

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - September 20, 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>

September 20th – All are invited to participate in ‘**Blessing for the backpacks, workbags, and toolbelts**’ by bringing your backpack, book bag, briefcase, work lunch bag, tool belt, or something related to your volunteer roles. We will ask God’s blessing upon us as we learn, study, work and serve in the community. We will also **present Bibles** to our Grades 1 and 7 students. **Junior Sunday School** will meet downstairs after the presentation. SS Theme: “*Master Maker and His creation: How we are made unique*”.

Order of Worship

Welcome and announcements

Land acknowledgement

Musical pause

Call to worship and opening prayer

Hymn #5 “All people that on earth do dwell”

Backpack blessing

Bible presentation

Scripture reading: John 13:1-17

Scripture reading: Philippians 2:5-11 (VT #335)

Hymn #410 “Christ is King! Let earthly powers”

Sermon: ***Power: receive it, give it, put it in a bowl***

Hymn #803 “We shall overcome” (v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

Offering

Stones of lament

Congregational prayer

Hymn #830 “Go my children”

Benediction

Coffee Time: Donations will be gratefully accepted for The Working Centre, helping vulnerable people in our Region. Please consider taking a turn making coffee and/or snack for Coffee Time. Signup sheet is on the bulletin board.

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

Saturday- Apple Butter and Cheese Festival. WMC will be making apple fritters at the festival and your help is needed!! There are 2-hour shifts starting at 8am and ending around 4pm. This is a great opportunity for high school students to get community service hours. Use the online sign-up link below, email Terry Gerber at tandcgerber@gmail.com or call 519 656 9966. Thanks very much for your continued support of this great community event. [ABC fritter booth 2026 - Google Forms](#)

Birthday Celebrations:

Households of Faith:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

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.

Youth Truth & Reunite! September 30th marks *Truth & Reconciliation Day* - we will REUNITE and focus on listening, relationship building and empathy towards others. Wednesday, September 30th; 7:00 to 9:00 PM, at Wellesley Mennonite Church. This event is for youth, Grade 6 to 12. You are invited to wear orange and bring a snack item to share.

Safe Place Training session Sunday, October 4th after the worship service. To be compliant with WMC's insurance policy, all volunteers working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults are required to attend this session. We will review WMC's Safe Place Policy which were emailed to volunteers. Printed copies of the Safe Place Policy are available by contacting the church office. **Please RSVP to Lisa N.** If you cannot attend, arrangements will be made for you to review the policy another time

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 required, 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

Wellesley Worships! Come together as the greater Church, to worship and honour Jesus in our own town! Saturday, September 19, 7 p.m. at St Mark's (1123 Henry St.). Worship music, short message and prayer. This is a great non-denominational event for teens, young adults and older adults...Everyone is welcome. Future events on October 17 and November 21.

Upcoming music events at St Matthews Centre, 54 Benton St., Kitchener:

Sept 23 at 12 noon features Glen Soulis, penny whistle and Scott Knarr organ followed by hearty soup and bread

Oct 4 at 3 pm Diego Carneiro, cello promoting his Youth Orchestra of Ecuador which supports at risk young people

The Nith Valley EcoBoosters is hosting another **Repair Café** on Saturday September 26, 9:30am – 12:30pm at Zion United Church, [215 Peel St., New Hamburg](#). Skilled volunteer fixers are on hand for mechanical, woodworking, sewing, mending, knitting, crocheting, jewelry and book repairs. To learn more about the Repair Café movement Visit Repaircafe.org Questions? Contact nvebrepaircafe@gmail.com

Community Peacemaker Teams is marking its 40th anniversary! To celebrate this milestone, CPT is hosting a special online gathering on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 11 am CDT that brings together stories spanning four decades of peacemaking, solidarity, and transforming violence and oppression. Sign up at cpt.org/forty.

