

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

~ Celebrating 50 years! ~ 1975-2025 ~

INFORMATION SHEET - September 21, 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 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Welcome and announcements

Land acknowledgement

Musical interlude

Call to worship - Intercessory Prayer by Charles Kwuelum (adapted from 2 Timothy 1:7)

Introduction: The God of Grace constantly renews us with a lifegiving Spirit, reflecting God's grace of peace, reconciliation and love for one another. Though we often fall short, God's Holy Spirit guides us as we pray.

Leader: That we may offer grace in our relationship with ourselves and with others, acting as agents of nonviolence.

All: God gives us a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline and not of cowardice.

Leader: That the Holy Spirit, the essence and the true power of God's presence will continually renew us as God's creatures and ambassadors of God's peace.

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Leader: That the Holy Spirit transforms our hearts and minds to embrace a peace that reflects social justice, the alleviation of suffering, and the attainment of wellbeing.

All: God gives us a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline and not of cowardice.

Leader: That we may respect and embrace differences, that we may hunger and thirst to respond to the needs of others, and that we may move away from war and violence and toward caring for God's creation.

All: God gives us a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline and not of cowardice.

All: Amen

Opening prayer

Song – VT#797 "We are people of God's peace" (v. 1, 3, 4)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture readings: Psalm 113; Colossians 3: 15-17

Song – VT#794 "If the war goes on"

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song – VT#714 "Let there be light"

Sharing our offerings

Congregational prayer

SENDING

Song – VT#705 "For the healing of the nations" (v. 1, 3, 4)

Benediction

CONGREGATION PRAYER:

Households of Faith:

Worship Leader: Brad

Sermon: Matthew Bailey-Dick

Pianist: Sandra

Song Leaders:

AV Techs: Anson

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/>
Friday, 7-9 p.m. at Crosshill Mennonite Church. Youth Kick-off & Fun with Fondue!

Saturday– Apple Butter and Cheese Festival! Your help is needed 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](#), email Terry at tandcgerber@gmail.com or call 519 656 9966. Thanks very much for your continued support of this great community event.

Birthday Celebrations:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

WMC Senior's! We are going back to school! Join us on Friday, October 3rd for a trip back in time. Meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. to car pool to Brocksden Country School Museum near Shakespeare to experience 'school' in a 1853 Historic One Room Schoolhouse. Cost is \$5 per person. Let Judy or Susan know if you plan to attend. (Note: there are a few steps into the schoolhouse and the washrooms are located in the basement)

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.

Thanksgiving / Fall Giving Project- Your Missions Committee has decided to support MCC and the work they are doing in Gaza this year. Stay tuned for more details.

WOW!!! Last Saturday's Community BBQ was an amazing celebration of our 50th Anniversary thanks to the collective efforts of our congregation. Together we made over 30 salads, transported 20 picnic tables, served almost 340 hamburgers and hotdogs and two and ¾ tubs of ice cream and sauce. Thank you to the many people who helped with these tasks. Our gratitude is also extended to our Master of Ceremonies, greeters and the talented people who were involved with the children's activities. We were able to donate 20 boxes of food and over \$1700 to the Wellesley Community Food Cupboard!!!

Missions Committee

YOUTH EVENTS:

Youth Kick-off & Fun with Fondue! Friday, September 26 7-9 p.m. at Crosshill Mennonite Church. We will be having cheese and chocolate fondues, please bring an item to dip (ie nachos, bread chunks, peppers, fruit) as well as footwear for games in the gym.

Fall Hayride & Campfire! Thursday, October 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Greg & Lora Gerbers, 2827 Hutchinson Road. Snacks will be supplied - please bring an item to donate to the Wellesley Food Cupboard.

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

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

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

SPIRITUS ENSEMBLE presents: *Bach Vespers for the New Year*, including a performance by the Choir and Orchestra of Spiritus Ensemble of J.S. Bach's Cantata 190 and his motet 'Lobet den Herrn'. Sunday, September 28, 4:00 p.m. at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street North, Kitchener. Admission by donation.

Community-powered Decolonization with Sarah Augustine and Friends September 29 at 7 p.m., Conrad Grebel University College Chapel, Waterloo; October 1 at 7 p.m., Shantz Mennonite Church, Baden. You're invited to join author and notable speaker Sarah Augustine, together with Adrian Jacobs and Mennonite Action, for two evenings of conversation about Indigenous justice and decolonization. These events are free but require registration. [Learn more and register here](#). Capacity is limited.

Woman's Day, Saturday, November 8, 9-3 at Calvary United Church, 48 Hawkesville Rd., St. Jacobs. Join us for a day of inspiration and teaching with Melinda Estabrooks of "See Hear Love". Cost n\$30 includes lunch. Register www.calvaryunited.com/event-details/register

Men Listening, Men Talking: A Men's Retreat- November 28-29 Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp and Retreat Centre. Men are invited to participate in this retreat that will focus on building healthy relationships of peace in their daily roles as fathers, sons, husbands and neighbours. We'll learn lessons from guest speaker Arthur Boers, teacher, author and pastor, as he reflects on the impact and healing of generational trauma in his childhood. Learn more [here](#).

Our August edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, you'll read about Jeff and Sylvia Starr who have received a new home thanks to the MDS Manitoba Unit. As she spoke about MDS, Sylvia said, "I never thought there were so many kind people in the world." **Read *On the Level*:** <https://conta.cc/4pxWgG4>

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!

MCEC IN PRAYER

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we are praying for Warden Underground. Jordan Thoms provides pastoral leadership for this community. Pray for this community in Scarborough as they work to grow in Christ and participate in action that exhibits the character and priorities of Jesus.

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 14, 2025

Total Offering (budget): \$4444.00

Regular Offering: \$3030.00

PAO Offering: \$1414.00

Above Budget Donations:

Wellesley Food Cupboard: \$650.00

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