

# Poole Mennonite Church

March 13, 2022

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 2022**

[The Blue Planet](#)



Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

Prayer

Opening Songs:      *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*      VT 170

*Take my Life, and let it be*      VT 759

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

Children's Time      Where does Banana come from?

Scripture Reading:      Luke 12:16-21

Sermon:      "A Story of Full Barns"      **Pastor Fred**

Song of Response:      *Be A Sower*      VT 789

Sharing Time of prayers and concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sending Song:      *Rain Down*      VT 703

Benediction

**Today is the third** in the 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. The final sermon in this series will be March 27, "Repairing the Damaged Orchard" Revelation 22:1-5

**Thanks to Krystal Bonnie, Donna** 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 be** Sunday School today.

**Last Sunday Attendance: 56**

With the mask mandate lifting on March 21, Fred is open to visiting in homes again. Please call to set up a time.

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

- Poole Person to remember: **Leona Erb**
- **Sharon Scheerer had** ankle surgery on Monday, and is recovering at home.
- **Laurie Erb had** successful heart by-pass surgery on Tuesday. She should be home by next week.
- **Harold Schultz had** surgery on Wednesday and is recovering at home.
- **Pray for Gid Jantzi.** He's going in for ankle surgery on Monday.
- **Pray for peace** to break out in Ukraine.
- **Pray for worship** at Poole. We can start to sit closer together.
- **Pray for Emmanuel Israel,** our guest speaker next week. He is a student at Trinity College, University of Toronto
- **Pray for your** neighbours.
- **Smile. Pray. Worship.**



**Poole Mennonite Church** will no longer be running the hamburger booth at the Relief Sale in New Hamburg. Thank you to all the Committees and volunteers who gave their time and energy to support this project. You have been a huge blessing in helping MCC over the many years we ran this booth. Please continue your support by attending (the sale), spending (at the sale), and lending (your services as a volunteer). God bless each of you.

**If you are** interested in leading worship or reading Scripture, please contact Rebecca Byers at 519-949-8712 or [rebecca\\_ropp@hotmail.com](mailto:rebecca_ropp@hotmail.com)

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

- 1) Creation and our relationship to it. - Ends Mar. 27.
- 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?

**As our pandemic** is changing & community services will be expanding in-person services, we need to hire a coordinator for the ESL program at Poole. The expected hours of work fluctuate from season to season and we hope to begin classes in the early fall. More information about this position please contact Janet.

**Coming Soon:** a fundraiser from the **Missions Committee** to tackle homelessness in Stratford and area. Be prepared to support this project by actively engaging in/and participating. More details will follow soon. Also on April 3rd, **Ryan Erb** from the United Way will be at Poole to discuss this issue with our congregation. Mark the date

**Coming Events**

**Mar. 20:** Guest Speaker- **Emmanuel Israel**- currently working on his Ph.D. in Theology at Trinity College, University of Toronto.

**Apr. 3:** Guest Speaker - **Ryan Erb** - Working at United Way for the last 11 years.

**Apr. 7:** Church Council – Reports due on Mar. 28



**Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp & Retreat Centre's 38th Annual Fundraising Bowlathon.** 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](https://hiddenacres.ca/donate), and select "Annual Bowlathon" or mail a cheque - 1921 Line 37, New Hamburg, On. N3A 4B5.



**Grebel Lectures:**

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](mailto:chrispot@hiddenacres.ca).

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