

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

~ Celebrating 50 years! ~ 1975-2025 ~

INFORMATION SHEET - February 2, 2025

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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>

Join us on Sunday, as we celebrate communion together.

Order of Worship

Prelude

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship - text adapted from "Let the Hungry Come to Me" (VoicesTogether 459)

One: Let the hungry come to the table.

All: Let the poor be fed!

One: Let the thirsty come to drink.

All: Share my wine and bread.

One: The table is set.

All: Come and eat.

One: Drink from the cup freely offered to you.

All: Share the life of God!

Opening Prayer

Song – VT #22 What Is This Place

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading - [Luke 22:14-20](#)

Song – VT #484 In The Quiet Consecration

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Meditation - ***Remember when we were hungry?***

Communion

Celebration Jar

Sharing our Offerings

Congregational Prayer

SENDING

Song – VT #812 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Benediction - VT #946

Reading together:

In deep gratitude, for this moment, this meal, these people,
We give ourselves to you.

Send us to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us
Expect much from us, Enable much through us.

So, God may we glorify you, as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of heaven. Amen

Worship Leader:
Sermon:
Pianist:
Song Leaders:
AV Techs:
Ushers:

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

Wednesday 2-4 p.m.- Enjoy singing, making music? Beat the Winter Blues at an adult singing group! Bring your favourite song, gospel & contemporary. Contact Diane Peters 519-656-9222, or Sandra Gerber 226-973-5821 if interested.

Wednesday 4:00 p.m.- 50th Anniversary Team meeting

Wednesday, 7-9 PM- Youth Outdoor Skating in Kingwood. What is February in Canada without a Skating Party at an Outdoor Rink? They even have a zamboni!! Invite your friends for skating, some pick up hockey, snacks and hot cocoa!

NEXT SUNDAY: On February 9th, Junior Sunday School will meet. The theme will be *God's Love Never Fails*.

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

Thank you to our 50th Anniversary Team of Grant N, Lila T, Betty Ann G, Grace N, Luke S and Matthew Bailey-Dick. We plan to meet again this week and invite you to speak to a member of the committee of any hopes or dreams you have for this celebratory year.

Delores S (Church Historian)

YOUTH NEWS:

Campstravaganza 2025 Join us at Erb Street Mennonite Church on Sunday, February 9, 1:30-5:00 pm for an afternoon of camp songs, traditions, games, and treats with Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, Fraser Lake Camp, and Ontario Mennonite Music Camp. This event is for Junior and Senior Youth (Grades 7-12). Youth may attend with their youth groups, or individually, and all are encouraged to bring friends. Attendance at any of the above camps is not required - all are welcome! For more information and to register, please visit <https://erbstchurch.ca/youth/>. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Hancock at youth@erbstchurch.ca.

It's the start of semester II at Rockway and that means new classes for students and gearing up for winter and spring events for our extended Rockway community! To keep up to date with all things Rockway: bookmark www.rockway.ca/events; check out our posters on your church bulletin boards and keep an eye on your bulletins. See you at Rockway, soon!

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

February Venture Club! Our theme is "*Day and Night, Our Love Grows Bright*", where we'll learn about God's everlasting love that shines in every moment—whether it's bright as day or quiet as night! Monday, February 3, 6:30-8 p.m. at Crosshill MC. Kids are encouraged to wear bright or glow-in-the-dark clothing to add to the fun!

Training Active Bystanders: February 6, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex, 101 Father David Bauer Dr., Waterloo, As any bystander witnessing a potentially harmful situation knows, discerning how to move from passive observation to effective action is not easy. Training Active Bystanders (TAB) equips participants with the tools they need to prevent harm-doing and contribute to a healthier community. Don't let cost be a hinderance to this important training – simply pay what you can! Register today at mcc.org/events.

