



# WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

## INFORMATION SHEET - April 7, 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 Songs: This Joyful Eastertide VT #352 , All Hail the Power of Jesus Name VT #364

### **Hearing God's Word**

Welcome and Introduction of Paul Dyck - Dan L  
Scripture Reading Introduction  
Scripture Reading: [Psalm 121](#)  
Sermon: ***Faith Story*** Paul Dyck

### **Responding to God's Word**

Song of Response: The Love of God VT #162  
Installation Litany: VT #967 and 968

### ***Paul's Commitment to leadership in our shared ministry at Wellesley Mennonite Church***

I pledge with you  
to seek first the reign of God and discern the leading of the Holy Spirit,  
to follow the way of Jesus and grow into the mind of Christ,  
to love God and love our neighbours  
to study the Scriptures prayerfully  
and give thanks through all things for the steadfast love and mercy of God.

### ***Congregation's commitment to Paul and our shared ministry***

We promise  
to receive your wisdom and offer you counsel for the benefit of our lives together,  
to respect you as a leader in this community of faith and endure with you in times of disagreement,  
to support your leadership with prayer and resources  
to bless you in gratitude, grace, and hope for the ministry we share.

### ***Prayer of blessing***

One: May God who calls you to this ministry grant you grace, joy, and endurance  
All: Amen!  
One: May Christ guide and empower you for service and leadership.  
All: Amen!  
One: May the Holy Spirit fill you with the gifts you need.  
All: Amen!  
One: May the One whose love unities us as the body of Christ  
strengthen us to live and proclaim the gospel together  
All: Amen!

Sharing our Offerings  
Celebration Jar  
Congregational Prayer

### **Blessing & Sending**

Sending Song: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms VT #160  
Benediction

**Worship Leader:**

**Pianist:**

**Song Leaders:**

**Ushers:**

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

**Tuesday, 8:30 am - WMC "North of 60" Men's Breakfast - Schmidtsville Restaurant** Yes, it is our first Men's Breakfast of "Spring", and we look forward to connecting with each of you as we share this time 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 Arnie Bender 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.** May God bless and encourage you as you celebrate this Easter season.

**Tuesday 1:00 p.m.–** Elder's meeting

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

**Birthday Celebrations:**

**Households of Faith:**

### **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:**

**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!](#) WMC is able to send four delegates plus one youth delegate. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

**Save the date:** The next **Women's Ministry event** is **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.

**Save the Date!! June 7th to 9th - church camping weekend and outdoor worship service** and pot-luck. 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. Please contact [Delores Schwartzenruber](#), [Donna Britton](#) or [Juanita Nafziger](#) for more information.

### **THANK YOU**

I wish to thank my entire church family and especially Pastor Clare, the Elders and Care Team, for all the love, care and concern you have shown me in my cancer journey. I am truly grateful for all of you, and for the texts, cards, emails, gifts, phone calls, flowers, food and prayers. Your support has continued to lift me up during this difficult time. While this journey is far from over, I am so appreciative of your ongoing prayers. I am blessed to be part of such a caring church family.

Thank you and blessings to you all.

### **YOUTH NEWS:**

**Thursday, April 25th, 7-9 p.m.– Worship Night at Westheights Community Church.** We have been invited for a worship and games night. More details will follow.

## **BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS:**

**Poole People Players** presents: *A Wing and a Prayer* on **April 11, 12 & 13** at the Perth East Recreation Complex in Milverton. *Come and see if you can help solve the mystery!* For tickets call Janet: 519-595 -8424 or [poolemen@perth.net](mailto:poolemen@perth.net)

**We are so excited to once again host IF:Gathering at Crosshill Mennonite Church** on Friday, April 12 (6:30-9:30 PM) & Saturday April 13. (9:00-4:00). This event welcomes women of all ages, including teenagers and beyond! We eagerly invite the younger women within our congregation to join us this year. **Click here for more information and to register!** <https://www.crosshillmennonitechurch.ca/if2024>

**You're Invited to MEDA's Waterloo Network Hub Annual Spring Banquet.** Saturday, April 20th at Shantz Mennonite Church. Doors open at 5:30 pm, 6 pm dinner. \$55 per person. [RSVP HERE](#) by **April 12th**. Join us for an evening of delightful experiences and insightful presentations. Hosted by Gary & Brenda Leis

In collaboration with the [Central Ontario Musicians' Association](#), [The St. Matthews Centre](#) is hosting two Jazz & Spirit evenings to highlight the artistry of local jazz musicians on Sunday, April 14 (Paul Mitchell Dixieland Band) and Sunday, April 28 (Larry's Jazz Guys), at 7 pm at St. Matthews, Kitchener. These free admission jazz concerts are accompanied by spiritual readings by contemporary authors and are supported through the Music Performance Trust Fund.

