

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

~ Celebrating 50 years! ~ 1975-2025 ~

INFORMATION SHEET - September 14, 2025

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50th Anniversary Celebratory Weekend!

Saturday, September 13: ~5:00-6:30 p.m. Community BBQ - rain or shine - bring your lawn chair & plates. *Missions Committee is asking for your help at the BBQ. Please click on this link: [BBQSIGNUP](#) to indicate where you can help.*
~Free will offering for the Wellesley Community Food Cupboard
~6:30-7:30 p.m. Entertainment by *Rescue Junction*

Sunday, September 14: ~9:30 a.m. 50th Anniversary Worship Celebration. Guest Speaker - Ray Martin
~11:45 a.m. Potluck fellowship meal provided by the congregation. *Please bring extra main course items to share with visitors. No need to bring dessert as anniversary cake and ice cream will be provided.*

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

"All Generations are Rooted and Grounded"

Welcome, announcements, land acknowledgement

Choir – "Great is thy faithfulness"

Call to worship

Opening prayer

Song – VT #1 "Summoned by the God who made us" (v. 1, 3, 5)

Introduction of the 50th Anniversary Banner - Lisa Neeb

Words of greeting from MCEC – Marilyn Rudy-Froese

Song – VT #36 "Let us build a house" (v. 1, 4, 5)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100 – Elaine MacMillan

Choir – "Make a joyful noise"

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:16-21 – Grant Nafziger

Sermon – "Rooted and Grounded in Love, to live in the fullness of God!" Ray Martin

Choir – "Rebecca"

Sharing our Offerings

Congregational prayer

Litany of Thanksgiving and Courage

Symbolic act - "Rooting for Hope"

Song – VT #716 "God of grace and God of glory" (v. 1, 4)

Lunch Instructions and Benediction

Choir – "Go now in peace"

CONGREGATION PRAYER:

Households of Faith:



Worship Leader: Matthew Bailey-Dick
Sermon: Ray Martin
Pianist: Diane Peters
Choir Director: Sharon McElroy
Song Leader: Donna Jantzi
AV Techs: Anson Field, Jon Field

Please consider taking a turn hosting coffee time! Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

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

Sunday, Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m.– Anniversary Choir Rehearsal

Monday, 5:30-7:00 p.m.– Welcome back for another year of Kids For Christ (KFC)!! We will be having a pizza supper, making ice cream sundaes, story, craft and games. You are welcome to bring a friend for this evening or anytime during the year. Please [RSVP](#) by Sept 12 if you can attend.

Birthday Celebrations: Colson Miller, Janessa Pretorius, Lila Tusch, Wayne Freund, Georgia Barg

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

With the end of summer drawing near, we look forward to **The Apple Butter and Cheese Festival** on Saturday, September 27th. I graciously ask for your help as WMC will be making apple fritters at the festival. There are 2 hour shifts starting at 8AM ending at around 4PM. This is a great opportunity for high school students to get some community service hours. Use the online sign-up link: [ABC fritter booth 2025](#). Thanks very much for your continued support of this great community event.

Terry Gerber

Ladies join us Wednesday, October 8th at 7 p.m. for our fall get together. Alecia Weber from MCCO will be presenting that evening to help us learn about their important work providing hygiene and relief kits. How can we help? When asked what we at WMC can do they expressed there is always a need for hand bar soap for the kits or financial donations. We will have a donation area in the foyer for soap if you wish to bring some prior to that evening.

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Creative Explorers Presented by WCHC Youth Centre. This engaging program invites kids and teens to dive into hands-on art and science projects that ignite curiosity and creativity. Each session introduces exciting new activities designed to inspire imagination, encourage discovery, and build skills in a fun and supportive environment. Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 p.m., 1401 Queens Bush Road, Wellesley. Info [HERE](#)

WCHC Youth Centre Drop-In program is your space to relax, have fun, and spend time with friends. Whether you're into video games, board games, tabletop crafts like beading and colouring, or just chilling in a safe, welcoming environment, you'll find something to enjoy. Come and go as you like—this is your time, your space, your way. Tuesdays 5-7 p.m. at 1401 Queens Bush Road, Wellesley. Info [HERE](#)

Detweiler Meetinghouse and Cemetery, 3445 Roseville Road, Ayr will be a site to visit during **Doors Open Waterloo Region**, Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come and learn about the 70 year history of the meetinghouse and its complete restoration. There is also a self-guided cemetery tour. Free admission.

