



# WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

## INFORMATION SHEET - September 15, 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>

**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.

### Order of Worship

Prelude

#### Gathering

Words of Welcome and Announcements  
Land Acknowledgement  
Musical Interlude  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer  
Opening Songs: Come, Christians, Join to Sing #28 VT  
Over My Head #594 VT

#### Hearing God's Word

Intro and Scripture Readings from Philipians 1, 1 Corinthians 12, Psalm 23  
Sermon: **"Final Words and Fable"** Pastor Paul Dyck

#### Responding to God's Word

Song of Response: Blessed Be The Tie That Binds #831 VT  
Offering Prayer - *thank you for placing your offering in the plate on the back table as you enter or leave*  
Congregational Prayer

#### Blessing & Sending

Celebration Jar  
\* Gratitude for Paul's Ministry  
\* Gift and Prayer of Blessing  
Sending Song: Help Us To Help Each Other #722 VT  
Benediction

**Worship Leader:** Jamie G

**Pianist:** Sandra S

**Song Leaders:**

**AV Techs:** Anson and Jon

**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/>

**Birthday Celebrations:**

**Households of Faith:**

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

**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. Pastor Clare's farewell service will be held Sunday, October 27.

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 is it 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 B if you have any to share.

## ADDRESS UPDATE:

## YOUTH GROUP EVENTS:

**Season Opener - Backyard Games and Campfire!** Sunday, Sept 15th - 5:00 to 7:30 pm at James & Lisa's. Please bring a lawn chair, water bottle, and munchies or sweet treats - supper and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP by Friday, Sept 13th.

**Wellesley Youth Grades 7-12:** Meet at 1123 Henry Street (St. Mark's Church) in Wellesley on Sunday, September 22 at 4 p.m. for an **Amazing Race!** Hosted by New Hope Community Church. Prizes! Come prepared to run around Wellesley!!

## BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS:

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.

**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](http://uwaterloo.ca/peace-week) for a full listing of local events.

**Wellesley Blood Donor Clinic**— Monday, September 23, 2-8 p.m. at the Township of Wellesley Recreation Complex, 1401 Queens Bush Road. Appointments encouraged but walk-ins may be accommodated. Book now at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) or call 1-888-2-DONATE

**Join us at the MCC Ontario annual general meeting- Monday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.** Grounded in the church, our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is an opportunity for us to be accountable, transparent and responsive to you. We invite you to join in celebrating the impact you've made of sharing God's love and compassion in the lives of so many in Ontario and around the world. Delegates from constituent congregations are invited and authorized to vote. The meeting will take place over Zoom. For more information, go to [mcc.org/Ontario-AGM](http://mcc.org/Ontario-AGM).

**Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is hosting a Coffeehouse Fundraiser** on Sept. 28 from 7-9pm on the second floor of 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener. This will also be a sendoff for former Executive Director Karen Cornies. More info at [slmc.ca](http://slmc.ca) .

**"Leading the Church Through Conflict"** is designed to help those in paid or unpaid church leadership roles think through the unique challenges of group dynamics within a faith community and how to best address and transform polarities that may arise. Plan to join us October 1 – 4 each morning online for this valuable interdenominational

learning opportunity led by Dr. Betty Pries. Registration fee required. [uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management/workshops](http://uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management/workshops)

**Fall Seniors Retreat at Hidden Acres-** You are invited to the beautiful Hidden Acres Camp on *October 7th* to explore the theme of Falling in Love with Creation - For God so loved the world. What does loving God's good creation look like? What changes in us when we pay loving attention to creation? Come join us for a day of encouragement, reflection and good food. To register visit [hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat](http://hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat). See poster for more details.

**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.

**The Abner Martin Music Scholarship** (\$4,000 value last year) is awarded annually by Menno Singers to a student who: 1) will be enrolled in a full-time music major or minor program at the undergraduate or graduate level in 2024-2025); 2) is affiliated with an MCEC congregation; and 3) has demonstrated involvement and proficiency in musical activities in church and community. Application deadline is October 30, 2024. For more information and/or an application form contact The Abner Martin Scholarship Committee at [amscholarship@awbecker.ca](mailto:amscholarship@awbecker.ca)

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**MCC Thrift Centre, New Hamburg** is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteers to support various areas of our work, and we would be delighted to have you involved! For more details, please see the poster. If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to call us at 519-662-2867 or [emmanorris@mcco.ca](mailto:emmanorris@mcco.ca).

## MCEC IN PRAYER

- Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for [Mannheim Mennonite Church](#). Doug Amstuz provides pastoral leadership to this congregation. Pray for them as they seek the freedom and mystery of God's grace on their faith journey.
- Joshua Lash-Ballew will be installed at Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church on September 15 as Youth Pastor. Pray for Joshua and the congregation as they begin their ministry together. To share your words of encouragement and support with Joshua, you can reach him at [Joshua.Lash-Ballew@tcmc-communitychurch.com](mailto:Joshua.Lash-Ballew@tcmc-communitychurch.com).
- Luke Wang will be installed at Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church on September 15 as Cantonese Pastor. Pray for Luke and the congregation as they begin their ministry together. To share your words of encouragement and support with Luke, you can reach him at [luke.wang@tcmc-communitychurch.com](mailto:luke.wang@tcmc-communitychurch.com).
- Continue to pray for Pastor Garant Sungura and his family as he recovers from a stroke. Pray also for Mennonite Disciples Swahili Church and Pastor [Cryspin Isenge](#) as they navigate this challenging season.
- Pray for Marilyn Rudy-Froese, MCEC Church Leadership Minister, as she preaches at Fairview Mennonite Home on Friday, during Mennonite Heritage Week. May those gathered find encouragement, discover meaningful connections and celebrate their rich heritage of faith.
- Pray for the MCEC Executive Council who attend to the mission, governance and activities of MCEC. They are committed to and care deeply for MCEC. Pray for Ben Cassels, James Barber, Bruce Burgetz, Steph Chandler Burns, Felipe Gonzalia, Michael Reid, Kaye Rempel, Richard Steinmann and Hyejung Jessie Yum.
- Pray for the 30 MCEC pastors participating in MCEC Pastor Learning Circles this fall. May they find mutual encouragement and support as they journey together in answering their call to ministry.
- 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 8, 2024

Total Offering (budget): \$4,409.00

Regular Offering: \$2,995.00

PAO Offering: \$1,414.00

Above Budget Donations:

Wellesley Food Cupboard: \$25.00

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