

Poole Mennonite Church

February 27, 2022

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

[The Blue Planet](#)



Prelude
Welcome & Call to Worship
Prayer

Opening Songs: *Renew Your Church* VT 717
 For the Beauty of Earth VT 120

Offering Prayer (the plate is at the back in the foyer)
Send an e-transfer, Drop off an envelope at church or
Send it to Box 249, Milverton

Children's Time *Third Rock from the Sun*

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:11-13
 John 1:1-5

Sermon: **"God's Creation Was Perfect"** **Pastor Fred**

Song of Response: *Be A Sower* VT 789

Blessing of the Quilts



Sharing Time of prayers and celebrations
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sending Song: *For the Healing of the Nations* VT 705
Benediction

Today is the first in a series called "[The Blue Planet.](#)" During the sermon time, Fred will explore our relationship with the creation and our being stewards of this place we call earth. Next week is "Creation at an Intersection." Text: Psalm 139

Thanks to Ruth, Brenda, Wendy and the **Audio-Visual booth** for their roles in the service.

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

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There will no Sunday School today.

Poole Annual General Meeting is today at 11:15a.m. immediately following worship service



Last Sunday Attendance: 39

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.

Next week is celebration jar, please have your "celebrations" or wishes to be read please email or call Janet by Friday.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Poole Person to remember: **Vern Brenneman**
- **Pray for our** Annual meeting, after the worship service. Pray for Jeff Scheerer as he leads us through it.
- **Pray for Ukraine.** War is always horrible. Pray for peace.
- **Pray for the** small Mennonite community that remains in Ukraine.
- **MCC and Mennonite** Church Canada have programs and local people who distribute our programs there.
- **Pray for us** as we continue to open up through the Covid experience.
- **Pray for the** series of four services focusing on God's creation, stewardship and changes in our world. They begin on Sunday. Please read Genesis 1.
- **Pray for Leah** Reesor Keller, executive minister for MCEC. MCEC annual sessions will be on April 25-26.
- **Pray for our** university/college students as they move to the end of their semesters.
- **Be blessed by God**, and be a blessing to others.



Many thanks to Pastor Fred and our church family for your prayers, cards, and telephone calls on the passing of my brother Morris Brunk. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness.

Ab. & Irene Leis & family

MCC wants to know if we are going to run our hamburger stand at the Relief Sale in June. We are looking for a new coordinator. If you have interest in heading up this project please speak with Fred, John Spencer or Ruth Bahr.

Lent in 2022:

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on March 2.

It is a 40-day journey remembering Jesus' walk from Galilee to Jerusalem, and then to the cross.

The 40 days invites us to a new relationship with Christ Jesus. We may need repentance. We may consider a deeper prayer life. We may have to forgive someone.



For part of Lent this year, Fred is preaching on The Blue Planet, a four-part series on creation and our relationship to it. The world has 7 billion people, and so we have changed the earth as God gave it, for the better and for the worse. The first service is on February 27.

Prayer: *God, Walk beside us, every day of Lent. from day one to day 40. Change us into the people, and the church you want us to become. Re-create us. AMEN.*

Coming Events

PWIM - March 1 - starting at 9 a.m. Bring your lunch.

Coffee and tea provided. Working to complete quilts for Mennonite Relief Sale. Comforter knotting and visiting.



Thurs. Mar. 10: Church Council -7p.m.

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp & Retreat Centre's 38th

Annual Fundraising Bowlathon is happening again this year!

This is one of the camp's main annual fundraising events and we look forward to the continued support of our community. Last year over \$29,000 was raised! Please show your support by donating on-line at hiddenacres.ca/donate, and select "Annual Bowlathon" or mail a cheque - 1921 Line 37, New Hamburg, On. N3A 4B5.

The worship committee & Fred decided on three different ideas for three series of sermons in 2022

- 1) Creation and our relationship to it. The sermons will draw on the biblical story of Genesis. A series of three or four sermons on changing climate systems, animals and carbon footprint.
- 2) Compassionate church. How can the church continue to be a place of caring and love? The sermons will draw on Paul's message to the church and the role in the world. Ideas are to talk about pastoral care, casserole theology and welcoming hospitality.
- 3) Authority in the life of the church. Who gets to speak for the church? People wondered where Jesus got his authority. How does the church give authority to the leadership of the church?

Grebel Lectures:

Bechtel Lecture Sofia Samatar "On Dwelling: Shelters in Time and Place" - March 10, 7:pm (Virtual)

Sawatsky Lecture: Regina Shands Stoltzfus "Resistance Strategies "- March 24, 7:30 pm (in -person or virtual)

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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