[Rockway's 29th Annual Golf Classic!](#) Mark your calendars for Monday, May 27 and join us at Grey Silo Golf Club in Waterloo. The **Early Bird registration closes on Monday, April 15** so sign up today and save! Why not come out for a day of fun, food and friends. For more information about the day, including cost and how to register, visit [www.rockway.ca/golf](http://www.rockway.ca/golf)

**Let's Get Dirty: The Lowdown on Earth's Fabric in your own Yard** – a Face2Face panel discussion on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 PM at CMU and via livestream. Hear from scientists, researchers, and farmers about the untapped potential that's in your very own yard. Visit [cmu.ca/face2face](http://cmu.ca/face2face).

**MCEC Financial Zoom Call, April 17, 7-8 p.m. online.** The internal financial statements will be presented in advance of the Annual Church Gathering. This conversation provides an early opportunity for conversation and to ask questions. This event is open to pastors, delegates, treasurers, councils and congregational leaders. Register through your Annual Church Gathering registration OR at [mcec.ca](http://mcec.ca).

**Grace Lao Mennonite Church annual Egg Roll Sale!** Order by April 18 by using the sheet on the WMC bulletin board. Pick up is Saturday, May 4th at 575 Lancaster St. West, Kitchener. Veggie or meat: \$2/egg roll, box of 10/\$20.

**April DaCapo Chamber Choir Concert - Dualities** featuring Catherine Robertson and mezzo-soprano Jennifer Enns Modolo. Sat., April 20—7:30 p.m. and Sun., April 21—3:00 p.m. at Trillium Lutheran Church, Waterloo. Tickets available [online](#) until 4hrs before the performance, or at the door (cash only).

**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](#).

### [Silver Lake Mennonite Camp](#)

**Music is Medicine Retreat** – Come to Silver Lake for a weekend of singing and instrumental music from April 19-21. All meals provided. Register at [slmc.ca/retreats](http://slmc.ca/retreats).

**Remembering Henry Pauls** – A CILT Cabin Dedication Service will be held on April 28 at 10am at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp to honour Henry Pauls' legacy with the camp.

**SLMC Summer Camp** – Registration is open! Visit [slmc.ca/summer-camp](http://slmc.ca/summer-camp) to view all programs available at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp this summer.

**Spring Work Weekend** – Enjoy a family-friendly, free weekend at Silver Lake to help open the camp for the summer. All meals provided. April 26-28. Register at [slmc.ca/retreats](http://slmc.ca/retreats).

**Spring Seniors Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp.** On **Monday, April 29th** join us for a day of fellowship, community and conversations. Dr. Martha Taylor will share with us in the morning and Jane Kuepfer will host a panel discussion in the afternoon as we intentionally explore end-of-life conversations. Brochures by WMC mailboxes or register online at [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca)

**New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Promotion Dinner, Monday, April 29th, 6:00 p.m.,** Calvary United Church, St. Jacobs. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner catered by *Gracie's Country Oven* and the sweet sounds of *Surrendered*, a

group of guys who love singing acapella for the Lord! MCC will give an update on their work in Ethiopia. Funds raised help offset the costs of running the relief sale. Skip the line and order your tickets [HERE](#) for \$25/adult. Children aged 10 and under are free. Questions? Give Justin a call: 519-745-8458 ext. 262

## **MCEC IN PRAYER**

- Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for **Grace New Life Mennonite Church** in Hamilton, ON. Sririsack Saythavy provides pastoral care for this congregation. Please pray for this Laotian congregation as they minister in their Hamilton neighbourhood.
- KyongJung Kim will be Ordained at Preston Mennonite Church on April 7. Pray for KyongJung and the congregations (Preston and Wanner) as they celebrate his calling to ministerial leadership. To share your words of encouragement and support with KyongJung, you can reach him at [kyongjung.pwchurches@gmail.com](mailto:kyongjung.pwchurches@gmail.com).
- 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:**

**Join the CMU team** – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a Residence Director (full-time, salaried with benefits) as well as other opportunities in Student Life, Enrolment, and Human Resources. Visit [cmu.ca/employment](http://cmu.ca/employment) for details on this and other employment opportunities.

## **OFFERING REPORT - March 31, 2024**

Total Offering (budget): \$3610.00

Regular Offering: \$2150.00

PAO Offering: \$1460.00

Above Budget Donations:

Compass Refugee Centre: \$1052.00

Wellesley Community Food Cupboard: \$300.00

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