillmennonitechurch.ca/vbs2024> We are also seeking volunteers to be group leaders or assisting to run activities. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jessica P or Donna B.

The five hundredth anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025 gives the church a unique opportunity to celebrate and dream. WMC participated in a bible study group to contribute to the Anabaptist Community Bible. Menno Media is working on additional resources including children's picture books and devotional study guides. WMC is invited to donate financial to the production of these resources. If you would like to make a contribution please designate your donation *Anabaptism 500*.

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS:

MCEC Annual Church Gathering, April 26 & 27, Leamington, ON. *Inspired by Hope*. Be inspired by the hope we find in Jesus. This event will be livestreamed without interaction or chat. Link will be available at www.mcec.ca

- **Solar Eclipse Glasses Collection - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.** Please give your glasses to Niamh Brown who will deliver to the MCEC Annual Church Gathering in Leamington. They will be distributed to school children in developing countries in preparation for upcoming eclipses.
- **Consider the Birds: Point Pelee Pre- MCEC Annual Church Gathering Contemplative Nature Walk**, Friday, April 26, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Point Pelee National Park - Join MCEC Eco-Minister Wendy Janzen for an afternoon excursion to Point Pelee National Park. The park is just 16 km south of UMEI, and is famous for the spring bird migration. Come and enjoy the unique Carolinian forest, the Lake Erie shoreline, spring wildflowers, and whatever birds and wildlife we find. [More information at mcec.ca](http://www.mcec.ca).

A homegrown response to the UN's World Press Freedom Day theme "Journalism in the face of the Environmental Crisis" is a special film and panel discussion event on Sunday, April 28, from 1-4 p.m., at Waterloo's Princess Twin Cinema. Admission is \$20. This event is mounted by local journalists, many of whom are friends of the local Christian communities. Details and advance tickets available from <https://www.ink-stainedwretches.org/film-festival.html>

Shalom's Counselling Services Annual Spring Brunch. We are delighted to have Dr. Ross Kennel, a primary care physician and medical director in long-term care in Waterloo Region, as our guest speaker. Saturday May 4, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Golf's Steakhouse, Royal Room. *Stuck in the Middle with You - "Stories and Thoughts on Health Care"* \$50 (Receipts provided for \$20 of ticket price). To purchase your ticket please contact Shalom by Monday April 29, at 519-886-9690 or online at www.shalomcounselling.org/brunch.

The **Nith Valley Ecoboosters** is hosting a free in-person educational event on April 30th entitled: **"STOVE TALK: Introduction to Induction"**. Room A at the Wilmot Recreational Complex, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please join us and learn about induction cooking, how induction burners work, and see cooking demonstrations with 5 "local chefs". Registration is required using this link: <https://bit.ly/stovetalk> Contact - Betsey Daub at nvecoboosters@gmail.com

Poolle Mennonite Church is hosting a Vendors Market in support of Missions. **Saturday, May 4th** - 10 am-2 pm.

Come and bring your friends to shop! A variety of vendors for you to see! If you or a friend or family member would like to have a table, please contact Karina Ropp 519-274-9663 karinasuz@icloud.com or Joyce Gerber 519-274-9900

Saturday, May 4, 7:30pm (St Matthews Lutheran, Kitchener) and Sunday, May 5, 3:00pm (Wallenstein Bible Chapel): **Menno Singers** joins voices with the **Heart Cry Ensemble** to present '**My God is a Rock - Songs to Celebrate God's Faithfulness.**' Tickets \$20, Child/Student \$5 at www.mennosingers.com or at the door.

40th Anniversary Gala hosted by Interfaith Counselling Centre, Wednesday, June 19 at Puddicombe Banquet Hall, New Hamburg. Doors open at 6 pm - dinner starts at 6:30 pm. Live music, gala dinner, fundraising activities. Tickets: \$140/person available [here](#).

Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario Annual Meeting & Niagara Russlaender Centenary Tour, Sat., June 15. Join the Society for a day tour of sites in the Niagara region to commemorate the centenary of the arrival of *Russlaender* Mennonite immigrants in Ontario. Visit www.mhso.org and fill out a form to be notified when registration opens.

Volunteer with MDS in Canada this summer! MDS invites **families** to volunteer for a week in July at Fraser Lake Camp in Ontario. **Adults** interested in volunteering solo, or with friends/family are invited to help with a wildfire response in Lytton, B.C. For more info and to sign up, visit mds.org/canadian-opportunities or call Clara at 1-866-261-1274.

MDS' April edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, you'll read about a multigenerational family's experience at the MDS Family Project in Sauble Beach, Ont. and of a Winkler, Man. church that expanded their community ministry through a grant from the Spirit of MDS Fund. **Read *On the Level*:** <https://conta.cc/4axVlxk>

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for [Hamilton Mennonite Church](#). Myrna Miller Dyck provides pastoral care for this congregation. Please pray for this congregation as they share God's grace and live God's peace.
- Laurel Rounds Fretz will be Licensed Toward Ordination at Community Mennonite Fellowship on April 21. Pray for Laurel and the congregation as they celebrate her calling to ministerial leadership. To share your words of encouragement and support with Laurel, you can reach her at pastorlaurel@cmfdrayton.ca.
- Pray for the MCEC Annual Church Gathering taking place next weekend in Leamington, ON. Pray for those preparing, those who are travelling. May we be inspired by the hope we find in Jesus as we worship and work together.
- Continue to pray for Myanmar, Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine 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:

Thrift on Kent is hiring an Associate Processing - Softlines. This position is responsible for keeping up with inventory flow in a fast-paced, high capacity setting and works closely with the management team on a day-to-day basis. Learn more about the position and apply today at mcc.org/careers.

OFFERING REPORT - April 14, 2024

Total Offering (budget): \$3205.00

Regular Offering: \$1745.00

PAO Offering: \$1460.00

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