Join the MCEC Creation Care Working Group for a book study of *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World* by Katharine Hayhoe. The first meeting will take place on Thursday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. and will run for just over one hour. Subsequent meetings will be held on Thursday evenings for five weeks, concluding on March 6. [Sign up here.](#)

Hope Starts at Home: Discover our Local Programs - You already know about MCC's international work, but this is

a chance to see how we're making a difference right here in Ontario, too. It's a hands-on, interactive experience where you can connect with the stories and impact of our local programs. Saturday, February 8 at MCC offices, 50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener. Two timeslots to choose from: 9:45 AM - 12:30 PM OR 2 PM - 4:45 PM. Space is limited, [so sign up here](#). or call 519-745-8458 ext 265.

MCEC Executive Council invites you to join in celebrating Ann L. Schultz, MCEC Intentional Interim Executive Team Leader, as we bid her farewell and honor her two years of ministry at MCEC. Come to **50 Kent February 13 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** At 1:30 there will be a short program, followed by time for fellowship. [More details](#).

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to join us in celebrating our 80th anniversary on **Friday, February 14**. Morning: Chapel with guest speakers Ray Boehm '84 and Mary Groh '49. Evening: Soup Supper Fundraiser and Alumni Sports Challenge. Learn more at rockway.ca/events!

The 43rd Annual MCC Livestock Sale (formerly heifer sale) is to be held at Ontario Livestock Exchange (OLEX) on Feb. 18 and 20, 2025. This sale has raised over 5 million to support the work of MCC. To sponsor or donate to the sale visit MCC.org/events. Cash donations can be mailed to "MCC Livestock Sale, c/o 179 Laschinger Blvd., New Hamburg, On. N3A 2G9. "(Please make cheques payable to OMRS Inc.-livestock sale).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

[Thrift Team Member - Processing Focus](#) - Join the MCC New Hamburg Thrift Centre team sorting and pricing donations, specializing in crafts/fabrics and housewares.

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for [Preston Mennonite Church](#). Danielle Raimbault and KyongJung Kim provides pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for them in their mission to extend God's love through worship, hospitality and service.
- **Stephen Reist** will be installed at **Pioneer Park Christian Fellowship** on February 9, 2025. Pray for Stephen and the congregation as they begin their ministry together. To share your encouragement and support with Stephen, you can reach him at stephenreist@ppcf.ca.
- **Julie Ellison White** will be installed at **Tavistock Mennonite Church** on February 2, 2025. Pray for Julie and the congregation as they begin their ministry together. To share your encouragement and support with Julie, you can reach her at julie@tavistockmennonitechurch.ca.
- Please join us in prayer for the people of DR Congo, especially those in the city of Goma. Rebel fighters have entered the city, claiming control, while the Congolese government maintains that key locations remain under their authority. Thousands are fleeing in fear, facing immense hardship without water, internet, or electricity. We also lift up our siblings in MCEC congregations who have deep family ties in and around Goma: **Centre Béthésda Mennonite de Québec, Église Bethésda Mennonite de Saint-Hyacinthe (MDM), Église Jésus-Christ Appelle Tous, Goshen Mennonite Church of Ottawa, Mennonite Disciple Church - Jo-liette, Mennonite Disciples Swahili Church**. Many in these communities are anxiously waiting for news of their loved ones as communication remains scarce or non-existent. May God's peace, protection, and provision be with all those affected.
- Continue to pray for **Jon Osmond**, pastor **FreeChurch Toronto**, and his family as they grieve the loss of Jon's father, [Reverend Ronald Osmond](#), who died January 24, 2025. May they find comfort in God's presence and strength in the love and support of their community during this difficult time.
- Please pray for **Waterloo North Mennonite Church** as they grieve a tragedy within their congregation. We also lift up in prayer all MCEC congregations in our community who are facing grief, transitions or other crises, asking for God's comfort, strength and peace to surround each situation.

OFFERING REPORT - January 26, 2025

Total Offering (budget): \$3416.13

Regular Offering: \$2002.13

PAO Offering: \$1414.00

Above Budget Donations:

Wellesley Food Cupboard (In memory of B. Bender): \$75.00

Check out and follow WMC on [facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

During cold/flu/Covid season, please be reminded that Public Health advises if you are sick, stay home to prevent transmission to others, except to seek testing or medical care if required. You should stay home until your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea), you do not have a fever, you do not develop any additional symptoms. Additionally, masks may be helpful for up to 10 days.

