

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

~ Celebrating 50 years! ~ 1975-2025 ~

INFORMATION SHEET - September 28, 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>

You are invited to wear an orange shirt on Sunday in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation which is September 30.

Order of Worship

Welcome, announcements, and instructions

1. Song – HWB#135 – God, whose purpose is to kindle
2. Song – HWB#403 – The church of Christ in every age (v. 1, 3, 5)
3. Song – HWB#409 – What does the Lord require
4. Song – HWB#374 – O young and fearless prophet (v. 1, 3, 4)
5. Land acknowledgement
6. Benediction
7. Musical interlude
8. Call to worship
9. Scripture reading: Luke 4:16-21
10. Offering prayer
11. Congregational prayer
12. Sermon

CONGREGATION PRAYER:

Households of Faith:

Worship Leader: Twelve of you as volunteers

Sermon: Matthew Bailey-Dick

Pianist: Jenny A

Song Leaders: Jessica P

AV Techs: Anson F

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

Next Sunday - October 5, 2025 - World Communion Sunday. We will celebrate communion during our service.

Birthday Celebrations:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

Special document in conjunction with Truth and Reconciliation Sunday: Attached to this Info Page you will find a PDF document entitled "94 Calls to Action". This document will be mentioned during the worship service on Sunday, and you will hear about some homework relating to this document.

Matthew Bailey-Dick will be on holiday from October 6-12. Please contact an Elder for pastoral care needs.

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 chosen to support MCC and the help they are giving to the people in Gaza this year. Through a partner in Gaza, MCC have provided shelter, food hampers, hygiene kits, infant care kits and cooking stoves to those in need. The best and quickest way to help is with financial aid. Think 50th anniversary. Please note MCC-Gaza on your envelope or e transfer. We will measure our progress as a congregation over the next few weeks.

It takes a Church to Celebrate a 50th Anniversary! The anniversary planning team would like to express our deep gratitude in thanking our congregation. It has been a year of planning and we hope you agree that the results have been overwhelmingly successful. Thank you to the many committees and individuals who shared in the planning, and gave of their time and energy, to create experiences that made our 50th anniversary year one to remember for years to come.

YOUTH NEWS:

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

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

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 is free; a donation is requested.

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.

Gleaners Fundraising Banquet October 24th. We will be hearing from missions organizations who distribute our food all over the world! See the impact that using surplus produce to feed a hungry world has! Doors open at 6:00pm. Dinner is at 6:30pm @ 175 Holiday Inn Dr. Cambridge, ON N3C 3T2. Please note as this is a fundraising event and an opportunity will be given to donate to the work of the gleaners. Please Register by October 10th [HERE](#)

[Rockway Mennonite Collegiate](#) invites you to its annual Spaghetti Supper School Fundraiser followed by the Alumni Sports Challenge. Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 17** and join us for some family-friendly fun! Visit www.rockway.ca/events for more information, to buy your spaghetti tickets or to learn how to play on the Alumni team!

Empty Bowls for Haiti- Sat., Oct. 18, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Steinmann Mennonite Church. Local potters donate hand-crafted bowls and local restaurants provide a wide variety of delicious soups. Funds raised strengthen communities in Haiti through the work of MCC. Tickets are \$35 each. Go to mcc.org/events to buy your tickets today!

Join us and **Discover Rockway** for your family at our information night on **Thursday, November 6 from 7 - 9 pm**. To learn more and to register for this event, visit our [Discover Rockway](#) webpage.

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>

Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering a variety of groups and workshops for all ages this fall. Registration is now

open - be sure to [sign up](#) today! To stay up to date about our upcoming workshops and discover new mental health tips and strategies, follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)!

Do you have an instrument at home that you're looking to donate? Consider Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's Music Department! This year, we are in need of brass instruments and saxophones in particular, but all wind instrument donations would be considered. For more information, please email Chris Ainsworth (advancement@rockway.ca)

Raw Carrot Soup of the Month Club is back, and now open for orders! Celebrate the start of fall with 10 months of delicious, handcrafted, limited-edition soup, made in small batches and available exclusively to Soup of the Month members. With every bowl of soup, you're helping create jobs for people who face barriers to work. It's a simple way to support dignity, purpose, and real change in communities across Canada. Soup must be picked up in Kitchener at the MCC Ontario office (50 Kent Ave.) or at Stirling Mennonite Church. Cost: \$110 for 10 months. Visit shop.therawcarrot.com for details.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate is accepting nominations to be on the **Rockway Board of Directors**. If you are a champion of Rockway and wish to apply, visit our [AGM webpage](#) or simply fill out the [google form](#). If you wish to nominate someone else, please email your suggestion at: nominations@rockway.ca

MCEC IN PRAYER

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we are praying for Waters Mennonite Church. Pray for this community in Lively, ON, just outside Sudbury as they aim to provide a base for a friendly, Christ-centered and biblically-based community of faith that respects the Anabaptist tradition.

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 21, 2025

Total Offering (budget): \$3654.00

Regular Offering: \$2240.00

PAO Offering: \$1414.00

Above Budget Donations:

Wellesley Food Cupboard: \$75.00

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