Get Pumped! A Better Way to Heat and Cool your Home. Tuesday, September 29 – 7:00 pm. Wellesley Rec Centre, BG Community Room. Want to know more about the benefits of heat pumps and how they work? Attend an information session on heat pumps with local experts. Register now at <https://nvecoboosters.com/index.php/services/> or at Eventbrite <https://cutt.ly/Eyflqm1k>.

Hosted by Nith Valley EcoBoosters, with support from Kindred Credit Union

September 30 marks the 5th annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It is also Orange Shirt Day. It is an opportunity for non-Indigenous Canadians to learn more truth about Canada's history, and to take steps on the long road

to reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. You are invited to join a lament service at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hamburg (23 Church St, on the Peel Street lawn) on September 30 at 5:30 pm. Please bring a lawn chair, and wear orange.

Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a multi-year grant from the Lyle S. Hallman Foundation to launch a new initiative to strengthen ministry with youth and young adults. The grant will fund a half-time Regional Minister providing leadership, training, resources and support for congregations as they nurture faith and discipleship among youth and young adults across MCEC. Read full announcement [HERE](#)

MCEC Young Adults Together: Bi-weekly Zoom conversations every other Tuesday evening to connect Young Adults across MCEC for a time to celebrate, learn about and pray along our walk with Jesus together. [More details and to register.](#)

MDS' September edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, you'll read a story about a family from three generations in Denare Beach, Saskatchewan. "It's interesting to work with people of different generations and different perspectives," Henry Warkentin said. "You get to learn their points of view and they get to benefit from the older people's experience . . . we were all here for one purpose, to get people back into their homes." **Read *On the Level*:** <https://conta.cc/3URSfBy>

This issue of your House of **Friendship News** is filled with stories of hope, resilience and new beginnings that you have made possible! Click [HERE](#) to read.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

Volunteers needed in the Swan Valley region of Manitoba following significant flooding this spring. We continue to have openings for weekly volunteers and crew leaders from October-November. If you are interested in volunteering, please email mdscanada@mds.org or call [\(204\) 261-1274](tel:(204)261-1274).

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations; this week we hold **Hagerman Mennonite Church** in prayer. Roberson Mbayamvula provides pastoral care to this community in Markham, Ontario. Pray for this congregation and their pastor as they seek to be people who receive God's transforming love and become God's servants in the world.
- **Todd and Lynn Schlosser** will be installed at **Leamington United Mennonite Church** on September 20, 2026. Please pray for Todd and Lynn and the congregation as they begin their ministry together. To share your encouragement and support you can reach them at PastorLynn@lumc.ca or PastorTodd@lumc.ca
- Please pray for **Shelley Campagnola, Executive Director of Compass Refugee Centre** in Kitchener, as she recovers in the hospital following a medical emergency. Pray for healing, strength and peace for Shelley, and for wisdom and support for her family and colleagues during this time.
- Pray for the **MCEC Executive Council** (Board) as it meets on September 22, 2026. May council members be guided by God's Spirit, grounded in prayer and united in discerning God's wisdom and direction for MCEC ministry and mission.
- Pray for the **MC Canada Joint Council** (Board) as they meet in Winnipeg October 2-4, 2026. Pray for **Daniel Tela, Anthony Siegriest and Ben Cassels** as they represent MCEC. May they be attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, seeking God's wisdom and discerning God's purposes as they steward the work of our nationwide community of faith.
- As Orange Shirt Day (September 30) approaches, we remember the **children, families and communities harmed by the legacy of Residential Schools**. May your healing grace bring comfort and renewal, and may truth guide us toward reconciliation, understanding and hope.

OFFERING REPORT – September 13, 2026:

Total Offering (budget): \$3337.00

Sunday Offering: \$470.00

E Transfers: \$1600.00

PAO Offering: \$1267.00

Above Budget Donations:

Wellesley Community Food Cupboard: \$300.00

Celebration Jar: \$7.00

Community BBQ – Wellesley Food Cupboard: \$1216.00

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

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