



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - August 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. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85140408023>

Order of Worship

Prelude

Gathering

Words of Welcome and Announcements
Land Acknowledgement
Musical Interlude
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
Opening Songs: Christ is Our Cornerstone #4 VT
Lord, I Need You #155 VT

Hearing God's Word

Intro and Scripture Readings: Genesis 50:15-21

Sermon: ***The Joseph Soaps 3 - Hard Forgiveness*** Speaker: Paul Dyck

Responding to God's Word

Song of Response: The Love of God #162 VT

Sharing our Offerings - *thank you for placing your offering in the plate on the back table as you enter or leave*
Congregational Prayer

Blessing & Sending

Sending Song: God, Give Me Time #144 VT
Benediction

Worship Leader:

Pianist: Song Leaders:

AV Techs:

Usher:

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

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

Summer Long Weekend Joint Worship Services: This summer WMC is worshipping with Poole Mennonite Church and Crosshill Mennonite Church on long weekends. **September 1st** we worship together at WMC - speaker: Fred Redekop. In preparation for our joint worship service on Sept 1, Fred Redekop is suggesting we read the book of James. He sent this outline to guide our thoughts as we prepare to worship together:

The Book of James

Works and Faith

- ⇒ August 18 James 1:1, 19-27 "Listening and Speaking"
- ⇒ August 25 James 2:14-26 "You have faith and I have deeds"
- ⇒ **September 1 James 3:13-18 "Who is wise among you" verse 13**
- ⇒ September 8 James 4:1-12 "Do not fight, submit to God"
- ⇒ September 15 James 5: 13-19 Pray and anoint ourselves with oil

James is a practical book about how to live a Christian life. As the Bible was being formed, James was a book on the edge of getting in or out of the New Testament. People thought that it did not have enough theology and salvation.

In the Reformation, Martin Luther was the leading theologian, pastor and reformer. He wanted to take the letter from James out of the Bible. There was, in his opinion, too much about words and deeds.

If you have time, please read the short letter. If you have even more time read it one other version, like The Message or the King James version

What do you agree with in the letter?

What things concern you about James writing here?

Please be in prayer for this upcoming message.

Event for Seniors! Friday, September 6th, 2:00 p.m. at WMC. Come hear Stanley Windels, a blind man from Saskatchewan who is currently travelling in Ontario, share his gift of music and testimony. Plan to join us and invite a friend.

Mark Saturday, September 14th on your calendars! WMC will be hosting a Community BBQ!

Pastor Transition Update:

- We celebrate with Mathew & Nina Bailey-Dick and their family as they have moved to Waterloo on Aug 12 & 13.
- Matthew's first worship service with us will be on Sept 22. He reports that he is eager to "jump in with both feet"
- A formal installation and licensing celebration service will be planned for Matthew later in the fall.
- Pastor Paul's farewell Sunday service with us will be Sept 15.
- We anticipate a few weeks of overlap with Pastor Clare and Pastor Matthew to facilitate a smooth transition. Final dates for a farewell for Clare are still to be determined.

These are significant milestones for us to celebrate well! We look forward to change with lots of emotions and wonderings. Yet, in all of this we know that God is present with us for we are God's people, ... the sheep of his pasture. May we pray in faith that God will guide the future of all who come, and go, and remain, for God's glory.

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS:

Come and be inspired by powerful stories from the heart of Southern and Central Africa! Join us in the Community Room at 50 Kent Ave., Kitchener Tuesday, Sept. 3, 12-12:45 p.m., where Vurayayi Pugini, MCC's Area Director for Southern and Central Africa and Nigeria, will share firsthand experiences that will uplift and challenge us. Can't make it in person? Tune in live on our [Facebook page](#)! Don't miss this unique opportunity to connect and learn!

Chord Spinners presents: **Barbershop Fest...a Barbershop music festival and market!** Nine Barbershop choruses and quartets performing. Saturday, September 7th, 10 am-5 pm at Gale Presbyterian Church, Elmira. Open to everyone. No entrance fee. Food trucks, raffle table, live music, homemade items and more! [Barbershop Fest](#)

Shalom Counselling Services is excited to invite you to participate in our upcoming event, **10,000 Steps for Mental Health**. Saturday, September 21, Shalom Counselling Services, 9 Avondale Ave. S., Waterloo. Registration Begins at 9 am, Walk Starts at 9:30 am. Participants will travel a route to the Iron Horse Trail, along the trail, and back to Shalom. Join us and set your own goals, whether it's taking 10,000 steps or 1,000 steps, or fundraising \$10,000 or \$100. Choose a goal that works for you and help us provide more affordable, accessible counselling services in the Waterloo Region. Sign up on our website: <https://shalomcounselling.org/steps>. After the walk, there will be a community block party to celebrate our achievements. Please come out and support local mental health resources.

SLMC Fall Retreats – Registration is open for Fall Retreats at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, including Men's Retreat (Sept. 13-15), Bruce Trail Hikes, and Work Weekend (Nov. 1-3). Register at slmc.ca/retreats.

Mennonite World Conference Info Newsletter is available [here](#). Explore how brothers and sisters worldwide are following Jesus, living out unity and building peace.

Behind the Hammer is the quarterly publication of Mennonite Disaster Service. Here's what you'll find inside the Summer 2024 issue: Rebuilding after a wildfire in British Columbia, MDS volunteers build 100th bridge, plus more stories of faith in action as MDS responds to disasters across the US and Canada. [Click here to view the digital version of Behind the Hammer](#).

MDS' August edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, you'll read about last year's devastating fire in the North Shuswap area, British Columbia, including: a key volunteer's personal connections there and a wildfire survivor's experience. **Read *On the Level*:** <https://conta.cc/3Av5ttD>

Take some time to read *Starling's (formerly Lutherwood) 2024 Community Report: The People Who Inspire Us*. It shares some stories of inspiration from clients, chronicles inspiring words from our staff, and offers a few highlights of initiatives that help those in our community who turn to us for support.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

MCC is recruiting volunteers to become part of the Circle of Friends program to help support individuals transitioning out of homelessness. No special experience or background is required to volunteer, but volunteers should be compassionate, patient and good listeners. Go to mcc.org/opportunity/circle-friends for more information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Faith Formation Leader for Children, Youth, and Young Adults at Breslau Mennonite Church. This position can also be two positions with one person focusing on Children and another focusing on Youth and Young Adults. The position is open to qualified applicants with a commitment to Christ and who practice an Anabaptist faith. The complete posting is on the bulletin board at WMC. Applications can be sent immediately, and the search will continue until a suitable candidate is found.

OFFERING REPORT - August 18, 2024

Total Offering (budget): \$3,854.00

Regular Offering: \$2,440.00

PAO Offering: \$1,414.00

Above Budget Donations:

Wellesley Food Cupboard: \$50.00

Memory of Sharon Adams: \$150.00

Coffee Time: \$12.50

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