

Poole Mennonite Church

December 5, 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

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle
Song *He Came Down*



VT 239

Opening Songs *Blessed be the God of Israel* VT 233
Hope is a Candle VT 211

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

Children Time Wrapping Up

Scripture Readings Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 3:1-6

Sermon “ Looking Towards Forgiveness “ – Pastor Fred

Song of Response *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* VT 210

Celebration Jar & Sharing Time
Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Sending Song *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* VT 218
Benediction

Thanks to Karina 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 no Sunday School today.

Last Sunday Attendance: 67

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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: **Harold & Mary Gascho**
- **Remember all of us** as we grieve the sudden passing of Mary Jantzi. Pray for Gid, Melissa, Cindy and Krystle.
- **Pray for our Advent** celebrations here at Poole.
- **Remember MCEC**, Mennonite Church Canada and MCC
- **Thank you for** all the generosity of hope given to the church.
- **Clarence Catchagee**, a member of Cree Nation, will be here On January 9, 2022.
- **Pray for the neighbours** that are on both sides of you.
- **Give thanks for our pianists** Karina Ropp, Wendy Dunn and Bonnie Ropp
- **Be safe, be well,** and be kind.

Our sympathy is extended to **Gid Gid Jantzi, Melissa & Paul, Cindy & Murray and Krystle & Curtis** and their



extended family, in the passing of his wife Mary Jantzi. She passed away on Monday. There will be visitation at Poole on Sunday from 2-4pm and 6-8pm and the funeral is on Monday at 11am.

Pray for the family at this time of grief.



Birth Announcements We congratulate Luke & Alyssa on the birth of their daughter Emilia Violet Erb on Nov. 30. Proud Grandparents are Ken & Laurie Erb.

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 in Milverton over the next few weeks. Leave under the tree in the narthex



Celebration Jar Wishes:

Ken & Laurie new granddaughter Emilia to Luke & Alyssa on

<u>Birthday</u>	Nov. 30
Wendy Dunn	Dec. 6
Gary Byrd	Dec. 12
Robin Dunn	Dec. 16
Ruth Bahr	Dec. 17
Lyle & Connie, son Nick Jantzi &	Dec. 19
grandson Liam Wagler (Krista & William)	Dec. 19

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

Gift Cards Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. This was our largest order yet! A cheque for \$695 will be issued to Poole Mennonite from Fundscrip because of **your** support. If you didn't get your gift cards, see Connie Jantzi.

Help Wanted, Ruth Bahr is looking for 2 people to help sort the Candy and Popcorn orders on Friday December 17th (in the morning.) Ruth would also appreciate plastic bags.

Pick up your order: You can pick up your orders of Rheo 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

Calling for Tenders: Trustees are seeking tenders for the following: Snow Blowing, Winter Sidewalk Clearing and Grounds Maintenance. Please have your tender to Ken Erb erbken@gmail.com 519-897-0354 or Jeremy Brenneman jb_13@hotmail.com 519-897-5903 by December 8th.

Coming Events:

Sun. Dec. 5: Due to unforeseen circumstances St. Paul's United Church- Milverton has had to **cancel** their Outdoor Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long scheduled for 6:30pm.

PWIM - Tuesday, Dec. 7 starting at 9 am. Quilting and Knotting. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea provided.



Christmas Eve Candle Lighting service

Dec 24 at 7pm. More details to follow.



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.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is looking for three young adults (at least 22 years old) to fill the **Assistant Director** roles from April 30-August 29, 2022 (see job description at slmc.ca/about/board-of-directors/). Do you love working with campers, enjoy leading your peers and want to help camp thrive? Can you build a positive camp culture, communicate well and build strong relationships, lead and be a role model, supervise staff, address issues effectively (conflict, critical incidents, safety) and do administrative tasks? Submit your cover letter and resume by December 10, 2021 to: karen@slmc.ca

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