



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - September 1, 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>

Summer Long Weekend Joint Worship Services: September 1st we worship together at WMC with Poole Mennonite Church and Crosshill Mennonite Church.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Gathering

Words of Welcome, Announcements and Land Acknowledgement

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship - VT #869

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs: Let Us Build a House VT #36
God of Grace and God of Glory VT #716

Hearing God's Word

Old Testament Scripture Reading: Micah 6:6-8, Exodus 20:13-17

Song: Beloved, God's Chosen VT #164

Children's Story:

New Testament Scripture Reading: James 3:13-18

Sermon: **Who is Wise Among You?** Fred Redekop

Responding to God's Word

Song of Response: Take My Life and Let It Be VT #759

Offering Prayer - *thank you for placing your offering in the plate on the back table as you enter or leave*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Blessing & Sending

Closing Song: Sent forth with God's Blessing VT #812

Benediction

Worship Leader:

Pianist:

Song Leaders:

AV Techs:

Ushers:

Coffee Time: Please join us for a time of fellowship.

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

Friday, 2:00 p.m. at WMC. Event for Seniors! Come hear Stanley Windels, a blind musician from Saskatchewan who is currently travelling in Ontario, share his gift of music and testimony. Plan to join us and invite a friend. Free will offering will be held to provide an honourarium for our guest.

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

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:

- ✚ 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 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.

Gathering Sunday: Sunday, September 8th— As a twist to our annual backpack blessing, all are invited to participate by bringing your backpack, book bag, brief case, work lunch bag, tool belt, or something related to your volunteer roles. We will ask God's blessing upon us as we learn, sturdy, work and serve in the community. Items could be placed around the front table as you enter the sanctuary. All volunteers working with children, youth and vulnerable persons will sign the 'Volunteer Commitment Form' on Sept. 8.

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 8:30 a.m. - WMC's "North of Sixty" Men's Breakfast at Schmidtsville Restaurant
The days may seem to be getting shorter as we move into September, however, the time together at the Men's Breakfast only gets better. Come and enjoy good food and great fellowship. Bring a friend or two—we will always make room for more. We also look forward to hearing from Dan Gingrich who will be sharing some of his Life Story. Contact Ross Shantz or Pastor Clare if you have not yet had an opportunity to share and are "raring to go". **See you on the 10th.**

Saturday, September 14th, 5-7 p.m. - WMC will be hosting a Community BBQ! Rain or Shine. Think green and bring your own dishes. Free will offering for Wellesley Food Cupboard. **Help Needed!! If you can help by bringing a salad, transporting picnic tables, BBQ, hand out plates, serve ice cream or clean up, please click on this link to sign up:** [Community BBQ sign up](#) . **There is also a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the church lobby if you would prefer to sign up that way.**

September 15 Farewell service for Paul. Part of this service will include our monthly celebration jar. Come prepared to share a moment of celebration for Paul's ministry among us. Perhaps you are grateful for one of Paul's sermons that stuck with you and helped you grow spiritually, perhaps you want to celebrate his compassion and care for you, or perhaps you celebrate the overall guidance he provided in worship. Of course you can share other life events you celebrate, but this Sunday we will also focus on our gratitude for Paul's leadership among us in order to give him a blessed farewell.

Matthew Bailey-Dick's first worship service with us will be on September 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.

Save The Date! Wednesday, October 2nd, 6:30 pm - **Women's Ministry "Power of 3"**. Join us for a soup supper and social time before we dig into the "power of 3". How does that number come into our lives? How it is used in the bible? Ready...set...GO!!!!

Attached to this info page you will find a copy of the **2024-2025 Leadership Commissions and Committees**. The new terms begin on September 1, 2024.

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS:

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](#)

Book Launch | Thursday, September 12, 4:00 PM. Celebrate the launch of Grebel Dean and Associate Professor of History and Theological Studies Troy Osborne's new book *Radicals and Reformers: A Survey of Global Anabaptist History*. The afternoon will feature a short program and reception. Books will be available for purchase and signing. More information at uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/radicals-reformers

Meet-the-Author – Sunday September 15, 2:00 p.m. The Laudato Si Action Team at St. Francis of Assisi parish, 49 Blueridge Avenue, Kitchener, is hosting local author Leah Reesor-Keller. In her newly published book, *Tending To Tomorrow*, Leah suggests ways to plant seeds of change which can ignite courageous imagination, repair injustice and nurture a tomorrow where possibilities bloom and people and planet flourish. Leah speaks out of her Christian Mennonite roots, but her conclusions apply equally to all people of good will. Please RSVP to StFrancisKitchener@HamiltonDiocese.com. Her book is available from Wordsworth or Amazon.

Putt for a Purpose, Golf Tournament in Support of MEDA, September 19. Join peopleCare Communities on the beautiful Foxwood Golf Club in Baden for a fantastic golf fundraiser featuring a 9-hole best ball format, exciting contests, a delicious breakfast and luncheon, vibrant cocktail party, silent auction and loads of amazing prizes. Feel good about your golf game knowing that all proceeds go towards [MEDA \(Mennonite Economic Development Associates\)](#), an organization dedicated to alleviating poverty around the world. [Register here.](#)

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.

Gleaners Fundraising Dinner – Friday, October 25th. Corporate sponsors for this event are needed, please call the Gleaners office 519-624-8245 if interested.

The Inter-Mennonite Children's choir is excited about our upcoming Fall 2024 season and are still looking for a few more singers to join us! Our rehearsals take place on Tuesday evenings at W-K United Mennonite Church for children in Grades 1 and up and provide an excellent music education experience while singing with friends. Please contact: conductor@imcchoir.org for information about how to register.

Interfaith Counselling Centre is holding various support groups this fall. Please see bulletin board for information.

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.

Beyond Housing is pleased to share that over the course of the summer, we have reached the capital campaign goal of \$2.5 million for Sprucelawn Apartments for Seniors in St. Jacobs. Read about this and other news [HERE](#) in the summer newsletter.

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

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>

OFFERING REPORT - August 25, 2024

Total Offering (budget): \$3099.00

Regular Offering: \$1685.00

PAO Offering: \$1,414.00

Above Budget Donations:

Memory of Sharon Adams: \$75.00

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