Doors Open Waterloo Region: MCC Hub September 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 65 Heritage Dr., New Hamburg. The MCC Hub is a participating site of Doors Open Waterloo Region. Tour the home to MCC's material resources and thrift processing, including the innovative new meat cannery; explore behind-the-scenes operations and pack a relief kit for someone affected by conflict or disaster. See how we meet urgent needs and make a global impact — one can, one kit at a time. There's fun for the whole family with a bouncy castle and face painting, too. Donations of bars of soap are gratefully accepted. [Learn more here.](#)

Peace Week September 21-30 highlights community initiatives related to peace and justice. Visit the Peace Week website for a full community calendar of local events: uwaterloo.ca/peace-week

Southern Gospel Music - In concert 4 *One Quartet*, September 21, 6:30 p.m. at Rosebank Church, 1434 Huron Rd, Petersburg. Free entry. For more info visit rosebankchurch.org

Peace Week: Forced to Flee Simulation Experience - Tuesday, September 23 | 1 – 2:30 p.m. | Community Room at 50

Kent Ave., Kitchener. "Forced to Flee" is a simulation experience that will plunge you into the reality that over 100 million people face around the world when they are forced to flee their homes. You'll be confronted with a series of difficult decisions while you develop an awareness and understanding about the global refugee crisis. The event is free, but please register [here](#).

You are invited to the Wilmot and Wellesley Resource Centre's 31st annual Community Fundraiser (Poor Boy's Luncheon) Thursday, September 25 at the New Hamburg Community Centre 251 Jacob St. Lunch 11:30 am—1:30 pm and Dinner 5—7:30pm. Tickets available online or at the door www.wilmotwellesleyrc.ca

Compass Refugee Centre is participating in the Ride for Refuge and you are invited to join us! For info on how to walk, ride, fundraise, give, click on this link: <https://rideforrefuge.org/location/kitchenergrandriver> Ride for Refuge isn't just about raising money. It's about raising hope. It's about standing together in a visible, joyful way.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

SLMC Employment Opportunity: Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is seeking a Fundraising & Communications Manager. This is a permanent, half-time, hybrid position in Kitchener. If you would like to inspire and engage SLMC's generous community, read more at slmc.ca/staff and apply soon!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Grand River Water Walk Meal Support *September 22-27 in Elora, Brantford, Kitchener.* MCC is preparing for the Grand River Water Walk and are in need of volunteers to help provide grab-and-go meals for the walkers as they journey along the Grand River. We are seeking help for various breakfast, lunch and dinner meals on September 22 and 23 (Elora), September 24 (Kitchener) and September 25-27 (Brantford). Please contact shealynclausen@mcco.ca. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Interfaith Counselling Centre (ICC) Board of Directors is currently seeking individuals to fill two volunteer positions. If you have a desire to support your community and work alongside a great group of volunteers, then this opportunity is for you! 1.Human Resources 2.Promotions Committee. Contact 519-662-3092 or miserbender@interfaithcounselling.ca

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we are praying for Wanner Mennonite Church. Wanner is currently searching for a transformational interim pastor. Pray for this community in Cambridge as they find their next pastoral leader and continue their mission of sharing Jesus' love with each other and the world.
- Pray for **Willi Hugo Pérez**, CEO/Rector of SEMILLA, and **Karla Vásquez**, Ambassador, as they prepare for their visit to Canada, September 12–22. Give thanks for **SEMILLA's** faithful witness as an Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala City and its deep ties with MC Canada. May this visit strengthen relationships, inspire mutual learning and nurture the shared ministry of God's people across cultures.
- Pray for **Micah Peters Unrau** as he begins his new role with MCEC as Church Engagement Associate. Pray that as he listens and shares stories with congregations, the many ways God is at work across MCEC will be celebrated and strengthened.
- **Pray for God's healing in our world:** for peace where there is violence and war, for renewal in creation where it groans under climate crisis, for justice in places of oppression and for comfort among the sick, lonely, and grieving.

OFFERING REPORT - September 7, 2025

Total Offering (budget): \$3620.00

Regular Offering: \$2206.00

PAO Offering: \$1414.00

Above Budget Donations:

Celebration Jar: \$20

Wellesley Food Cupboard: \$200.00

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