

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

~ Celebrating 50 years! ~ 1975-2025 ~

INFORMATION SHEET - April 6, 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

Welcome and Announcements
Land Acknowledgement
Musical Interlude
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
Song – VT 9 Come Away From Rush and Worry
Confession and assurance

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Song – VT 201 - Hear the Turmoil of the Nations
Scripture Reading: Psalm 46
Message: Shelley Campagnola, Compass

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song – VT 664 Be Still, My Soul
Sharing our Offerings
Celebration Jar
Congregational Prayer - Dan Lebold

SENDING

Song – VT 47 God of Our Strength
Benediction

CONGREGATION PRAYER UPDATES:

We thank you for answering prayers in the past and we thank you for answering prayers that may not be made known. Thank you for being an all-knowing God.

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

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.- Men's North of 60 Breakfast at Schmidtsville. John Metzger, Wellesley, will share his life experiences.

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.- Church Council meeting

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.

Matthew Bailey-Dick was invited to contribute a **devotional for the MCEC weekly email**. Here is the piece that was published this week: <https://mcec.ca/blog/24355-is-this-when-we-say-wtf>

WMC Trustees are accepting tenders for 2025 lawn maintenance. Please contact trustees if interested.

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>

Welcome Children to WMC's Easter Party! Sunday, April 20th, 9:30 a.m. Easter Story in the library, Egg Hunt in the basement, Easter Activities in the rear of the sanctuary, all during the service! Please RSVP by April 10 to [Lisa Neeb](#). Little ones welcome for all or part, but they may need an adult to accompany them.

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**.

SAVE THE DATE!! Spring cleaning will happen at the church on Saturday, May 10th, beginning at 9 am! Many hands make light work!!

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

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.

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.

YOUTH NEWS:

Saturday, April 26th - 3:30 - 6:00 - **Bowling at the New Hamburg Bowling Lanes**, 182 Union St, New Hamburg. We have several lanes booked for 1.5 hours, followed by supper at the Subway! RSVP as soon

as possible to confirm lanes.

Be a Peace Innovator! The Peace Innovators Scholarship and Mentoring Program is an opportunity for high school students who will be entering Grade 11 or 12 in September to create a project related to a peace and justice issue in their community. [Learn more](#) and apply by April 30th! See poster at WMC.

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

MCEC Financial Zoom Call, April 9, 2025, 7-8 p.m. online. This online Zoom conversation provides an early opportunity to ask questions ahead of the Annual Church Gatherings. Open to all. [Registration is open.](#)

Rockway is hosting a **Grades 7 - 12 Information Night** on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 pm for prospective families. Join us for a brief program and campus tour to discover Rockway Mennonite Collegiate for your family. RSVP at rockway.ca/events.

All are welcome to Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's Visual Arts Exhibition:IGNITE happening on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 pm, displaying artwork from students in grades 7-12. Bring your cash and enjoy a treat at the Arts Café (proceeds go toward the Visual Arts Award).

Kindred Credit Union Annual General Meeting - April 22, 7 p.m. at Wilmot Centre Church, 2463 Bleams Rd. Petersburg. Registration is required for both in-person and online attendance. Visit www.kindredcu.com/agm or call 1-888-672-6728 before April 21. Make your voice heard and participate in the governance of your credit union.

Considering the Federal election called for April 28, MCC is inviting you to take a pledge to **listen, speak and act for the good of our neighbours** and to think about every action as a vote for the kind of world they want to live in. The campaign includes [a landing page](#) where you can sign the pledge and receive a series of emails offering further resources and reflection on listening, speaking and acting. The emails will also include some high-level questions you can ask your candidate. Check out this link for more information. <https://mcc.org/resources/every-action-counts>

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Promotion Dinner- Monday, April 28 at 6 pm, Calvary United Church, 48 Hawkesville Rd, St. Jacobs. More than just a meal, the NHMRS promotion dinner is your chance to connect with community and support MCC! Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner catered by Gracie's Country Oven and hear from representatives of **Centro Cristiano de Reflexión y Diálogo (CCRD)**, MCC's partners in Cuba. They will share stories of resilience and impact, highlighting the ways MCC supports communities in Cuba. Tickets are \$25 each and children aged 10 and under eat free! Donations will be gratefully accepted at the event in support of the relief sale. Visit mcc.org/nhmrs-dinner for tickets.

