

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET - September 27, 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

A time for announcements

Land acknowledgement

A time for listening and centering

Call to worship and opening prayer

Hymn #36 "Let us build a house" (v. 1, 2, 5)

A time for scripture: Matthew 15:21-28

Hymn #717 "Renew your church"

Sermon: "***The Blessings and Challenges of Intercultural Living***"

Hymn #716 "God of grace and God of glory" (v. 1, 3, 4)

A time for offering

Congregational prayer

Hymn #722 "Help us to help each other" (v. 1, 3, 4)

A time to be blessed on our way

Christian Ed: Please join us after the service as Fanosie Legesse leads the discussion on *Intercultural Church*.

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/>

Monday, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Kids For Christ – *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.

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

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 was 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.

Wellesley Mennonite Church Prayer Group will be meeting Monday, October 5th, 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom. If another day of the week works better for you, please contact Jenny Abell. All are warmly

welcomed.

Ladies join us Wednesday, October 7th, 6:00 p.m., 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. (please feel free to join us later if 6 pm is too early)

SAVE THE DATE: Senior's Event, Tuesday, October 20th, 2:00 p.m. at WMC. An afternoon of humour with Herb and Shirley! Come prepared for a good time! Invite a friend.

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

Stories of Solidarity, Tools for Repair- Friday, October 2, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Conrad Grebel University College (Great Hall). This October, youth and young adults are invited to join MCC Ontario Indigenous Neighbours and the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery for a dynamic panel discussion around youth engagement in Indigenous justice. Come together and learn about tangible calls to action and how you can play a role in the 100-year vision of the Coalition. Free to attend, no registration. Learn more [here](#).

100-Year Vision: Multigenerational Organizing for Repair with Indigenous Communities- Saturday, October 3, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Shantz Mennonite Church, Baden. Join MCC, Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery Executive Director Sarah Augustine (virtually) and Associate Director Jonathan Neufeld (in person) as they lay out the Coalition's 100-year vision for multigenerational repair. It took people generations to create the reality Indigenous people live with today, and it will take generations of people to climb the mountain of (re)conciliation. Attend in person or via livestream. Lunch and light snacks provided. [Register here](#).

[Rockway Mennonite Collegiate](#) invites you to its annual **Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser** followed by the Alumni Sports Challenge. Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 16** and join us for some family-friendly fun in our NEWLY RENOVATED Athletics Facility! Visit www.rockway.ca/events for details, tickets or to learn how to play on the Alumni teams!

Gleaners fundraising banquet at Heritage College & Seminary, 175 Holiday Inn Dr, Cambridge, Friday, October 23, 6:30pm. \$50/ person; \$500/ table of 10; \$400/ table of 8. Invite your friends and family out for an evening of fellowship, good food, great speakers and support a great cause! Buy tickets [HERE](#).

Join us at Friendship Dinner 2026 and hear incredibly powerful stories that highlight the journey from homelessness to housed – and learn how your support is making a difference all year long throughout Waterloo Region. Saturday, October 24, 5-9 p.m., Bingemans Conference Centre, Marshall Hall. Individual seat: \$135; Tables: 8 seats - \$945 / 10 seats - \$1,215. Whether you purchase an individual ticket, reserve a table, bring a friend, or donate a ticket, your participation helps create a lasting impact in our community. Buy Tickets [HERE](#).

Silver Lake Fall Work Weekend (Oct 29 – Nov 1). Help us get the property ready for fall and winter! This family friendly work weekend is great for those who enjoy some physical labour and cleaning. This year, our Fall Work Weekend has a "flexible" date range. Families can choose their arrival and departure day anytime between Thursday, October 29 and Sunday, November 1st. Visit slmc.ca/retreats for more weekend information and RSVP!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

A calling to serve youth and young adults! MCEC seeks a Regional Minister who is passionate about helping congregations nurture the faith, gifts and leadership of youth and young adults. This role will equip and encourage ministry

leaders across MCEC. This is a .50 FTE position and is based in Kitchener. [More information at mcec.ca/careers](https://mcec.ca/careers).

MCC is excited to announce new opportunities to join our team and make a meaningful impact in communities across Ontario. [Leadership Development Associate, Lived Experience Initiative](#) (Part-time) – Kitchener. For full job description and to apply, visit mcc.org/serve.

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations; this week we hold Hamilton Mennonite Church in prayer. We give thanks for the people of Hamilton Mennonite Church. As they seek to share your grace and live Christ's peace, fill them with your Spirit.
- Maciel Arias Hernandez will be installed at Toronto Mennonite New Life Church on September 27, 2026. Please pray for Maciel and the congregation as they begin their ministry together. To share your encouragement and support, you can read her at torontonewlifechurch@gmail.com.
- Pray for MCEC as they seek a Regional Minister focused on Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Pray for wisdom, discernment and the Spirit's leading as people across MCEC become aware of this ministry opportunity. Pray that God will stir the hearts of those God is calling and that potential candidates will recognize and faithfully respond to God's invitation.
- 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 20, 2026:

Total Offering (budget): \$2222.00

Sunday Offering: \$130.00

E Transfers: \$475.00

Abundance Canada: \$350.00

PAO Offering: \$1267.00

Above Budget Donations:

Coffee Time – The Working Centre: \$10.00

Wellesley Community Food Cupboard: \$25.00

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

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