

# WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

~ Celebrating 50 years! ~ 1975-2025 ~

INFORMATION SHEET - March 30, 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

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Song – VT #34 *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer*

Confession and Assurance

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Song – VT #555 *Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing* vs 1, 3

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: ***Christ Collides With Our Selfishness***

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song – VT #705 *For The Healing of the Nations* vs 1, 2, 3

Sharing our Offerings

Congregational Prayer

### SENDING

Song – VT #803 *We Shall Overcome*

*We'll walk hand in hand... We shall live in peace... We are not afraid...*

Benediction

### CONGREGATION PRAYER UPDATES:

Households of Faith:

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

*Susan Roes will be on holidays until April 3rd.*

**Monday 6:30-7:45 p.m.–** KFC - Popcorn with the Pastor! Matthew will be our guest. Join us for crafts, snack, games and storytelling. Please wear your tie dyed t-shirts from last event!

**Birthday Celebrations:**

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

Matthew Bailey-Dick will not be at church on Sunday, April 6 (as one of his quarterly Sundays off). For caregiving emergencies on April 6, please contact one of the Elders.

**Worship Committee invites you to participate in a survey** to gather feedback about the idea of WMC hosting a once-a-month workshop on different topics relating to worship and its leadership. Topics include music, preaching, reading Scripture, praying, special events like Baptism and Communion, children and youth in worship, and inclusion and worship. Please consider completing either a paper copy of the survey (return to

Niamh Brown's mailbox) or you can click the following link to fill out the survey on a Google Form online: <https://forms.gle/Dz9McpBNTynySF1c6>

**Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp's 41st Annual Bowlathon** is happening again this year on April 5th! This is one of the camp's main fundraising events and last year we contributed almost \$2000 through donations from our congregation. You can **show your support by sponsoring Brad Mavin** or donating online at [hiddenacres.ca/donate](http://hiddenacres.ca/donate), and select "Annual Bowlathon" from the list. Thank You!

**SAVE THE DATE: Wed, May 7th 2025 – 7 p.m.** Ladies come join us celebrating WMC's first 50 years with our **Spring Ice Cream Social**.

**Vacation Bible School Registration Now Open!** Join us for an exciting week of faith and fun at Crosshill Mennonite Church from June 30 to July 4, in partnership with Wellesley Mennonite Church. Registration is now open for children entering JK next school year up to those finishing Grace 6 this year. Limited spots available. Register online at [www.crosshillmennonitechurch.ca/vbs2025](http://www.crosshillmennonitechurch.ca/vbs2025)

**Volunteer Opportunities at VBS:** Anyone interested in volunteering at VBS this year is requested to fill out this online form showing their areas of interest. <https://forms.gle/XnNbVwAfAsQcoYSg7>

**SAVE THE DATES!!** Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. If you are interested in being a WMC delegate for one or both of these gatherings, please contact the [church office](#).

- ⇒ **MCEC Annual Gathering 2025 - Online, Saturday, April 26, 2025, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Zoom.** Join us for this year's online business meeting, ***Called to Action by the Power of the Holy Spirit***. Mark your calendars. Registration opens at the end of March.
- ⇒ **MC Canada Gathering 2025 - July 2-5, 2025, Kitchener-Waterloo, ON.** Registration is now open! Three exciting "tracks" for registration: Gathering 2025; U30 Gathering 2025 and Youth Gathering 2025. [Check out the MC Canada website](#) to read more about our speakers, workshop choices, child care information, Leadership Day, youth information, young adult opportunities and more!
- ⇒ **MCEC is excited to host MC Canada Gathering 2025.** Seeking volunteers of all ages, interested in welcoming and offering hospitality to MC Canada Gathering participants. For more information, please contact: [gathering@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:gathering@mennonitechurch.ca).

## EASTER GIVING PROJECT

**The Missions Committee is supporting COMPASS for this year's Easter Giving Project.** During our service on April 6th, Shelley Campagnola will be talking about the work being done by Compass to assist Refugees coming to our country. Mark your calendars and be sure to attend in person, on Zoom or later in the week on YouTube. If you would like to support COMPASS please make your donation to Wellesley Mennonite Church indicating 'Easter Giving Project' on the subject line. For \$42/month, one refugee claimant gets critical support for their refugee claim, and help settling in the community. In celebration of our 50th anniversary, our goal is to support 50 individuals.

*COMPASS is a national, donor-funded charity helping people navigate the refugee claim process and new life here. With the addition of the Canada-U.S. Border Rights Clinic we have grown our reach and capacity to promote access to justice. Through several collaborations we ensure people are off the streets and receiving the support they need to settle as they wait for the outcomes of their refugee claim. Our advocacy focuses on building welcoming communities through clear and compassionate policies, and warm public reception. All of this leads to giving men, women and children an opportunity for life beyond refuge. There is more information on cards outside the mailboxes. Feel free to take one.*

## BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Poole People Player's Presents a live performance of ***Casting Swine before Pearls***. April 3rd-7 pm, 4th-7 pm and 5th-2 & 7pm at the Perth East Recreation Complex. Admission by donation. For tickets please call Janet at 519 -301-3717 or email [poolemen@perth.net](mailto:poolemen@perth.net)

**Compass Refugee Centre invites you to Refugee Rights Day**, Friday, April 4, 4-8 p.m. at their office #230, 675 Queen St S, Kitchener. Come hear insightful stories and enjoy refreshments, as we explore the theme of Life Beyond Refuge. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP for your free ticket.

**Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Spring Work Weekend (Apr 25-27).** Help get camp ready for the summer season!

**Tri-County Mennonite Homes is looking for church members to serve on the Board of Directors.** If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Bruce Bechtel 519-801-0470 for more information.

MDS' March edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, you'll read about one of the first fire-resilient, net zero homes in Canada (built by MDS volunteers) and more! **Read *On the Level*:** <https://conta.cc/3Y2fDL4>

## **SUMMER CAMP NEWS:**

**Experience summer day camp at Conestoga Bible Camp** for kids age 7-14. Located on Conestoga Lake, your kids will enjoy an action packed 2-week session of games, sports, crafts, drama, swimming and waterfront activities. Convenient bus pick-up with multiple locations, daily at 9 am and 5 pm! Check out [conestogabiblecamp.org/kids-camp](http://conestogabiblecamp.org/kids-camp)

**Silver Lake Mennonite Camp** ([slmc.ca](http://slmc.ca)) Summer Camp Registration is ongoing for overnight camps and day camps! Visit [slmc.ca/summer-camp](http://slmc.ca/summer-camp) to have a look at the 2025 schedule and program descriptions. Still spots available in most camps!

**Come to Hidden Acres Summer Camp!** Are you looking for a fun, safe summer camp experience? Hidden Acres' camp provides great opportunities to connect with God, each other and nature. Campers get to enjoy swimming, canoeing, archery, nature exploration, rock climbing, low ropes, camp-outs, sports, group games and more, all in the company of peers and our fun and supportive staff team. Check out [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) for our dates & rates. Contact our Program Director, Josh Penfold at [josh@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:josh@hiddenacres.ca) for more information. See you for summer 2025!

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