WELLESLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET – November 22, 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
~ Eternity Sunday ~

Welcome and announcements
Land acknowledgement
Musical interlude
Call to worship (VT # 920)
Opening prayer
Song – VT#126 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (vs. 1, 2, 4)
Scripture reading: Colossians 3:12-17
Meditation
Song – VT#43 God, Be the Love
Time of lighting candles and remembering loved ones
Song – VT#653 Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God
Sharing our offerings
Congregational prayer
Song – VT#701 You Are All We Have (3x)
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. Thank you to the Steckly family for providing the snacks today.

THIS WEEK - See WMC calendar: http://www.wellesleymennonite.ca/calendar/
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.- Ladies join us for our annual Christmas salad supper. Please bring your favourite salad to share.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

Junior Sunday School – Sunday, November 29th - "Christmas Tyme in Sunday School" - Christmas Party, with activities, snack and introduction to the December 13th program.

All are warmly invited to a **Family Christmas Potluck,** hosted by the Care Team, Sunday, November 29th. Please bring your plate service and food to share. Remember to avoid nut products.

Kids For Christ (KFC) Monday November 30, 6:30-7:45 pm. JK to Grade 5 children are invited to celebrate Jesus' birth and walk through the 12 Days of Christmas. We will begin our evening outdoors, so please dress weather appropriate. An RSVP for this event would be appreciated. *The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." Luke 1:35*

Senior's Event - Tuesday, December 8th, 2:00 p.m. please join us for an afternoon at the movies. Bring a friend!

WMC's Care Team invites you to give to WMC's Christmas Sharing Fund. Money donated to this fund will be distributed by the Care Team to individuals in need in our church and community. Thank you for your generosity. Please designate your cheque/envelope or e transfer 'Christmas Sharing Fund'.

YOUTH EVENTS

Sunday, November 22 - 2:30-5:30pm - All Youth Gathering at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Grades 6-12. Join us for a variety of games, activities and connections with a focus on peacemaking. *We are really encouraging our youth to come to this.*

BROADER AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

University of Waterloo Concerts | November 21 - December 6 | Enjoy live music from student musicians, including Orchestra, Balinese Percussion Ensemble, Chamber and University Choirs, Jazz, and Instrumental Ensembles. Find the full calendar at uwaterloo.ca/music/events

Make A Difference Holiday Market | Saturday, November 28, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. This festive event brings together local vendors and artisans for a joyful day of community, shopping, and giving back at Conrad Grebel University College (Atrium). Proceeds support Compass Refugee Centre. More information at uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events

St. James Lutheran Church, Perth East *Journey to Bethlehem* – a nativity re-creation. Saturday, November 28, 4 pm and 7 pm, 1998 Line 45, Perth East. Dress warmly and bring a blanket! Refreshments to follow the program. Fore more details contact 519-274-4494 or carolh@cwisp.ca

The St. Matthews Sanctuary Choir presents an Advent Carol Service entitled "To Thee All Angels Cry Aloud" on Sunday, November 29, 7 pm. Featuring the Dettingen Te Deum by G.F. Handel, this service is a highlight of our Christmas preparations each year. A freewill offering will be received. St Matthews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton Street, Kitchener

GivingTuesday is on December 1st, and this year **Tri-County Mennonite Homes (TCMH) is bringing our community together** for *Building a New Nithview*. With your support, we can reach our fundraising goal. A donation of $2000 can help make a resident more comfortable with a recliner chair, $200 can afford an overbed table, or $20 can help keep residents active by supporting our recreation teams. To learn more or donate click HERE.

Lifted Voices Concert "Christmas Meets Us Today", Tuesday, December 1, First Mennonite Church, 800 King St. E, Kitchener, 2 p.m. featuring Lifted Voices women's singing group, audience hymn singing, present-day stories from community agencies. Refreshments to follow. Free admission with optional opportunities to support community programmes financially.

Two special Christmas music opportunities taking place on Saturday, December 5th, at St. James Lutheran Church, 1407 King Street North, St. Jacobs.
1. One Day Christmas Chorus – An opportunity for women to sing! We're inviting women of all ages and singing abilities to join us for a FREE one-day Christmas chorus! Participants will spend the morning learning one or two Christmas songs in four-part a cappella harmony, before performing alongside Chord Spinners and our guest quartet, REZONATION, at 2pm. No previous singing experience is necessary! Registration at mailto:chordspinnersprez@live.ca
2. Chord Spinners Christmas Concert at 2 p.m.– Everyone welcome! A lovely opportunity to enjoy some live Christmas music and get into the holiday spirit! After the performance there will be treats in the basement for mingling.

What We Can Do, Together. Mennonite Church Canada has compiled our first narrative budget, which shares the stories and numbers of our investments across our ministries. As we introduce this first narrative budget, we look forward to hearing your reflections, questions, and insights, and to discovering together how it brings to life the ministry we are called to share and support as one church. https://www.commonword.ca/go/4501

Good news! Beyond Housing is thrilled to tell you about a new housing project. Thanks to a generous donation of land and recently confirmed funding, construction will soon begin at a new development in southwest Kitchener. Phase 1 will provide 61 affordable rental homes, with a focus on women and children at risk of homelessness. And this is just the beginning. We're also moving forward with a 30-unit building on South Street in Elmira and developments in other communities across the Region. Together, these projects represent an exciting new phase for Beyond Housing, and the

opportunity to provide safe, affordable homes for hundreds more households. As these plans take shape, we ask for your continued prayers, encouragement and support. Thank you for helping us give neighbours a place to call home.

***Behind the Hammer* is the quarterly publication of Mennonite Disaster Service.** Each issue brings you compelling and inspiring stories of volunteers helping to give people hope after disaster strikes. Inside this issue you will read about MDS volunteers rebuilding homes alongside local crews after two typhoons in remote southwest Alaska. Click here to view.

Looking for a facility to host your next family reunion, friend getaway, or work event? **Silver Lake is available for weekday and weekend rentals**, with plenty of indoor and outdoor space to make your event unforgettable! Spaces are booking fast with only a few 2027 weekends still available. Visit slmc.ca/rentals for more details.

MCEC IN PRAYER

- Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**; this week we hold **KW House Church** in prayer. Margaret Nally provides pastoral leadership within this unique community of faith. Pray for them as they meet to study, worship and share life together.
- God of Peace, when fear and division seem to shape so much of our world, fill us with your Spirit and **make us instruments of your reconciling love.** In our homes, congregations, workplaces and communities, give us courage to listen well, extend grace freely and build bridges where there are barriers. Plant in us a hope that endures and a peace that overflows into the lives of others.

OFFERING REPORT

November 8, 2026
Total Offering (budget): $4083.00
Sunday Offering: $470.00
E Transfers: $2130.00
Canada Helps: $216.00
PAO Offering: $1267.00

November 15, 2026
Total Offering (budget): $1697.00
Sunday Offering: $380.00
E Transfers: $50.00
PAO Offering: $1267.00

Above Budget Donations:
Coffee Time – The Working Centre: $16.00
Christmas Sharing Fund: $100.00

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