

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

~ Celebrating 50 years! ~ 1975-2025 ~

INFORMATION SHEET - September 7, 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>

Gathering Sunday: Sunday, September 7th– All are invited to participate in 'Blessing for the backpacks, workbags, and toolbelts' by bringing your backpack, book bag, brief case, work lunch bag, tool belt, or something related to your volunteer roles. We will ask God's blessing upon us as we learn, study, work and serve in the community. Items could be placed around the front table as you enter the sanctuary.

Junior Sunday School– All children preschool - grade 5 are welcome to join Sunday School in the basement during the worship service. Theme: "Fall for Jesus!"

Order of Worship

Welcome and announcements

Land acknowledgement

Musical interlude

Call to worship

Opening prayer

Song – VT#126 "Holy God, we praise thy name" (v. 1, 2, 4)

Blessing for the backpacks, workbags and toolbelts

Grade 1 Bible presentations

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture reading: Ephesians 2:14-22

Song – VT#563 "Come, thou fount"

Sermon: ***Far, Near, Splendid, Summoned***

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song – VT#606 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

Sharing our offerings

Celebration Jar

Congregational prayer

SENDING

Song – VT#812 "Sent forth by God's blessing"

Benediction

CONGREGATION PRAYER:

Households of Faith:

Worship Leader:

Sermon:

Pianist:

Song Leaders:

AV Techs:

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. 7, 8:30 a.m.— Anniversary Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.— Men's breakfast at Schmidtsville. Al S will share.

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.— Church Council meets

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. If you can make a salad, transport picnic tables, BBQ, hand out plates, serve ice cream or clean up, please click on the following link: [BBQSIGNUP](#)

~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

~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.***

Birthday Celebrations:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

Welcome back for another year of Kids For Christ (KFC)!! Please join us on Monday September 15 from 5:30-7:00 pm for a celebration. 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.

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](#), email me at tandcgerber@gmail.com or call 519 656 9966. Thanks very much for your continued support of this great community event.

Terry Gerber

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](#)

The international theme of **World Suicide Prevention Day** (WSPD) on 10th September 2025 is 'Changing the Narrative on Suicide'. Suicide is a serious global public health issue, with over 700,000 lives lost each year. Join Interfaith Counselling Centre on Wednesday September 10th to walk in support of Suicide Awareness. Gather: 7:30 p.m., Welcoming Remarks: 7:45 p.m. Walk at your own pace with candle in hand. For more information on other events and resources available in Waterloo Region— [click here](#)

Detweiler Meetinghouse, 3445 Roseville Road, Ayr, Summer Music Thursday, September 11 at 7 pm, will be *No Discernible Key*, familiar to and enjoyed by many. Admission by donation. Receipts for \$20+. Information at detweilermeetinghouse.ca, Facebook and Instagram.

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.

Southern Gospel Music - In concert 4 *One Quartet*, September 21, 6:30 p.m. at Rosebank Church, 1434 Huron Rd, Pe-

tersburg. Free entry. For more info visit rosebankchurch.org

Peace Week: Elephant at the Border- Sunday, September 21, 28 and October 5 | 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | On Zoom
Amidst political discord and talks of annexation across the Canada-US border, what is the call of followers of Jesus to respond? MCC is hosting three webinars that will explore the power and possibility of nonviolence in light of U.S. aggression. Join a series of online workshops starting on Sunday, September 21st. Attend one or attend them all. These events are free and expand on conversations from our first series this past spring. Learn more and register [here](#).

MCC Ontario Annual General Meeting Monday, Sept. 22, 7-8:30 p.m. | Online The 2025 AGM will highlight MCC Ontario's financial results and strategic progress while empowering congregation delegates to participate in decision-making through voting on key organizational business matters. Learn more and register at [MCC Ontario Annual General Meeting](#).

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

Join our team! We are excited to announce new opportunities at MCC:

[Digital Media Associate](#) (Full time contract) - Kitchener. For full job descriptions and to apply, visit mcc.org/serve

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 Vineland United Mennonite Church. Steven Giugovaz provide pastoral leadership for this community. Pray for this community in Lincoln, ON who are committed to praying, singing and learning from God's word.

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.

God of all nations, in a **world torn by conflict and division**, we ask that you **bring peace** where there is war, **understanding** where there is hatred **and healing** where there is deep and ancient pain. Stir the hearts of your people to be makers of peace, listen more deeply, act more justly and love more boldly.

OFFERING REPORT - August 31, 2025

Total Offering (budget): \$3564.00

Regular Offering: \$2150.00

PAO Offering: \$1414.00

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