



# WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

## INFORMATION SHEET - September 29, 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:**

Leader: Holy is Your Name, God in heaven!

**Congregation:** We come to worship today longing for Your Kingdom to come.

Leader: What is Your Will in our lives, in our world?

**Congregation:** In this hour of worship enlighten us with Your Word.

Leader: Inspire us with stirring songs.

**Everyone:** Enfold us with your community, embrace us with a vision so strong that we will go from here with Good News for all people.

Leader: Amen.

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Song:** Be Thou My Vision VT #549

#### Hearing God's Word

**Scripture Readings:** [Isaiah 60:1-5](#) and [Matthew 22:34-40](#)

**Sermon:** *Your Neighbour: World Leader in Cardiac Care* Matthew Bailey-Dick

#### Responding to God's Word

**Song of Response:** Come and Fill Our Hearts VT #52

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

**Congregational Prayer**

#### Blessing & Sending

**Sending Song:** We Will Follow VT #566

**Benediction**

#### Worship Leader:

**Pianist:** San

**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/>

**Monday 6:30-7:45 pm - Kids For Christ: The BIG Apple .** *And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth. And it was so. Genesis 1:11. An evening of songs, stories, crafts and snacks for kids in kindergarten to grade 5.*

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

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Installation Service for Matthew Bailey-Dick and World Communion Celebration. Guest Speaker will be Marilyn Rudy-Froese, MCEC Church Leadership Minister. Plan to join this service of celebration!

**Birthday Celebrations:**

**Households of Faith:**

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

**From Matthew Bailey-Dick:** I plan to be in the church office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am to 1pm. Let's say hello to each other! I am available to meet with you at other times, too. To set up a conversation, please email me at [matthew@welleslymennonite.ca](mailto:matthew@welleslymennonite.ca) or phone me at 519-656-2700 ext.2.

**Thanksgiving "Not Just Food" Food Drive** - WMC's Missions committee is inviting you to participate in the Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Wellesley Food Cupboard. They are currently in need of personal care items, household items as well as non perishable food. Monetary donations are also welcomed, cash, cheque or e-transfer through the church office. Please bring your donations to church up to and including Thanksgiving Sunday. Your support is greatly appreciated! Some suggested items are as follows: **shampoo, liquid soap, dish detergent, cleaning products, paper products, cereal, flour, oil, cake mix, pancake mix and maple syrup.**

**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:**

**Bucket of Thanks!!** On Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 am-2 pm the MCC Material Resources warehouse, 65 Heritage Dr. New Hamburg, is opening its doors and welcoming visitors to an event for the whole family with games, snacks and hands-on activities for all ages. Enjoy activities for kids, pack a kit or two and experience the joy of community service. Admission is free, but we kindly ask for donations of [large bath or laundry bars of soap](#) (in original wrapping) to help fill our kits. Learn more at <https://mcc.org/events/bucket-thanks>

**Gospel Music Concert with the *Torchmen Quartet*** at Shantz Mennonite Church, 2473 Erbs Road, Baden, Saturday October 5, 7:00 p.m. \$10 Donation at the door.

**Crosshill Mennonite Church 75th Anniversary October 5-6.** Saturday, October 5: 2-4 p.m. Bring the children for an afternoon of fun activities & treats! 7:00 p.m. Join us for a hymn sing. Dessert and fellowship to follow. Sunday, October 6: 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship and potluck lunch. Dessert provided. Everyone is Welcome!!

**The Ontario Christian Gleaners Fundraising Dinner - Friday October 25.** Doors Open 6:00pm Dinner Served 6:30pm @ Waterloo Region Police Association 1128 Rife Road, Cambridge. Join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness to the Gleaners with a delicious dinner and inspiring missions stories & videos. Please order tickets online: <https://ontariogleaners.org/gleaners-banquet/> or by phone: 519.624.8245 by October 11th. As ticket prices cover the cost of the dinner, an opportunity will be given to donate financially to the Gleaners.

**Crosshill Mennonite Church's 19th annual Beef BBQ Supper, Saturday, October 19, 5-7 p.m.** Take out only. Please reserve your designated pick-up time online before October 13th at [www.crosshillmennonitechurch.ca/beefbbq](http://www.crosshillmennonitechurch.ca/beefbbq) Meals by donation. Proceeds will go towards MCC & Future Building Expense Fund. Need help booking? Call church office 519-699-5299 or Melanie 226-750-5813.

[Rockway Mennonite Collegiate](#) invites you to its annual Spaghetti Supper School Fundraiser followed by the Alumni Sports Challenge. Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 18!** Visit [www.rockway.ca/events](http://www.rockway.ca/events) for more information.

**Learning Tour: Travelling Together Through Truth** October 21-25, in Timmins, ON. Reserve your space today! Get ready to be inspired and learn as we embark on an exciting journey of connecting and engaging with First Nations communities, organizations and partners of MCC Ontario's Indigenous Neighbours program in Timmins. To learn more, contact Cam McEachern at 705-264-2494, ext. 220 or by email [cammceachern@mcco.ca](mailto:cammceachern@mcco.ca).

**House of Friendship's Friendship Dinner-** Saturday, October 26, is your time to celebrate inspiring individuals who are overcoming the odds facing '**The Journey Home**'! More info and tickets at [www.houseoffriendship.org/friendshipdinner](http://www.houseoffriendship.org/friendshipdinner)

Join us and **Discover Rockway** for your family at our information night on **Thursday, November 7 from 7 - 9 pm**. To learn more and to register for this event, visit our [Discover Rockway](#) webpage.

