

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

~ Celebrating 50 years! ~ 1975-2025 ~

INFORMATION SHEET - April 13, 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>

Palm Sunday - Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship - *based partly on Luke 19:38*

One: As we worship this Palm Sunday, Christ collides with our expectations.

Many: Have we not collided enough?

One: In deep compassion, our Lord sets out a mission of full life.

Many: Form us fully, Jesus.

One: "Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Many: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

All: Our Lord, it is time for you to work in and with us as we worship you!

Opening Prayer

Song – VT #313 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Confession and Assurance

All: Loving and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.

One: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words and actions.

Many: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect.

One: We have not fully accepted your love for us. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Many: We cling to our expectations, and we do not make space for you to challenge them.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us let go of our narrow expectations so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Song – VT #315 "All Glory, Laud, and Honour"

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:29-44

Sermon: ***Christ Collides With our Expectations***

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song – VT #316 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" v.1,2,3

Sharing our Offerings

Congregational Prayer

SENDING

Song – VT #834 "Thuma Mina"

Benediction

CONGREGATION PRAYER UPDATES:

Households of Faith:

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

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

Birthday Celebrations:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES:

Good Friday, April 18th,

✝ 10:00 a.m. Communion Service

Easter Sunday Celebration, April 20th:

✝ 9:00 a.m.- Refreshments served

✝ 9:30 a.m.- Easter Celebration Service. All are invited to bring plants or flowers for the Easter display at the front.

✝ 9:30 a.m.- Children's Easter Party. Easter Story in the library, Egg Hunt in the basement, Easter Activities in the rear of the sanctuary, all during the service! Little ones welcome for all or part, but they may need an adult to accompany them.

WMC's Annual Business Meeting Sunday, April 27th following the worship service. Please plan to attend this important meeting where we will review and reflect on the past year and set goals for the year ahead. Report booklets will be emailed.

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***.

⇒ **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!

WMC Trustees are accepting tenders for 2025 lawn maintenance. Please contact Brad Mavin, Wayne Jantzi or James Neeb 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>

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

MCC Virtual Peace Table- *Monday, April 14 from 3 - 4 p.m., Online Zoom call.* Pull up a chair and join us at an online gathering where individuals, denominations, churches and other organizations come together to develop a virtual "peace table". We will discuss and respond to current world events from a place of nonviolence and peace. Reach out to Rod Friesen at rodfriesen@mcco.ca to join the conversation.

The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir is inviting parents and interested singers to come and watch a rehearsal to see what choir is like. Our open rehearsal will take place on: Tuesday April 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at W-K United Mennonite Church, 15 George St., Waterloo. Parents and children will be invited to sit at the back and watch as we work on the pieces we are performing in May. For more information: conductor@imcchoir.org

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.

Concert For The Earth, April 25 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2210 Perth Line 29, Tavistock. The Nith Valley Eco-Boosters group has been chosen as the recipient for the concert proceeds. For tickets contact the church at 519-655-2372 Tues - Fri 9:30 to 1:30 or email trinityloffice@gmail.com See poster for more info.

Wilmot Family Resource Centre (WFRC) presents **Passion to Action: Women's Wellness Event** on Friday, April 25, 2025 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Join us for an exhilarating evening to celebrate women in our community. Workshops, vendors, food, a fashion show and lots more! Tickets are \$25/person. **To register** or for more information, please contact the Wilmot Family Resource Centre at (519) 662-2731 or info@wilmotfamilyresourcecentre.ca.

Grace Lao Mennonite Church annual EGG ROLL SALE! We're excited to bring you the same delicious egg rolls with options of Meat and Vegetarian at the same great price as before. Don't miss out...Place your orders on the WMC

Bulletin board [by April 27th](#). Pick up is Saturday, May 10 at 575 Lancaster St. West Kitchener.

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.

We hope you can join us for a morning of connection, inspiration, and learning at **Shalom's Annual Spring Brunch**. Saturday, May 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Golf's Steak House Ballroom. Please [RSVP by Monday, April 28](#) to ensure your spot at 519-886-9690 or www.shalomcounselling.org/brunch. Event Theme: *Voices for Change; Healing in Community – Responding to Gender-Based Violence*. Our guest panel will share valuable stories and insights into advocacy, community involvement, and Shalom's role in supporting those with lived experience.

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.

Myanmar earthquake response. In the wake of the magnitude 7.7 earthquake that struck Myanmar on March 28, MCC will be responding with local partners to provide cash assistance to pay for immediate medical needs, food and water. The situation is made even more challenging by ongoing conflict and civil war. The healthcare system has collapsed, roads are impassable, and electricity services are scarce. [donate today to provide relief to families in need](#).

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/>

On Jan. 25, 140 volunteers came together at the MCC Hub for a Great Winter Warm-Up event and knotted 30 comforters for people in need. [Read the full story to see how this tradition of service is making a global impact.](#)

SUMMER CAMP NEWS:

Ontario Mennonite Music Camp, August 10-22: A place where youth (finished grades 6-11 for camp, and finished grades 11 & 12 for LIT program) develop and enrich relationships, faith, musicality and leadership in a fun and supportive summer camp environment. Hosted at Conrad Grebel University College. grebel.ca/ommc

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!

MCEC IN PRAYER

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for [Linwell Church](#), formerly known as St. Catharines United Mennonite Church. Tim Amor provides pastoral leadership to this community. Pray for Linwell Church in their mission of following the way of Jesus in their lives, words and deeds. God of peace and order, we lift up Myanmar, Thailand and all **places experiencing turmoil and suffering**. In the midst of chaos, bring healing, hope and justice. Strengthen those who work for peace, and help us embody your love in a broken world. Pray for the **MCEC Annual Church Gathering** as we meet online this year, April 26. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we tend to the business that supports and strengthens our shared ministry - energizing congregations, encouraging leaders and embodying God's reconciling ministry.

OFFERING REPORT - April 6, 2025

Total Offering (budget): \$4196.13

Regular Offering: \$2782.13

PAO Offering: \$1414.00

Above Budget Donations:

Easter Giving Project - Compass: \$1070.00

Celebration Jar: \$20.00

Wellesley Mennonite Church Financial Summary to March 31, 2025

		% of
2025 Budget	212,530	Total
Receipts to March 31, 2025	52,225	25%
Disbursements to March 31, 2025	44,237	21%

As of March 31, 2025 we are 25% of the way through the year.

Thank you for supporting Wellesley Mennonite Church ministries

There are various ways to donate to WMC ministries

- 1) Sunday morning offerings with cash or cheque
- 2) Pre-Authorized Offering - set amount withdrawn on the 15th of each month
- 3) Etransfer to office@wellesleymennonite.ca

Check [gram](#)
4) Abundance Canada
5) Canada Helps

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