

WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET – October 4, 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>

October 4th- Junior Sunday School will meet downstairs during the worship service. Themes: Harvest / Elijah

Order Of Worship

Welcome and announcements - Land acknowledgement

Musical break

Call to worship and opening prayer

Song – VT#7 “Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing” (v. 1, 2, 4)

When we get together

Spending time with a picture “Tree of life” – VT#12

Scripture passage – VT#14 (from Isaiah 55)

Scripture passage – VT#20 (from Psalm 100)

Discussion in small groups

- *What are you thirsting for?*

- *What does it mean for you to belong?*

Song – VT#31 “Come, We That Love”

When we yearn for nourishment

Spending time with a picture “Communion” – VT#468

Scripture passage – VT#471 (from John 6)

Sharing in the large group

- *How do you experience the “bread of life”?*

- *Why is it sometimes difficult to be nourished?*

Song – VT#480 “I Am the Bread of Life” (v. 1, 2, 4, 5)

When we share our joys and sorrows

Spending time with a picture “At the impulse of God’s love” – VT#780

Offering

Celebration jar

Song – VT#120 “For the Beauty of the Earth” (v. 1, 2)

Congregational prayer

When we go our separate ways

Spending time with a picture “Migrant journey” – VT#817

Scripture passage – VT#818 (from Colossians 3)

Scripture passage – VT#821 (from Psalm 126)

Discussion in small groups

- *These days, what do you need in order to go your “separate way”?*

- *What kinds of sheaves are you carrying today?*

Song – VT#816 “Guide My Feet”

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.

Safe Place Training session- 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 ljneeb@gmail.com TODAY. If you cannot attend, arrangements will be made for you to review the policy another time.

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

Monday 7:00 p.m.- Prayer Group meets in the Boardroom. All are welcome! (if another day of the week works better for you, please contact Jenny Abell)

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.- Ladies join us for "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).

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

Men's North of 60 Breakfast Tuesday, October 13, 8:30 a.m. at Schmidtsville.

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.

Change of address, phone number and email for Bob and Marg Hart:

152 Devonshire Drive

New Hamburg, ON N3A 4J7

New phone number: 519-504-2692

New email address: 123mihart@gmail.com

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

Venture Club for ages JK-Grade 5, Monday, October 5, 6:30–8:00 p.m. at Crosshill Mennonite Church. ***Celebrating God's Goodness in All Things!*** We'll discover that being thankful isn't just about saying "thank you." It's about noticing the blessings around us and remembering that God is good and gives us so much to be thankful for!

Township of Wellesley Mayor Candidates meeting – Monday, Oct 5th at 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:45pm. Wellesley Recreation Centre, 1401 Queen's Bush Rd, Wellesley. REGISTERR TODAY as seating is limited [eventbrite.ca/e/2002167650339](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2002167650339)

Township of Wilmot Mayor Candidate Debate - Wednesday October 7, 7:00pm. New Hamburg Community Centre, 251 Jacobs St. New Hamburg. Live stream available <https://www.youtube.com/@WilmotCAN>

MCEC PIN and Mennonite Action Canada invite you to Movies & Conversation: 'The Wanted 18'. Watch at home, then join a facilitated online discussion. Together we'll explore themes of nonviolent resistance, mutual aid, Mennonite peace theology, solidarity, and justice. Tuesday, October 14 at 7:30pm EST. For more info and to register: <https://bit.ly/4xKkGyM>

Crosshill Mennonite Church invites you to our Annual Beef BBQ Supper on Saturday, October 17, from 5-7 p.m. Dine-in is back or take-out is also available! Bring family and friends. Reserve tickets by scanning the poster's QR code or calling [519-699-5299](tel:519-699-5299).

Fall Hike with Silver Lake Mennonite Camp - Take in peak fall colours from **Oct 19 – 21** in the Sydenham section of the Bruce Trail. Hikes will range from 10 - 18 km per day with evenings at camp. Shared accommodations and meals are provided. Visit slmc.ca/retreats for more information and to signup!

As the seasons change and we settle into the routines of fall, **October** brings new opportunities to **connect, learn, and support mental wellness** in our community. Woolwich Counselling Centre is excited to launch a variety of workshops,

support groups, and programs for children, youth, parents, seniors, caregivers, and adults throughout the month. Visit our website [here](#) to learn more.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

MDS is seeking an **Equipment Maintenance Specialist** to service, repair, and prepare vehicles, trailers, tools, and equipment stored in the MDS Columbus, Mississippi warehouse for deployment to disaster response projects. View the full job description at <https://mds.org/employment/>. To apply, send a cover letter and resume to jobs@mds.org.

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations; this week we hold **Hanover Mennonite Church** in prayer. God, may Hanover Mennonite Church be a faithful vessel of Christ's love and hope, bringing Your grace and transforming presence throughout the Saugeen region.
- Pray for the **family of Erma Bauman**. Erma died on September 18, 2026. She was the spouse of the late Gordon Bauman, who was an MCEC-ordained pastor. A funeral service was held on Sunday, September 27 at Tavistock Mennonite Church. 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 grief, asking God to surround them with comfort, strength and peace.
- 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.
- Pray with the leadership of **Africa Inter Mennonite Mission (AIMM)** as they enter the final stage of discernment for a new executive coordinator. Pray for wisdom and unity as they make the final decision and extend an invitation to one of the candidates. We value our relationship with AIMM through Mennonite Church Canada and join them in praying for God's guidance and provision.
- The MCEC Palestine Israel Network Working Group invites your prayers **for churches in Taybeyh, Zababdey, East Jerusalem and other Palestine communities** who have faced harassment, attacks and increasing restrictions. As violence continues in the region and the ceasefire in Gaza remains broken, let us pray that the church may be strong and united in its nonviolent witness to the justice and love of God.

OFFERING REPORT – September 27, 2026:

Total Offering (budget): \$3037.00

Sunday Offering: \$520.00

E Transfers: \$1250.00

PAO Offering: \$1267.00

Above Budget Donations:

Coffee Time – The Working Centre: \$4.00

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