



WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - September 8, 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>

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, study, work and serve in the community. Items could be placed around the front table as you enter the sanctuary.

Junior Sunday School– All children preschool - grade 5 are welcome to join Sunday School in the basement during the worship service. Enjoy learning about Zacchaeus along with crafts and of course, snack.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Gathering

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Musical Interlude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: Glory To God VT #880

Opening Songs: Praise The Lord, Sing Hallelujah VT #95

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee VT #138

Prayer Sessions

Prayer for Students, Staff and Parents -

Prayer for all Ministry Volunteers (singing of Volunteer Commitment Form) -

Prayer of Blessing for the Work of Our Hands - Pastor Clare

Bible Presentations for Grade 1 and 7 youths:

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Readings:

[Luke 7: 11-17](#)

[John 14: 25-27](#); [John 16: 33](#)

[Luke 3: 7-14](#)

[Philippians 4:10-13](#); [Isaiah 41: 8-13](#)

Sermon: **“Stretching...Strengthening”** Pastor Clare

Responding to God's Word

Song of Response: God of Grace and God of Glory VT #716

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

Congregational Prayer - Donna Jantzi

Blessing & Sending

Closing Song: Calm Me, Lord VT #680

Benediction

Worship Leader:

Pianist:

Song Leaders:

AV Techs:

Ushers:

Coffee Time: Please consider taking a turn hosting coffee time! Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

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

Tuesday, 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.

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

Saturday, 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, 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.

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

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 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.

It's that time of year again! **Wellesley Mennonite Church is making and selling Apple Fritters at the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival on September 28.** To make this another successful event for our community we need your help. If you enjoy working with great people for a great cause and you are high school age and up, we would love to have you join us in the Fritter booth for a 2 hour shift. Click on the online sign-up sheet to sign up for a shift: [ABC fritter booth sign up 2024](#) If you prefer, call Terry or Christa at 519 656 9966 to volunteer. This is a great way for high school age volunteers to earn community services hours! Hope to see you there, and thanks for helping!

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!!!!

NEEDED! Toys, puzzles or games for ages preschool to grade 5 to use in Junior Sunday School. Please be in touch with Donna Britton if you have any to share.

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS:

Monday September 9 at Lora & Greg's Farm (2827 Hutchison Road, just down from Crosshill Church. **Crosshill MC will kick off Venture Club** this year with a fun Wagon Ride to the bush for a fire, devotion, games and snack. Parents- we will have extra helpers for safety and are in the field only). You won't want to miss this fun event! All Children in grades JK to Grade 6 are welcome.

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

On behalf of **MEDA's Waterloo Network hub**, please join us for an inspiring morning as we hear from Vanh Kalong, a Laotian refugee whose journey from fleeing her home country to becoming a successful entrepreneur is nothing

short of remarkable. As the founder of *My-Thai Group*, an award-winning Thai restaurant brand with locations across Ancaster, Brantford, Cambridge, Paris, and soon Waterloo, Vanh has built a successful business that reflects her passion to live an impactful and purposeful life. September 19, 7:30 am at Graffiti Market, 137 Glasgow St, Kitchener. Cost: \$25. RSVP [HERE](#) by September 13.

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.](#)

Peace Week - September 21-30. Peace Week highlights community initiatives related to peace and justice from the *International Day of Peace* (Sept 21) to the *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation* (Sept 30) Visit: uwaterloo.ca/peace-week for a full listing of local events.

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.

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.

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for Ma Destinée. Rneau Jean-Claude and Marjorie Brutus provide pastoral leadership to this congregation in Montreal. Pray for them as they strive to be a beacon of hope for their wider community.
- Continue to pray for areas in the world who cry out for peace: Ukraine, Russia, Myanmar, Israel, Palestine, Sudan and more... Where there is conflict, bring reconciliation; where there is division, bring unity. Help us to be peacemakers, showing love and compassion to all.

OFFERING REPORT - September 1, 2024

Total Offering (budget): \$4,899.00

Regular Offering: \$3,485.00

PAO Offering: \$1,414.00

Above Budget Donations:

Memory of Sharon Adams: \$50.00

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