

# WILMOT MENNONITE CHURCH

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**Feb 08, 2026**

## **The Woman at the Well**

Prelude Hana Pot

Welcome Susan Allison Jones

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Song Holy Spirit, Come with Power VT 57

Psalm Psalm 42:1-3

Song I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say VT 536

Scripture John 4:1-42 Bible Story by Saddleback Kids

Litany We Remember VT 931

Prayer God meet us, Speak to us. Renew us

~ written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on **Mucky Paws**.

God:

meet us at the wells

where we are lonely

where we are forgotten

where we are hurt by others

and give us to drink

of the grace that brings life again

God:

speak to us in the trysting places

where the sinners gather

where the prejudices are made known

where our histories are broadcast

and give us to drink

of the forgiveness that brings peace again

God:

Renew all that we are and have been

fill us with a new future

inspire us with recreation

pull us into resurrection

and give us to drink

from the promise of heaven

Song Oh Let All who Thirst Come to the Water HWB 495

Sermon Charlene Jongejan Harder

Song of Response Jesus, Rock of Ages VT 622

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing VT 555

Sending

Postlude

Note: The Call to Worship was written by Irene Born.

The Opening Prayer was written by Carol Penner

## Upcoming Worship Services

Feb 15            The Man Born Blind  
                      John 9:1-41 (Psalm 27:1-4) Susan Allison Jones

## Lent - Dwelling in Dissonance

Lent 1 Feb 22    Rising of Lazarus:  
                      Love and Grief; Glory and Belief  
                      John 11:1-44 (Psalm 104:27-30) Susan Allison Jones  
Lent 2 Mar 1     Jesus Washes Feet: Obvious and Hidden  
                      John 13:1-17 (Psalm 51:7-12) Susan Allison Jones

## Upcoming Events

Feb 15            Congregational Meeting after worship  
Feb 17            Shrove Tuesday Supper 5 pm

## Birthday

Lorraine Ramer February 10

## Prayer Requests

We praise God for a tentative date to send dignity kits and our first-ever shipment of 19,000 cans of meat from the new meat cannery to Chad. Shipment is scheduled for the week of February 23. Please pray for a successful delivery and for more relief kits to fill the demand of upcoming loads. (From MCC)

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for Centre Béthésda Mennonite de Québec, and for Charles Tabena, Dems Musato and Onesiphore Kiota who provide leadership to this community. Pray for this Quebec congregation, made up primarily of people from Swahili-speaking countries, as they navigate their intercultural

reality, settle into life in Canada and respond to the needs within their community. May they be strengthened with wisdom, unity, and hope.

## Congregational Notes

A Heartfelt Thank-You to the Congregation of Wilmot Mennonite Church for the Birthday Celebration in honour of my 90th birthday. It is good to be a member of a congregation that cares for its members. Blessings to all. Verda

The quilt on display on the communion table was created through a specific donation made to Wilmot for a quilt to be sold at the Relief Sale. Thank you to Sharon Gingerich and Esther Snyder from Mannheim who pieced the top and to Quilting by Design for machine quilting it. It will be sold at this year's Relief Sale.

Plan to join other members for our annual pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you are planning to attend.

The Gospel of John will be the focus of the Lenten journey this year with the 2026 Narrative Lectionary scripture readings. You are invited to participate in a Wilmot Ignited Bible Study, led by pastors Kathryn, Kevin and Greg. This will be an in-depth study of John's gospel, starting Thurs, Feb 26 and running weekly for 5 sessions. We will meet at Hillcrest Mennonite Church from 7:00-8:30 pm.

Lenten Lunches organized by the Ecumenical Ministerial will be held again this year on Wednesdays throughout Lent. The first one will be on Wed, Feb 25th.

There is a letter on the bulletin board in the foyer with an update from Tri- Country Mennonite Home updating progress on the new build. There will be a short congregational meeting

following worship on February 15 to discuss a request from Tri County Homes to sponsor the cost of outfitting a room in the New Nithview.

## **Beyond The Congregation**

Sunday, February 8, 3pm - Join choristers and instrumentalists for a (re-scheduled) Mid-Winter Hymn Sing at Waterloo North Mennonite Church, hosted by Menno Singers and the Menno Youth Ensemble. A variety of selections from the Voices Together hymnal and ample room for requests will be sure to warm your mid-winter spirits as we raise our voices in song. Admission is by donation.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to their two upcoming drama performances. Our grade 7&8 students are preparing for their fairytale mystery performance of, *Humpty Dumpty is Missing!* on March 5 & 6 while our high school students are preparing for a one night only performance of *The Day the Internet Died* on March 10. To learn more and buy tickets, visit [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events).

**Saturday, February 21, 2026, 7 - 9 pm** Shantz Mennonite Church is hosting a special free screening of Cannes World Film Festival **WALKING THROUGH THE FIRE**. This visually stunning and transformative music documentary brings the magic of collaboration to the screen with the Sultans of String and award-winning First Nations, Métis, and Inuit artists to create something extraordinary. It includes opening remarks with filmmaker/Sultans of String producer Chris McKhool and a Q&A after the film, with Chris and Indigenous artist Shannon Thunderbird. Prepare to be absorbed by the captivating synergy and power of **Walking Through the Fire** as it takes you on a journey where cultures collide, boundaries dissolve, and the universal language of music unites us all.

**RESERVE Tickets** at <https://walkingshantz.eventbrite.ca>

**Donations gratefully accepted at the door.**

Watch the Trailer here: <https://youtu.be/wWSZUduo5Kk>

## **Hearts of Freedom Book Launch**

*Sunday, February 15, 2026 at First Hmong Mennonite Church, Kitchener* The harrowing stories of 145 former refugees who fled South Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos between 1975 and 1997 are now captured in the new book "Hearts of Freedom." You're invited to celebrate its launch, hear the story behind the book and listen to readings from co-authors Michael J. Molloy and Peter Duchinsky. Register at [mcc.org/hearts-book](http://mcc.org/hearts-book).

**MCEC Idea Exchange - Churches Caring for Creation, March 7, 2026, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., 800 King St. E., Kitchener, ON.** Join A Rocha Ontario and MCEC for our morning event to explore how Christian communities can make creation care part of the way they serve God and neighbour. A morning of stories and insights from experienced panelists.

## **Seniors Retreat at Hidden Acres**

On Mon April 20, 2026 seniors (55+) are invited to spend the day at Hidden Acres. Our theme is *Consider the Birds: Practicing Hope In A Worrisome World*. Cost is \$55 and includes lunch. For more information or to register go to [hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat](http://hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat)

## **Grandparent & Grandchild Day at Hidden Acres**

Are you a grandparent looking for ways to make meaningful memories with your grandkids Grades 1-6 during March Break? Grandparent & Grandchild Day is a great opportunity to spend time together playing, singing, creating, laughing, eating and worshipping together!

Join us March 16th 2026 to experience majestic and exotic birds from around the world with *Wings Over The Rainforest*. Cost is \$30/person and includes lunch. For more information or to register go to [hiddenacres.ca/programs/grandparent-child-days](http://hiddenacres.ca/programs/grandparent-child-days)

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