

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - April 26, 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

Open eyes and hearts (*from "Development and Peace" which is a Canadian Catholic organization*)

Leader: May God bless us with strength to seek justice.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: May God bless us with wisdom to care for our earth.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: May God bless us with love to bring forth new life.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: In the name of God, the maker of the whole world, of Jesus, our new covenant, and of the Holy Spirit who opens eyes and hearts.

ALL: Amen.

Opening prayer

Song – VT#103 “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee” (v. 1, 3, 4)

Scripture readings: Isaiah 58:5-7 and Matthew 25:35-40

Song – “One bread, one body”

Sermon

Song – “Be not afraid”

Sharing our offerings

Congregational prayer

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

Benediction

Please stay for the second hour to hear more from Joe Mancini: *Projects of the Working 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 6:30-7:45 p.m.– Kids For Christ (JK-Grade 5)- . “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.

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!

Wednesday 7-8:30 p.m.- Learning Event - *Hope from a Christian Perspective*. Meet at WMC.



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

Spring Cleaning! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 9th. We will be cleaning the inside and outside of the church building and your help is appreciated. Many hands make light work!

Mennonite Relief Sale is quickly approaching and we are assisting with the Tea Ball booth again. Please consider helping out! Shifts will be May 28th Thursday evening, May 29th Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday May 30th. Exact time slots will be posted shortly. Please let the Missions Committee know if you are able to volunteer for a shift or two.

The Missions Committee extends many thanks for the generous donations of our church community. Together we raised \$2715!!! These funds will be used to can chicken for communities and countries in need. We are now looking to making this happen. We have selected June 9th and / or June 16th from 12:30pm to 3:30pm at the Hub in New Hamburg. If you are able to join us, here is the [LINK](#) to the Cannery sign-up sheet. Further details will be sent to volunteers.

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

Blood Donor Clinic - Township of Wellesley Recreation Complex, Monday, May 4, 1-8 p.m. Appointments encouraged but walk-ins may be accommodated. Book now at blood.ca or call 1-888-2-DONATE

Red Dress Day - On May 5, we display red dresses as a reminder of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit Peoples (MMIWG2S). To build awareness of these lost lives, and out of respect for those who mourn, participate in any of the following: wear red, hang a red dress outside your home, workplace or faith community, participate in Red Dress events in your community

Interfaith Counselling Centre Mental Health Week - May 4-10:

Monday - Community Talks: Seniors Wellness Talk series at [Wellesley Rec Complex](#), 1-2:30 p.m. Join Counsellor Manshi Pandya to discuss the science of smiles and stories. This free event is catered to adults 55+

Tuesday - Great Divide Trail Talk: exploring mental health aspects of trekking in nature at The Waterlot, 7 p.m.

Wednesday - McHappy Day: Senior's Wellness Talk series at Wilmot Rec Centre 11-12 am *AND* Youth Wellness Night at Wilmot Rec Centre 4:30-7 p.m.

Thursday - Wellness on the Web: Read our article in the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette and follow us on social media!

Friday - Youth Event: Friday Night Social at Wilmot Rec Centre, join us for Karaoke, Music Bingo and more! 4:30-7 p.m.

Saturday - Swim and Walk: Join us at the Wilmot Rec Centre for an Open Swim, a walk, and fun popcorn! 2-4 p.m.

Sunday - Day of Rest: Thank you to our local churches for supporting us!

Red Dress Day Art Exhibit and Call 30 - Conrad Grebel University College, 140 Westmount Road North, Waterloo. In partnership with Conrad Grebel University College, MCC is featuring artwork that illustrates factors contributing to the criminalization and harm of Indigenous women. Visit the art exhibit between May 2 and 16. As part of this event, MCC is hosting two Call 30 activities, which will deepen your understanding of why Red Dress Day matters and why 50% of women in Ontario prisons are Indigenous. Learn more: mcc.org/red-dress-day.

Pow Wows 101: May 12 and 13: Pow Wows are an excellent starting place for non-Indigenous people who want to start a journey of putting listening into action. Often, non-Indigenous people might feel a bit shy about attending a Pow Wow for the first time or doing the wrong thing. Ontario's Indigenous Neighbours team is here to help you learn what to expect and how to participate. [Learn more.](#)

MCEC Small Church Theology Workshop, May 14, 2026, 6-8 p.m. online. Discover the gifts of small churches. This workshop explores, from an Anabaptist perspective, how small churches offer unique strengths and essential lessons that enrich the wider Church. [Register at mcec.ca/events](http://mcec.ca/events)

51st annual Interfaith Community Breakfast Wednesday, May 20th, 7:00 to 9:00 am at Bingemans in Kitchener. This popular annual event is an opportunity to bring together the many faith traditions in our Region to share in our common values and commitment to building bridges. This year's theme is "Do Not Be Daunted." Tickets are \$50.00 each and can be purchased online at interfaithgrandriver.org/breakfast or in person at Erb and Good Family Funeral home in Waterloo.

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale, May 29 & 30. Register today for the Run for Relief – a 2k or 5k fun run at the fairgrounds on May 30th. Raise funds for MCC, and enjoy a morning run along the Nith River before you take in the rest of the sale. [Sign up today.](#) Entry is free but fundraising is encouraged. Top fundraisers will win a prize, so get started today!

SUMMER CAMPS

Silver Lake Adventure Day Camp is back in KW for another summer! Join us for daily fun with outdoor activities, games, crafts, and more:

Kitchener (*First Mennonite Church & Shalom Worship and Healing Center*) | July 13–17, July 20–24, & July 27–31

Waterloo (*Erb Street Mennonite Church*) | August 10–14, August 17–21, & August 24–28

Breslau (*Breslau Mennonite Church*) | August 24–28

Silver Lake day camp programs are for campers aged 5-12 (must be 5 by the start of the session) and \$260 (+HST) per week. Spaces are filling fast! For more information and current camp availability, visit slmc.ca/summer-camp

MCEC IN PRAYER

Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we hold **Église de Dieu Réparateur de Brèches** in prayer. Ronald Alexandre and Rachelle Demosthene provide pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for this congregation composed of Haitian immigrants that has been based in Montreal for over 25 years. They worship in French, Creole and English and are drawn to the simplicity of the Anabaptist/Mennonite vision in its call to a life of discipleship rooted in Jesus.

Anthony Siegrist was ordained at the **MCEC** Intercultural Worship Gathering on April 25, 2026. Pray for Anthony and the MCEC community of congregations as we celebrate his calling to ministerial leadership. To share your encouragement and support with Anthony, you can reach him at executiveminister@mcec.ca.

Please pray for the **Mennonite Church Canada Joint Council** (executive body) as they meet May 1–3 in Calgary, Alberta. Pray for wisdom, unity, and attentiveness to the Spirit as they discuss and together discern important matters affecting the nationwide church. May their conversations be guided by grace, humility, and faithfulness. Please pray for **Ben Cassels, Daniel Tela and Anthony Siegrist** who will represent MCEC.

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 19, 2026

Total Offering (budget): \$2704.00

Sunday Offering: \$270.00

E Transfers: \$1225.00

PAO Offering: \$1209.00

Above Budget Donations:

Easter Giving Project - MCC Meat Cannery: \$140.00

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