

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

~ Celebrating 50 years! ~ 1975-2025 ~

INFORMATION SHEET - January 26, 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>

Order of Worship

Prelude

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship - *based on Proverbs 3:5-8*

Leader: Gathered as God's beloved, may we learn to trust in the Lord with our whole hearts!

People: No more will we rely solely on our intelligence.

All: We will trust in the Lord! With wholehearted resolve, we will employ our minds and our intelligence in the service of the Lord.

Leader: Brothers and sisters, may we come to know the Lord in all our paths;

People: for it is the Lord who will keep our ways straight.

Leader: Trusting the Lord will mean we're not puffed up with our wisdom.

People: We will trust in the Lord. We will not be puffed up with our rightness or wisdom, but in fear and awe of the Lord, we will turn away from evil.

All: Then our bodies will be healthy, and our bones will be strengthened. Thanks be to God.

Opening Prayer

Song – VT #7 Come, Let Us all Unite to Sing

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-10

Song – VT #570 When We Walk With the Lord

Sermon - ***When you come to the yield sign, take it with you***

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song – VT #444 I Sing with Exultation

Sharing our Offerings

Congregational Prayer

SENDING

Song – VT #759 Take My Life, and Let it Be

Benediction

Worship Leader:

Sermon:

Pianist:

Song Leaders:

AV Techs:

Ushers:

Please join us after the service for WMC's Annual Budget Financial Meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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

Monday, 6:30-7:45 p.m.– Kids For Christ! Turtle Paradise: Leah Schwartzenruber will be sharing her work with turtles in South Carolina. This will be an update from last year's visit. We will be giving a donation toward another turtle nest, so a small contribution is welcome. Everyone is encouraged to wear beach attire for this evening.

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

Enjoy singing, making music? Got time to spare Wednesdays in February? Beat the Winter Blues at an adult singing group! Bring your favourite song, gospel & contemporary. 2-4 p.m. at WMC, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26. Contact Diane Peters 519-656-9222, or Sandra Gerber 226-973-5821 if interested.

Tax Receipts are in your church mailbox this week.

YOUTH NEWS:

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! Wednesday, February 5; 7 PM to 9 PM

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

Woolwich Counselling Centre offers various no cost mental health workshops and small group therapy sessions in January and February. Please click [HERE](#) for more information and see posters on bulletin board.

You are Invited! Beyond Housing's Annual General Meeting, "Looking Ahead" Thursday, January 30th, 1:30 p.m., 544 Bridgeport Rd E., Kitchener. A highlight this year will be hearing from Jennifer Hutton the CEO of Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP in advance as seating is limited. [REGIS-TER NOW](#)

Start a transformative journey with the Master of Peace and Conflict Studies (MPACS) program at Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo. Connect theory, analysis, reflection, and practice to advance nonviolent peacebuilding and community-led change. Apply by February 1. Discover more at uwaterloo.ca/mpacs or register for an [upcoming information session](#).

Study the Bible, Christian theology, church history, and the practice of ministry in an interdisciplinary and ecumenical setting in the **Master of Theological Studies** program at Conrad Grebel University College. Full tuition scholarships are available for full-time Canadian students. Apply by February 1. uwaterloo.ca/theological-studies

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.](#)

February 18 and 20 | Ontario Livestock Exchange, St. Jacobs: Since 1981, **the Livestock Sale (formerly Heifer Sale) has raised over \$5.1 million to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee** through the auctioning of heifers and other donated items. For more information, to sponsor or donate to the sale, contact Ralph Martin at 519-669-2122 or John Breneman at 519-504-1558.

It's cold out there! On February 22, Wilmot Family Resource Centre is hosting the Coldest Night of the Year, a 2 or 5 km winterrific walk in support of our work in Wilmot and Wellesley Township with people experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness. With your help, our goal is to raise \$56,000! You can support us by walking, donating or volunteering. More info at cnoy.org/wilmot

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, February 27 - March 1, 2025. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.rockway.ca/events. Our cast and crew looks forward to welcoming you and your family into Wonka's world of Pure Imagination!

Calling all young adults (ages 18-30)! Join us at the **Stones Cry Out Peace Camp** to explore the intersection of climate change and migration. Engage in group discussions, fun nature activities, advocacy training and a trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with Congress. March 10-15 at the MCC Welcoming Place, Akron, PA. Registration: \$250 (MCC covers travel, lodging, and meals). Learn more at mcc.org/events.

What happened in MCEC over the last year? Discover our shared ministry in the [MCEC Year in Review](#). We are grateful for the many ways ministry has flourished this year!

The 2024 MDS Canada Annual Report to Churches is available. Please [click here](#) to download.

MDS' January edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, you'll read about MDS' response to the California wildfires and a gas station conversation that led to a first-time donation. **Read *On the Level*:** [HERE](#)

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

MDS invites volunteers to help rebuild a flooded home in Constance Bay (near Ottawa, ON). Sign up for a week, beginning in March, to help rebuild a house along the Ottawa River. Contact Clara Flores at cflores@mds.org or 1 (866) 261-1274 for more information and to sign up.

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for [Poole Mennonite Church](#). Fred Redekop provides pastoral leadership for this congregation. Please pray for this congregation in Poole, Ontario.
- Lord, we lift up all who are suffering, especially those who are impacted by war around the world. May the light of Christ truly shine in the darkest corners, and may we all be instruments of God's peace. Surround the displaced with safety, provide strength to caregivers, and inspire leaders to pursue justice and peace. Let your peace take root in every nation, renewing hearts and guiding us toward reconciliation and an end to all violence.

OFFERING REPORT - January 19, 2025

Total Offering (budget): \$2529.00

Regular Offering: \$1115.00

PAO Offering: \$1414.00

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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.

