

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - April 19, 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

Musical interlude

Call to worship

Opening prayer

Song – VT#88 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (v. 1, 2, 3)

Litany of the four directions

Children’s Story

Song – STS#16 “Peace before us” (v.1-5)

Prayer of adoration and confession

Scripture reading: [Psalm 146](#)

Personal reflections:

Song – VT#389 “Together” (v. 1, 2, 4)

Sharing our offerings

Congregational prayer

Song – VT#849 “We, your people, sing your praises”

Benediction

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.

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.

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

Monday 7:00 p.m.– Prayer Group meets in boardroom. We are focusing on *Stories of People that pray in the Bible*. All are welcome!

Tuesday 1:30-3:00 p.m.– Learning Event - *Exploring the Anabaptist Bible*. Pondview Community Room.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.- Ladies, we welcome you to join us for the inaugural flight of the WMC Airline. 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.



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

MCEC Annual Church Gathering! April 25 at Steinmann Mennonite. 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. **Registration closes at 4:30 p.m. on April 17.** [Register Here.](#)

Kids For Christ (JK-Grade 5)- Monday April 27, 6:30-7:45 p.m. "New Life". Join us for games, crafts, stories, snacks! *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"* 2 Corinthians 5:17.

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

MCEC Intercultural Worship Gathering, April 25, 7-9 p.m., 800 King St. E., Kitchener (Home of Shalom Worship & Healing Centre and First Mennonite Church). Join us for the MCEC Intercultural Worship Service, a joyful gathering where congregations unite to celebrate our diversity in Christ. Offered alongside the MCEC ACG, everyone is welcome. We will also celebrate the ordination of Anthony Siegrist, MCEC Executive Minister. Plan to attend!

Want to learn more about volunteering with MDS? Join our Zoom call on April 27 at 7:30pm EST. This Zoom meeting provides an opportunity for prospective volunteers to learn about the many volunteer opportunities available with MDS! We will discuss MDS's mission, vision, core values, and a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Register by April 22 at <https://mds.org/event/ways-to-get-involved-with-mds/>.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate will be hosting, and performing in, the Mennonite Schools Network Choral Festival on Saturday, May 2, 3pm at The St. Matthews Centre. Please visit rockway.ca/events. All are welcome.

DaCapo Chamber Choir presents *Enchant* featuring the premiere of Taiga by Leonard Enns. May 2, 7:30 p.m. and May 3, 3:00 p.m. at Trillium Lutheran, Waterloo. Tickets and full details at www.dacapochamberchoir.ca or 519-725-7549.

Road Hockey Challenge! June 20 at Crosshill Mennonite Church. Register your team by May 16th (\$125/team). After May 16th \$150/team. All proceeds support Wellesley Food Cupboard and Twin Centre Stars and Hericane Hockey Registration Assistance Fund. PeeWee, Atom and Novice divisions. For registration forms, submission, and rules go to www.crosshillmennonitechurch.ca or contact crosshillroadhockey@gmail.com.

This year, the **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale proudly celebrates 60 years** of coming together in faith, generosity, and community. Since 1967, this annual tradition has raised more than \$15 million for Mennonite Central Committee, bringing hope, relief, and opportunity to communities around the world. Mark your calendar for May 29 and 30 and be part of this milestone celebration! Whether you're a longtime supporter or joining us for the first time, this year's sale promises meaningful connection, inspiring moments, and the chance to make a lasting impact. [See this year's quilts.](#)

Calling for an end to the violence. MCC laments the U.S. military aggression against Iran and mourns our collective failure to stop the endless cycles of violence and the cheapening of human life. We know a better world is possible—because Jesus showed us the way. Join us in praying and taking action for peace.

MDS' April edition of *On the Level* is now available. You will read about Gord and Marianne Siemens from Saskatoon who have caught the "MDS bug." The "bug" has taken them across Canada, from B.C. to Nova Scotia, and to places like Texas and Florida, since 2018. **Read *On the Level*:** <https://conta.cc/3OJAsJS>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp and Retreat Centre is currently seeking to hire a year-round Housekeeping Coordinator (20-25 hours/week) and Housekeeping Staff (10-15 hours/week) to begin as soon as possible. Job descriptions for both positions are available on our website at www.hiddenacres.ca. To apply, please forward your resume to brent@hiddenacres.ca.

Love Music? Lead the scene at Grebel! Conrad Grebel University College is looking for a Music Ensemble & Concert Coordinator to bring our musical season to life! Applications due April 26. Visit uwaterloo.ca/grebel/contact-us/careers for more information.

MCC is excited to announce new opportunities to join our team and make a meaningful impact in communities across Ontario. If you are passionate about community engagement, collaboration and fostering belonging, we invite you to apply. **For full job descriptions and to apply, visit mcc.org/serve.**

- [Major Gifts Associate](#) - Kitchener
- Canada Summer Job: [Associate Workroom - Receiving](#) - St. Catharines
- Canada Summer Job: [Newcomers Engagement Assistant](#) - St. Catharines

MCEC IN PRAYER

Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we hold **Église Bethésda Mennonite de Saint-Hyacinthe** in prayer. Amuri Ayeba provides pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for this congregation, begun in 2020, as they serve their community just east of Montreal.

Pray with the leaders of the Friends of Grace Church Association, the network that surround **Tom and Christine Poovong**, MC Canada International Witness workers, and their colleagues in Thailand as they elect a new president for their association. Pray for guidance, wisdom and a spirit of unity in the churches.

Pray for **pastors in China**, whether in small house churches or large cathedrals, as they navigate a complex time in their society. "Growth, as you Canadians should know well, does not only happen in summer, but winter is important for deep roots and strength," shares one church leader. "We are seeing God at work in the church in China in beautiful ways!" Thanks be to God.

OFFERING REPORT - April 12, 2026

Total Offering (budget): \$3569.73

Sunday Offering: \$1370.00

E Transfers: \$775.00

Canada Helps: \$215.73

PAO Offering: \$1209.00

Above Budget Donations:

Easter Giving Project - MCC Meat Cannery: \$425.00

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