

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - August 23, 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:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85140408023>

Order of Worship

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Introduction to our theme - *"God's Shalom for Our Common Home"*

Land acknowledgement

Musical interlude

Part 1 - GRATITUDE

Call to worship

Songs - VT#9 Come Away From Rush and Hurry

VT#703 Rain Down

Words of Confession based on Psalm 36:3-9

Words of Assurance

Scripture Reading - Isaiah 55:1-2

Quiet Reflection

Part 2 - MUTUALITY

Call to Worship

Songs - VT#1 Summoned by the God who made us

VT#797 We are people of God's peace

Words of Confession

Words of Assurance based on Ephesians 2:14-22

Scripture Reading - Isaiah 55:3-5

Quiet Reflection

Part 3 - LAMENT

Call to Worship

Songs - VT#15 There's a wideness in God's mercy

VT #712 Beauty for brokenness

Words of Confession based on Psalm 74

Words of Assurance

Scripture Reading - Isaiah 55:6-9

Quiet Reflection

Part 4 - WONDER

Call to Worship

Songs - VT#177 All things bright and beautiful

VT#670 In the bulb there is a flower

Words of Confession

Words of Assurance based on Psalm 65:9-13

Scripture Reading - Isaiah 55:10-11

Quiet Reflection

Offering

Congregation Prayer

Part 5 - CELEBRATION

Call to Worship

Songs - VT#124 For the fruit of all creation

VT#180 This is God's wondrous world

Words of Confession

Words of Assurance



Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:12-13
Quiet Reflection
Song - VT#847 You Shall Go Out With Joy

Benediction

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

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

Matthew Bailey-Dick will be on holiday August 17-30. Please contact an Elder for pastoral care:

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

WMC Missions Committee is collecting large bath or laundry bars of soap (in original wrapping, 85 grams or larger) to help fill MCC relief kits. Please drop your soap donation in the box near the coat rack. At **Bucket of Thanks** on Saturday, August 29, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the MCC Hub in New Hamburg, it's your turn to roll up your sleeves and pack a kit that will be shipped overseas. In addition, you can sample and purchase canned meat and enjoy family-friendly activities like face painting and a bouncy castle. Gather some friends and participate in a competitive Soap Structure Contest. Learn more [here](#).

Summer Long Weekend Worship: This summer WMC is worshipping with Poole Mennonite Church and Crosshill Mennonite Church on long weekends:

September 6th, 9:45 a.m. - Crosshill Mennonite Church. Ken Driedger speaking.

SAVE THE DATE! WMC is hosting the annual **Community BBQ on Saturday, September 12.** Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

With the end of summer drawing near, we look forward to **The Apple Butter and Cheese Festival** on Saturday, September 26th. 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 below or email Terry G at [Thanks very much for your continued support of this great community event. ABC fritter booth 2026 - Google Forms](#)

As we near the end of summer, **MDS' national project in Denare Beach, Sask.** is also reaching the home stretch. [Click here](#) to see a short video update on the project. [Click here](#) to read weekly reports from the project. We are so grateful to all who have volunteered and supported the work happening there.

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

[Ontario Nature](#) and [Legal Advocates for Nature's Defence](#) present the **Together For Nature Tour**. You are invited to hear from [Okiniwak](#), [Here We Stand](#), [the Friends of the Attawapiskat River](#) and Inuk singer-songwriter [Susan Aglukark](#) raise their voices for nature and all our relations through story and song. **Thursday, September 17th at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton Street, Kitchener from 7 to 9:30 p.m.** For more information how to get tickets and, how to donate to help cover the costs of the tour visit <https://ontarionature.org/events/together-for-nature-tour/>

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp | slmc.ca Join us this fall for three exciting opportunities at Silver Lake!

- ⇒ **Weekday Wanders: Northern Bruce Trail Hikes (Sep 8 – 11)** - Enjoy a multi-day series of loop hikes along the northern Bruce Trail. A complete list of hike locations is available at slmc.ca/retreats.
- ⇒ **Men's Retreat (Sep 18 – 20)** - Relax at camp and spend time with old and new friends. This retreat will be guided by Thomas Reimer and Matt Tiessen, with a mouthwatering menu prepared by David and Josh Lobe.
- ⇒ **Weekday Wanders: Fall Colours Hike (Oct 19 – 21)** - Join Karen for beautiful autumn hikes along the Sydenham section of the Bruce Trail. Hikes range from 10 to 18 km per day.

Space is limited. Visit slmc.ca/retreats for more information and registration details.

At MCC, a new pilot project is underway. Quality materials that cannot be sold at MCC Thrift are being given a second

life as industrial rags, while creating local opportunities for people facing barriers to employment. Perfect for garages, workshops, manufacturing facilities, farms and the home, our rags are now for sale. Purchase packages of 10 rags for \$3.00, 5 lbs for \$8.00 or 24 lbs for \$24 at MCC Thrift on Kent or contact jodivannord@mcco.ca for quantity purchases.

MDS August edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, you'll read about MDS volunteers responding in the Niagara region of Ontario, which was hit by three large storms that dumped over 300 millimetres (one foot) of rain on places like St. Catharines, Jordan, Vineland, Camden, Beamsville, and surrounding areas. You will also find updates on our national project in Denare Beach, as well as a release about Clair Good who was hired as the new Executive Director of MDS U.S. **Read *On the Level*:** <https://conta.cc/4x8lz3x>

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

This September, thousands of children will head back to school ready to learn. **But for many families, the start of a new school year brings stress and uncertainty instead of excitement.** With the rising cost of everyday essentials, some parents are facing difficult choices between paying for groceries, housing, and purchasing the school supplies their children need. You can make a difference! Every gift, no matter the amount, helps children begin the school year on equal footing with their classmates and reminds families that their community cares. Make a donation to House of Friendship *Set for Success* Program [HERE](#).

The MDS Ontario Unit is responding to historic flooding in the Niagara region. Anyone looking to volunteer to drain and muck-out basements is asked to contact Daryl Martin at darylmartin.cows@gmail.com or (519) 505-6639.

MCEC IN PRAYER

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**; this week we hold **Grace Lao Mennonite Church** in prayer. Som Phanpha provides pastoral care to this community in Kitchener, Ontario. Pray for this congregation and for strong faith, loving fellowship and a joyful witness to the gospel in their community.

Please pray for those affected by the devastating earthquake in Colombia, including communities where Mennonite congregations are present. Pray for comfort for those grieving, strength for rescue and relief workers and wisdom for leaders responding to the disaster. Pray that neighbours and communities come together in compassion and generosity as they face the days ahead.

Please pray for that many families in the City of Ottawa and the Niagara Region who have experienced destruction and disruption to their homes due to significant flooding this summer. Pray also for Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers who have been serving in both areas.

OFFERING REPORT - August 16, 2026:

Total Offering (budget): \$2,129.00

Sunday Offering: \$145.00

E Transfers: \$775.00

PAO Offering: \$1,209.00

Above Budget Donations:

Wellesley Community Food Cupboard: \$100.00

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