

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - April 12, 2026

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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 Service

Welcome and announcements
Land acknowledgement
Musical interlude
Call to worship – VT#29 “Come, now is the time to worship”
Opening prayer
Song – VT#162 “The love of God” (v. 1, 3)
Poem
Song – VT#722 “Help us to help each other” (v. 1, 2, 4)
Scripture reading: 1 John 4:7-12
Sermon
Song – VT#156 “There’s a wideness in God’s mercy” (v. 1, 3, 4)
Sharing our offerings
Congregational prayer
Benediction – VT#584 “Jesus, be the centre”

Please consider taking a turn making coffee and/or a snack for Coffee Time after the service. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

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

Monday 7:00 p.m.– Prayer Group meets in boardroom. We are studying *The Lord’s Prayer*. All are welcome!

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.– North of Sixty Men’s Breakfast at Schmidtsville Restaurant

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.– Church Council meeting

Friday 7 to 9 p.m.– Youth meet at Crosshill Church. We will be offering a "Learn to play Pickle Ball" session in the gym, Comforter Knotting in the lobby, and other activities, so whether you are athletic or crafty, you will enjoy this event. Please bring a snack to share, and appropriate shoes for the gym.

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

WMC’s Annual Business Meeting - Sunday, April 19 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.

New! **Spring 2026 educational events** for our church community... and as an outreach beyond our community! See the attached PDF document for a summary of all the events. More details about each event will be noted in the Info Page, verbally on Sunday mornings, or both. Contact Matthew Bailey-Dick if you have questions.



You Are Invited to the MCEC Annual Church Gathering! Registration is now open for our April 25 gathering at Steinmann Mennonite—and you won't want to miss it! Come be energized by inspiring workshops, meaningful discernment and Spirit-led conversations that will equip and uplift your congregation in worship, discipleship and mission. Join us as we listen for God's call and move forward together with hope and joy. **If you can be a WMC delegate at this meeting please contact the church office or [Register by April 18](#)**

Ladies, we welcome you to join us for the inaugural flight of the WMC Airline on Wednesday, April 22nd 2026. Departing at 7 p.m. We will be making stops at four different countries. Along our flight route from each country we visit, we will share a small food sample and a short trip report. No passport required.

Prayer Chain & Info Page email lists: WMC Elders are responsible to oversee the lists of members. A decision was made to combine the Info Page email list and the Prayer Chain email list into one and call it the WMC Email List. This list will be used for all email communication with the congregation. If you have questions, please contact an Elder or the church office.

The Missions Committee has communicated with **MCC Ontario's Cannery in New Hamburg** regarding volunteering. The model for bringing in volunteer groups is that we donate to cover the cost of the materials that we CAN during their volunteering session. Groups are welcome to come in and can for a half day (330-550 cans) or a full day (700-1100 cans) and the current costs is \$7/can. They are currently booking groups on Wednesdays and Thursdays (full day 9am-3:30pm: ½ day 9-12 or 12:30-3:30pm), and can accommodate some Tuesday bookings. Our donations will determine how many volunteers we can send. **If you are interested in volunteering, please let a member of the Missions Committee know.**

Vacation Bible School - Registration is open! Join us for an exciting week of faith and fun at Crosshill Mennonite Church from June 29 to July 3, in partnership with Wellesley Mennonite Church. Register online at: <https://www.crosshillmennonitechurch.ca/vbs2025>

We need volunteers! Anyone interested in volunteering at VBS this year is requested to fill out this online form showing their areas of interest: <https://forms.gle/1Ez59tXFbPd3YFq78>

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Venture Club, Monday, April 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Crosshill Mennonite Church. We'll start with fun songs and a short devotion about God's promises, then head to the gym for exciting games, tasty snacks, and a creative hands-on craft that reminds us of new life and fresh starts! Bring a friend and share the joy!! Open to all kids in JK—Grade 5.

Grace Lao Mennonite Church EGG ROLL SALE! We're excited to bring you the same delicious egg rolls with options of Meat and Vegetarian for \$2/egg roll or 10 egg rolls in a box. Don't miss out...place your orders on the WMC bulletin board by April 19th. Pick up is Saturday, May 2, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 575 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener.

Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 4:00 pm- **Voces Lucis Women's Choir presents 'At Home'** at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Suggested donation is Adults \$10, Teens/Children \$5.

Students of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invite you to their Spring Concert: *Sound Circle*. Join us Tuesday, April 21 at 7 pm for an evening of music performed by our grade 7 - 12 ensembles. All are welcome. A free-will offering will be taken to support music at Rockway. For more info: rockway.ca/events

Our Water – Challenges & Solutions - On December 4, 2025, the Region of Waterloo announced a significant water capacity issue linked to population growth and aging infrastructure. To help our community understand what this means and what can be done, the Nith Valley EcoBoosters invite you Tuesday, April 21, 7:00–9:00 p.m. Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg to hear keynote speaker, Dr. Hugh Simpson, a hydrogeologist with over 30 years of experience in provincial and municipal groundwater management. Q&A will follow. This event is free, but registration is required at: nvecoboosters.com or <https://bit.ly/2026water> . A livestream option will be available.

Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 pm. **Westgate Mennonite Collegiate from Winnipeg MB is on a music tour.** Concert held at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Come and enjoy the Westgate Concert Band, Concert Choir, Senior Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Admission is free.

Join us for a film/ educational event focused on **the Two Row Paddle on the Grand River** Thursday, April 23, 7:00 pm at Zion United Church, 215 Peel Street, New Hamburg. The *Two Row Paddle* is a local Indigenous-led action that builds truth and reconciliation, and love and care for the Grand River in particular, and life-giving water in a broader manner. The annual event includes Indigenous and non-Indigenous people rowing side by side on the Grand River, building re-

spectful relationships. We will watch a brief film, and learn from guest speaker Jay Bailey (a non-Indigenous leader), who has been paddling and organizing the *Two Row Paddle* for many years. There is no fee for the event. Donations are gratefully received to support the work of the Wilmot Indigenous Relations Interfaith Working Group.

PA Day Wellness program, presented in partnership between Woolwich Counselling Centre and Woolwich Community Services, Friday April 24th, 1-3 p.m. at The Hub (24 Snyder Ave. S. Elmira). Ages 9-14 join us for a FREE, fun-filled afternoon of mental wellness activities including, art and music therapy. Refreshments provided! Register [HERE](#).

Kindred Credit Union Annual Meeting - April 28, 7:00 p.m. at Wilmot Centre Church, Petersburg or via Zoom. Registration is required for both in-person and online attendance: Kindredcu.com/agm or 1-888-672-6728 before April 27.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp | (slmc.ca) :

The Grand Paddle & Hike Fundraiser: Join us for our 17th annual fundraiser May 8 – 10 and support Silver Lake programs! Participants collect donations leading up to the fundraiser and then paddle/hike/walk/bike outdoors in their communities, or join a group paddle or hike along the Grand River. Visit slmc.ca/gph for more information.

The 65th Campfire Concert & Dinner: On May 9, join us at Breslau Mennonite Church for a special 65th anniversary celebration featuring an evening of music, skits, stories, dinner & friends! Visit slmc.ca/65th to purchase tickets.

There is one month left for golfers to register for **Rockway's 31st Annual Golf Classic!** NEW this year - we added a third flight to ensure that golfers of all levels feel welcome. Learn more or sign up today at rockway.ca/golf.

Thursday, May 21, 7:30pm. **Menno Singers and the Mennonite Mass Choir**, conducted by Artistic Director Brandon Leis, presents Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* and Johannes Brahms' *Schicksalslied* (Song of Destiny) at Centre in the Square with Orchestra. Tickets available at <https://centreinthesquare.com/event/>

MCEC IN PRAYER

Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we hold **Elmira Mennonite Church** in prayer. Kara Carter provides pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for this congregation as they serve their community in ways that demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ, giving hope and working for peace.

Maxwell Kennel will be installed and licensed toward ordination at **Hamilton Mennonite Church** on April 12, 2026. Pray for Max and the congregation as they celebrate his calling to ministerial leadership. To share your encouragement and support with Max, you can reach him at pastor@hmc.on.ca.

Pray for **David Martin**, former MCEC Executive Minister and retired MCEC pastor, **and his family** as they navigate a health crisis. David is in the early stages of diagnosis of a brain tumour. Pray as they seek wisdom for the medical team, as well as strength and comfort in the days ahead and for God's sustaining peace during this time.

Pray for **youth** across MCEC who will be **Bible Quizzing** on April 18 at **Steinmann Mennonite Church**. Bless the organizers from Steinmann Mennonite and all participants with focus, encouragement and delight as they gather for a day of fun, friendly competition and learning together. May your Word take root in their hearts and strengthen their faith and community.

God of peace, amid the recent waves of violence, loss and unrest unfolding across our world, we come before you seeking your steadying presence. Hold close all who are grieving, fearful or displaced, and soften hearts where anger and division have taken root. May your peace take hold in communities and nations, guiding us toward compassion, restraint and hope.

OFFERING REPORT - April 5, 2026

Total Offering (budget): \$3389.00

Sunday Offering: \$895.00

E Transfers: \$1285.00

PAO Offering: \$1209.00

Above Budget Donations:

Easter Giving Project - MCC Meat Cannery: \$425.00

Wellesley Community Food Cupboard: \$50.00

Celebration Jar: \$36.90

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