#### WILMOT MENNONITE CHURCH

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**September 29, 2024** 

Job's Integrity in Suffering

Byron Shantz, Kevin Kitzmen and Trevor King Music

Michael Fewkes Welcome

Call to Worship

In this world of hardship and pain, walk with integrity before the Lord.

Save us from the time of trial, O God.

The pious lose their jobs and their livelihoods.

The righteous are struck down with disease and death.

Save us from the time of trial, O God.

Families are swallowed up in war.

Children are beaten and sold into slavery.

Save us from the time of trial, O God.

Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?

In this world of hardship and pain, we will walk with integrity before the Lord.

**Opening Prayer** 

Songs Amazing Grace VT 163

What A Friend we Have in Jesus VT 628

Psalm 26

Songs Thy Word is a Lamp

**Prayer of Confession** 

Holy God,

it is easy to boast of our faithfulness when life is easy and your blessings cascade over us like ever-flowing streams.

VT 398

Stop our mouths when we brag of our integrity and deride others for their wayward feet.

Help us be more like Jesus, who taught his disciples to pray that they may be spared from the time of trial, than like the psalmist, who challenged:

"Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind."

May our faithfulness speak louder than our words, that others may see in our example the joys of upright living, whether we are receiving the good from your hand, or the bad.

Hear these words of affirmation from the book of Hebrews: "The one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' "

Song Guide My Feet While I Run this Race VT 816

Scripture (from The Message) Job 1-2:10

Sermon Susan Allison-Jones

Song of Response Sister Let Me Be Your Servant

**Sharing and Congregational Prayer** 

Announcements

Sending Song The Lord Lift You Up

VT 832

Benediction

#### Postlude

\*The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Words of Affirmation came from Ministry Matters.

### **Upcoming Worship Services**

Oct 6	World Communion Sunday MCCO Refugee Sponsors	•
Oct 13	The Certainty of God's Presence	
	Hebrews 6:13-20	Susan Allison-Jones
Oct 20	Confidence Like David	
	1 Chronicles 29:2-20	Susan Allison-Jones
Oct 27	Coming Home to a Different Place Jeremiah 30 (29:10-14) Susan-Allison-Jones	

### **Upcoming Events**

Sept 29	Formation Hour after Worship	
Oct 6	Chili lunch 12 noon	
Oct 8	Tuesday lunch 12 noon	
Nov 10	Annual Meeting	

### **Birthdays**

October 5 Ray Brenneman

# **Prayer Request**

Continue to pray for areas in the world who cry out for peace. We grieve for all who have experienced the horrors of war and violence. May God bring comfort, healing, and justice to those suffering. Lord, have mercy on us and hear our prayers for peace and reconciliation in these troubled regions. (from MCEC)

Hold in prayer the gathering of Indigenous Relations and Climate Action working group leaders from the 5 regional churches of MC Canada, including MCEC, gathering in Pinawa, MB from Oct. 4-6. The weekend will be a time to learn what each other are up to in the regions, develop shared goals and postures of engagement and build community around the ministries we hold in common towards the healing of relationships with Indigenous neighbours and creation.

### **Congregational Notes**

Stay for Formation hour after worship this morning. We will spend time delving into the content of the sermons throughout these past weeks. This is your chance to express your opinions about these texts and to ask questions.

We will be celebrating World Communion next Sunday. Come prepared to remember the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus as Christ. Then plan to join others for a lunch of Chili and a multitude of types of bread. Donations will be welcome to cover the cost of the meal.

There is a thank you note from Mike Thaler, Caitlin Howald, Finn and Kaia on the bulletin board in the foyer.

# **Beyond The Congregation**

**Gospel Music Concert** - Shantz Mennonite Church Saturday October 5 at 7:00PM \$10 Donation at the door.

**Unthinkable: Gaza One Year Later** October 5, 7 p.m. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 54 Queen St. N., Kitchener We gather to observe the genocide in Gaza sharing grief, seeing hope and taking action. Guests: MP Mike Morrice, Rabbi David Mivasair, Suhaila Salah More Information Sponsored by MCEC Palestine Israel Network Working Group

#### Fall Seniors Retreat at Hidden Acres

You are invited to the beautiful Hidden Acres Camp on *October 7th* to explore the theme of Falling in Love with Creation - For God so loved the world. What does loving God's good creation look like? What changes in us when we pay loving attention to creation? Come join us for a day of encouragement, reflection, and good food. See poster for more details. To register visit <a href="https://hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat">hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat</a>.

#### **MCEC Intercultural Worship Gathering and Potluck**,

Saturday, October 26, 4 - 6 p.m, First Hmong Mennonite Church. We warmly invite everyone to join us for a special time of worship, unity, and celebration, as various congregations come together to honour our diversity in Christ. This year's speaker: Hruai Tu, Chair of Young Adult Ministry at Chin Christian Church (Kitchener). Potluck follows - bring food to share! More information at mcec.ca/events.

**NITHVIEW Fundraiser** November 2nd featuring Darryl Sittler, former Toronto Maple Leaf player from St. Jacobs/ Visit <a href="https://www.tcmhomes.com">www.tcmhomes.com</a> for more information.

**Support Groups from Interfaith** See poster on table in foyer or the bulletin board for more information.

#### **Ministry Team Leaders**

Ministry Coordinator & Facilities – John Good
Worship and Formation – Lil Quanz
Fellowship – Fern Good, Marcia Kastner, Susan Wagler
Pastoral Care, Missions and Service - All members
Member at Large (Ministry Team) - Ross Shantz

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**To Book the Church** call the Church Office @ 519-634-5030. **Church Office Hours**: Edna will be in the office Tuesday and Thursdays. Please have all bulletin announcements in no later than Wednesday.