

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - September 13, 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 *Gathering Sunday*

Welcome and announcements

Land acknowledgement

Musical pause

Call to worship and prayer

Hymn #76 "Holy, holy, holy!" (v. 1, 2, 4)

Hymn #57 "Holy spirit come with power"

Scripture reading – Psalm 104

Children's Story

Hymn #474 "All who hunger, gather gladly"

Sermon: ***Gather 'round, everyone! Together let's taste!***

Hymn #703 "Rain down" (v. 1, 3)

Litany of blessing for our volunteers

Celebration jar

Offering

Congregational prayer

Hymn #849 "We, your people, sing your praises"

Benediction

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

September 20th - Backpack Blessing: Children, bring your backpacks to worship! We will also present Bibles to our Grades 1 and 7 students. Junior Sunday School will meet downstairs after the presentation.

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. Thanks very much for your continued support of this great community event. [ABC fritter booth 2026 - Google Forms](#)

Kids For Christ – Monday September 28, 6:30-7:45 p.m. THIS LAND "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." Genesis 2:15. If you are in JK – Grade 5 you are welcome to join us as we learn to care for the land and enjoy some Indigenous crafts and food.

SAVE THE DATE: Ladies join us Wednesday, October 7th, 2026 for our "Soup for the Sole" fall supper

event. We will be collecting new socks to be donated to a local charity. A box will be in the church lobby if you would prefer to bring a sock donation prior to that evening.

MCC Ontario annual Peace Conference: Nourish Peace Together: Saturday, November 7, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener. If you're hungry for connection, meaning and practical ways to resist despair in a world that feels overwhelming, plan to be at this year's Peace Conference. MCC Ontario is hosting an in-person event for people who don't have everything figured out but who want to build peace. Attendees will: Learn how to practice peace in everyday life; hear from courageous people pursuing justice; reconciliation and care in hard places; share food, stories and space; and take action. Pay what you can. Lunch is included. Register [here](#).

Help is needed to prepare bulletins for funerals, if needed, when Susan Roes is on holidays. Please contact the church office if this is something you might be interested in. Training is provided and you will be remunerated for your time.

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Free Noon Hour Concerts most Wednesdays from September to November at Conrad Grebel University College. Enjoy performances by professional musicians during the lunch hour. All are welcome! Concerts begin at noon in the Grebel Chapel. Full schedule: <http://grebel.ca/music/events>

Venture Club at Crosshill Mennonite Church, Monday, September 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m. for ages JK to Grade 5. **Come ready to have fun, make friends, and learn how to BE A FRIEND LIKE JESUS!**

Archives Exhibit Launch Glenn Fretz: Graphic Design for the Mennonite Community. Thursday, September 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m. at Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo. uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/glenn-fretz

GTA Mennonite Festival for World Relief September 19 at Willowgrove Farm in Stouffville. Get in one last summer festival before fall begins! Bring the family to one of Ontario's most popular relief sales in support of MCC! The food and fun begin at 10 a.m. Lively auctions, wagon rides, apple picking, musical entertainment, MCC Thrift shopping and more. Admission is free. Visit [here](#) to learn more.

The Kindred Credit Union Centre for Peace Advancement is hosting the **Peace Week 2026** community calendar, with events starting Monday, September 21st. Attend an event, or submit your own to be included at <https://uwaterloo.ca/peace-week/>.

Congregational Leadership Workshop: *Leading the Church Through Times of Conflict and Polarities, reflecting our changing times.* Offered online by Conrad Grebel University College, September 22-25, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. EDT. Full details, costs, and registration at uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management/congregational-leadership-webinars

You're invited to the Wilmut & Wellesley Resource Centre's annual Community Fundraiser (Poor Boys Luncheon) Thursday, September 24 at the New Hamburg Community Centre at 251 Jacob St. Lunch: 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Dinner: 5-7:00 pm. Tickets available online or at the door: \$10/person; \$35/family.

Seniors Retreat at Hidden Acres. On Mon Oct 5th, seniors (55+) are invited to spend the day at Hidden Acres. Our theme is *The Gifts and Challenges of Aging: Releasing and Embracing*. Cost is \$55 and includes lunch. For more information or to register click [here](#).

Register now for learning opportunities with Indigenous Neighbours- This year, MCC Ontario is hosting two learning series open to anyone interested in deepening their commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous Neighbours. Contact lauraenns@mcco.ca with any questions.

Hearts Exchanged is a learning and action journey designed to equip Christians to wrestle with the challenges and opportunities of reconciliation in our personal lives, local communities, churches and institutions. Hosted by the Christian Reformed Church of North America (CRCNA) in partnership with MCC Ontario. Meets on Zoom on the first Thursday of each month from October 2026 to May 2027, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. [Learn more and register](#) on the CRCNA website!

The Abner Martin Music Scholarship is awarded annually by Menno Singers to a student who: 1) will be enrolled in a full-time music major or minor program at the undergraduate or graduate level in 2026-2027; 2) is affiliated with a Christian congregation; and 3) has demonstrated involvement and proficiency in musical activities in church and community. (Preference will be given to those affiliated with congregations in Mennonite Church Eastern Canada.)

Application deadline is October 15, 2026. For more information and/or an application form contact Ann Weber Becker at amscholarship@awbecker.ca

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations; this week we hold Grace New Life Mennonite Church in prayer. Sririsack Saythavy provides pastoral care to this community in Hamilton, Ontario. Pray for this congregation and their pastor as they seek to follow God and be a blessing in their community.
- Pray for Chris Hutton, pastor at North Leamington United Mennonite Church and Natalie Ferguson as they celebrated their marriage on Saturday, July 15, 2026. As a community of congregations, one way we can care for our pastors is by holding them and their families in prayer during times of celebration. Congratulations and blessings to Chris and Natalie Hutton.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

New opportunities to join the MCC team and make a meaningful impact in communities across Ontario: For full job description and to apply, visit mcc.org/serve.

- [Financial Analyst](#) (Full-time, 13-month contract) - Kitchener

OFFERING REPORT – September 6, 2026:

Total Offering (budget): \$2563.00

E Transfers: \$1080.00

Canada Helps: \$216.00

PAO Offering: \$1267.00

(If you need help accessing [links](#) in the Info Page, please contact Susan Roes in the church office)

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