April 29 at 12 p.m., MCC Community Room, 50 Kent Ave., Kitchener or on Facebook Live. Join us for a **Lunch & Listen** with **Centro Cristiano de Reflexión y Diálogo (CCRD)**, MCC's partners in Cuba. Hear how MCC is supporting communities through sustainable farming and disaster response, including rebuilding homes after Hurricane Ian. Bring your lunch and be inspired! Learn more at mcc.org/events or join us on [Facebook Live](#).

May 21, 9 am-4 pm. You are invited to go "Up the Nith" for a heritage bus tour led by Fred and Rosie Lichti. Through stories and stops along the way, learn about the Amish Mennonites in Canada--from the "tradition minded" Old Order Amish to the "change minded" Mennonite groups of Amish heritage. For more information contact Rosie at frlichti@bell.net or text/call 519-575-3517.

House of Friendship is running a fundraising campaign to raise \$100,000 that provide critical support to people living on a low income in priority areas across the region. <https://houseoffriendship.org/how-you-help/donate/you-can-build-a-lifeline-of-support/>

In April-May, [Woolwich Counselling Centre](#) is offering:

- Calm and Content: Adult Emotion Management Group (Small Group Therapy, Mondays, Apr. 7, 21, May 5, May 26, Jun. 9, 6:30-7:30 pm) ([download PDF](#))
- Be You! 2SLGBTQIA+ Support Group (Small Group Therapy, Ages 12-16. Tuesday, Apr. 8, 4-5 pm) ([download PDF](#))
- Embracing Diversity: Parenting for an Inclusive Community (Virtual Parenting Workshop, Apr. 14, 6:30-7:30 pm) ([download PDF](#))
- No Need to Fret (Small Group Therapy, Ages 8-11, Wednesdays, Apr. 16-May 14, 5-6 pm) ([download PDF](#))
- Self-Compassion 101: What is It and How to Practice It (Adult Workshop, Apr. 24, 6:30-7:30 pm) ([download PDF](#))
- Building Better Boundaries (Small Group Therapy for Adults, Thursdays, May 1-June 12, 6-7:30 pm) ([download PDF](#))
- Let's Talk About Mental Health: Learning Skills to Support Others (In-person Adult Workshop, Monday, May 12, 6:30-7:30 pm) ([download PDF](#))

•Skills to Move from Self-Criticism to Self-Compassion (In-person Small Group Therapy for Adults, Wednesdays, May 21-June 18, 6:30-7:30 pm) ([download PDF](#))

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

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp (slmc.ca) Summer Camp Registration is ongoing for overnight camps and day camps! Visit 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 for our dates & rates. Contact our Program Director, Josh Penfold at josh@hiddenacres.ca for more information. See you for summer 2025!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

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.

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for [St. Agatha Mennonite Church](#). A small community with a big heart that welcomes all to be united by the love of Jesus Christ.
- God of mercy, we lift up the people of **Myanmar and Thailand** in the wake of devastation. Though the world's attention fades, the pain and loss remain. Strengthen those offering relief amid conflict, and bless the quiet acts of love by local congregations. **May their efforts to bring peace and healing bear fruit.** Stir our hearts to generosity, that we may support their work of hope in a broken world.
- Red Dress Day: As we prepare for **Red Dress Day (May 5)** and stand in solidarity with **Indigenous women and girls**, we pray for their safety, care, and justice. We remember the lives lost, the families grieving, and the voices calling for change. Lord, hear our prayer.

OFFERING REPORT - March 23 and 30, 2025

Total Offering (budget): \$6248.00

Regular Offering: \$3420.00

PAO Offering: \$2828.00

Above Budget Donations:

Easter Giving Project - Compass: \$510.00

Hidden Acres Bowlathon: \$100.00

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