**Menno Youth Ensemble** is excited to begin our 2024-25 season! Menno Youth Ensemble encourages youth to expand their musical imaginations and build relationships by singing, playing instruments, and leading/performing together in a variety of settings. We rehearse Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church. For more information or to register, contact our co-directors: Joel Woods ([j6woods@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:j6woods@uwaterloo.ca)) and Chloe Shantz ([ckshantz@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:ckshantz@uwaterloo.ca)).

Wendy Janzen, MCEC Eco-Minister, and Herb Sawatzky, pastor of Bethany Mennonite Church, invite you to **join in a monthly prayer for our planet**. Let's come together to pray for our concerns around climate justice (ways that climate change has unequal impacts on marginalized and vulnerable populations, both human and more-than-human). Sign up for the Zoom link at [mcec.ca](http://mcec.ca).

### **A NEW NITHVIEW** - *Building our house on a rock*

Tri-County Mennonite Homes is redeveloping the long-term care home in New Hamburg at Nithview Community. As part of this, we will be reaching out to all of you as supporting churches, the community at large, and individual businesses across the Region to both be part of and support the "Building a New Nithview" campaign.

We take seriously Jesus' parable in Luke 6 about the wise and foolish builders. We have invested a lot of resources to make sure the plans for our new home will have a solid foundation. But we also continue to listen and receive feedback to ensure that we are building on the spiritual foundation of our faith communities. We need you to share in this project for the sake of current and future residents under our care. This campaign will depend on the commitment of your time, talent and treasure to the project. Donations of your time can be as a volunteer, your talent as community leaders and experts, and your treasure in the form of a donation or investment to this project.

Nithview will not be redeveloped on its own, and as we look to grow, we are going to be reaching out to all of you to support our community forward. There will be more to come into the future, but please take a look at our website [www.tcmhomes.com](http://www.tcmhomes.com) for more information, including an upcoming fundraiser we will be hosting in New Hamburg on November 2nd featuring Darryl Sittler, former Toronto Maple Leaf player from St. Jacobs.

**Thank you to the hundreds of dedicated volunteers and donors who supported MDS responses across Canada this spring and summer!** Because of your support, five houses were rebuilt and four homes repaired for wildfire survivors in the North Shuswap and Lytton communities of BC. And in Bancroft, ON, the family project built cabins to support a summer camp's programs. Our September edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, you'll read about Mario Cruz, an MDS Service Scholarship recipient whose love for camp ministry intertwined with an MDS response this summer. **Read *On the Level*:** <https://conta.cc/4esqtQj>

## **MCEC IN PRAYER**

- Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for Markham Christian Worship Centre. [Kapilan Savarimuthu](#) provides pastoral leadership to this congregation, which is primarily made up of individuals from Sri Lankan background. Pray for God's guidance and strength as they minister to the community in Markham.
- Pray for Al Rempel, MCEC Regional Minister, and his wife Brenda as they grieve the loss of Brenda's mother, Elma Rempel, who died this past week. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please pray for Al and Brenda as they travel to Manitoba.
- Pray for Benin Bible Institute, an interdenominational Bible school that offers leadership training for churches in Benin. St. Jacobs, Poole and Wanner Mennonite churches have been long-term supporters of this important ministry. Currently, visitors from Benin are in Ontario as part of a regular exchange, fostering relationships and strengthening connections with their Canadian partners. Pray that their time together will be rich in fellowship, spiritually fulfilling, and mutually edifying for everyone involved.
- Pray for Nhien Pham and Garry Janzen, from Mennonite Church BC, as they travel in Vietnam and serve the Evangelical Mennonite Church Vietnam (EMCV) with training courses based on Palmer Becker's Anabaptist Essentials. EMCV has requested more basic-level Anabaptist training for church leaders. Pray for safety in travel, and life-changing response to the training.
- Hold in prayer the gathering of Indigenous Relations and Climate Action working group leaders from the 5 regional churches of MC Canada, including MCEC, gathering in Pinawa, MB from Oct. 4-6. The weekend will be a time to learn what each other are up to in the regions, develop shared goals and postures of engagement and build community around the ministries we hold in common towards the healing of relationships with Indigenous neighbours and creation.
- Continue to pray for areas in the world who cry out for peace. We grieve for all who have experienced the horrors of war and violence. May God bring comfort, healing, and justice to those suffering. Lord, have mercy on us and hear our prayers for peace and reconciliation in these troubled regions.

## **MCC AT WORK**

MCC is addressing urgent humanitarian needs in Gaza. On July 23, a shipment of comforters, hygiene supplies and infant care items left the MCC East Coast Material Resources Center in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, after waiting out many delays and surmounting obstacles. [Watch the video](#) and [read the article](#) online.

MCC Ontario programs have been quite busy recently! With everything from relief kit-packing to refugee sponsorship paperwork to providing workshops and advocacy, staff and volunteers have been active in local communities working for peace and justice. Learn more at [mcc.org/our-stories/your-impact-ontario-summer-2024](https://mcc.org/our-stories/your-impact-ontario-summer-2024).

## **OFFERING REPORT - September 22, 2024**

Total Offering (budget): \$3329.00

Regular Offering: \$1915.00

PAO Offering: \$1,414.00

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