

Poole Mennonite Church

December 12, 2021

Advent-Dare to Imagine

Mission Statement: To plant seeds of love and nourish roots in Jesus Christ to grow and harvest the Kingdom of God.

Prelude *Christmas songs*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Song *He Came Down*

Opening Songs *Here I am to worship*

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus VT218

Children Time

Offering Prayer (the plate is at the back in the foyer)

Songs *What Child is This* VT 267

A Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Angels We Have Heard On High VT 249

Scripture Readings Isaiah 12:2-6 & Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Sermon **Our Body Remembers** Cathrin van Sintern-Dick

Song of Response *Comfort, Comfort, Oh My People* VT 212

Sharing Time

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sending Song *A Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* VT 275

Benediction

Thanks to Cathrin, Wendy, Donna, Bonnie, Paul and the Audio-visual committee for your roles in the service.

Welcome to all who are here in person and those listening on-line.

There will be Sunday School today.

Last Sunday Attendance: 45



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Cathrin van Sintern-Dick will join us for worship. Cathrin has been a minister since 2000, first in Southern Germany and since 2003 in Ontario. She is serving as Chaplain at the Leamington Mennonite Home since 2015 and joint the MCEC Leadership Office in 2017 as Regional Ministry Associate, covering an area from Windsor to Hunta. In the summer of 2021, she took on the role of Interim TiM and Learning Commons Coordinator. Cathrin and her husband, Matthew, and their three children, call Chatham home.

Sharing time: If you have a prayer request or would like to share something on a Sunday morning, please see Fred or Janet before the service or email Janet before Sunday morning.

PRAYER AND PRAISE



- Poole Person to remember: **Gary & Glenda Bryd** Happy Birthday to Gary. His birthday is today
- **Pray for Sandra Keupfer** as she prepares the Sunday School for next week.
- **Pray for Pastor Fred** (Shirley) for his recovery from Covid.
- **Pray for our** other Christmas celebrations.
- **Remember persons who** spouses passed away this year.
- **Pray for Millie Brenneman** and her family.
- **Remember Justin & Rebecca Byers.** Justin's sister Meagan was killed in car accident.
- **Pray for our** church budget talks that are happening for 2022.
- **Praying to God** and listening for the future plans for our Poole church.
- **Pray for public** schools and for University & college students who are finishing their semester/writing exams.
- **Be safe. Be kind. Be loving.**

 **Our sympathy is extended to Rebecca & Justin Byers** and their extended family, in the passing of Justin's sister Meagan Byers. She passed away last Monday in a car accident. Pray for the family at this time of grief.

The Elder team would like to invite you to bringing warm socks and winter gloves of all sizes to be donated to the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank.



Jr Sunday School Program, Dec 19 – please forward any Christmas related poems that you always enjoy, and we would be happy to include them in our program. Contact me if you would like to participate in the program and you haven't received the information.
Sandra Kuepfer

Coming Events:

Pick up your order: You can pick up your orders of Rhea Thompson Chocolates and Kettle Corn Fri. Dec. 17th from 12-2pm, Sat. Dec. 18th 12-2pm or Sunday Dec. 19th after church 11-12am. Let Ruth Bahr know if you need delivery

Dec. 19: 10am. Sunday School Christmas Program



Blue Christmas service - Sunday December 19th, 7:00 p.m.

During the holidays when lights and tinsel sparkle, many suffer for all kinds of reasons. The magnitude of our weary world weighs on our hearts and minds. *We wrestle with chronic pain, broken relationships, grief, shattered dreams, fragile faith, and many unexpected losses due to pandemic.* Our grief and sorrow feel particularly acute in light of the season's celebration. For this reason, we are hosting a contemplative Blue Christmas service including prayers, songs and candle lighting. All are welcome!



Christmas Eve Candle Lighting service Dec 24 at 7pm. If you know members of your family are planning to attend and have NOT been to a worship service during the pandemic – please connect with Janet as a waiver will need to be completed



2022 is the 200th anniversary of Christian Nafziger's land scouting trip to Upper Canada which opened Wilmot Township as a pioneer settlement for the Amish Mennonites and other white settlers from Europe and the USA.

Once Wilmot Township was occupied, the Amish families spread west to East Zorra (1837) and Zurich (1848) and north to Wellesley (1856) and Mornington (1874). From this people group emerged not only the "change minded" Western Ontario Mennonite Conference (now part of Mennonite Church of Eastern Canada) but also the Old Order Amish, Beachy Amish and various Conservative and Fellowship Mennonite congregations.

The Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario wants to mark the Ontario Amish Bicentennial and hopes to appoint a planning group to dream and develop one or more events to recognize this anniversary.

If you think this is something you would be interested in. Please see Janet and she will give you more information.

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is looking to hire a part-time facilitator for CLASP, a community and life skills program for young adults with special needs. For details, visit our website (<https://hiddenacres.ca/opportunities/year-round-employment>) or contact Chris Pot at 519-625-8602 or chrispot@hiddenacres.ca.



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