

Poole Mennonite Church

March 27, 2022

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2022

[The Blue Planet](#)



Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Prayer
Opening Songs: *Holy, Holy, Holy!* VT 76
 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee VT 103
Offering Prayer (the plate is at the back in the foyer)
Children's Time: Seedless Oranges
Scripture Reading: Revelation 22: 1-5
Sermon: **"Repairing the Damaged Orchards"** **Pastor Fred**
Song of Response: *Be A Sower* VT 789
Sharing of our Lives
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer
Sending Song: *Longing For Light* VT 715
Benediction

Today is the final sermon in the series called "[The Blue Planet](#)" Please give feedback to Fred and the worship committee. The next series will be in May, "The Compassionate Church".

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

Welcome to all who are here in person & those listening on
There will be Sunday School today.

Thank you to everyone who gives out of their abundance to the ministry and mission here at Poole

Last Sunday Attendance: 63

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: **Don Gerber** and his health issues.
- **Pray for the healing** of Margaret Jutzi. She had hip surgery on Wednesday
- **Remember Vernon Brenneman** in prayer
- **Pray for the** healing for Connie Jantzi. She broke her elbow, and had surgery Friday morning.
- **Pray for Joyce Gerber**. She is going on a five-day medical trip to serve in rural Dominican Republic. She left on Saturday.
- **With the mask mandate** now off, please be courteous and compassionate to each other.
- **Pray for Ukraine**. May peace break out everywhere.
- **Pray for our** Good Friday and Easter Sunday celebrations, April 15 and 17
- **Pray for Ryan Erb**, our guest speaker on April 3. Ryan works in Stratford for the United Way walking with people dealing with homelessness.
- **May the Lord** Bless us, and Keep us.



Our sympathy is extended to Katie Kuepfer and her extended family in the passing of her brother Daniel Ropp
Pray for the family at this time of grief.

If you are interested in leading worship or reading Scripture, please contact Rebecca Byers at 519-949-8712 or rebecca_ropp@hotmail.com.



"The Big Cheese" Challenge to help the homeless.

Missions is asking the congregation to help with our fundraiser to sell Millbank Cheese. Order forms can be picked up starting March 27th (today) from Ruth Bahr. We are working with the United Way of Stratford/ Huron-Perth to tackle the growing need of homelessness in our communities. There will be a prize for the person/family that sells the most (dollars' worth).



MCC is looking for auction items for the New Hamburg relief sale please contact barryroth@nhmrs.com if you would like to donate. **The Promotion Dinner is April 26th** at 6:30 at Bingeman's, tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online <https://nhmrs.square.site/> or by calling 519-745-7458 (press 3). Full details for these events are on the bulletin board.

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 Events

Apr. 3: Guest Speaker - **Ryan Erb** - Working at United Way for the last 11 years. Ryan will be here to talk about his work and also to discuss the issue of homelessness. He will also be available during the Sunday School hour to answer any questions the congregation may have on these issues.



PWIM: Tuesday, April 5 starting at 9 am.

Regular meeting of quilting, knotting and fellowship. Coffee and Tea provided.

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

May 8: Parent/Child Dedication - Let Pastor Fred know if you want to participate.



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?



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, and select "Annual Bowlathon" or mail a cheque - 1921 Line 37, New Hamburg, On. N3A 4B5.

New Hamburg thrift is in major need of Volunteers!! With society opening up and the busy spring season ahead, we are looking for people available through the week during regular business hours. Our Receiving manager is asking for people who can sort and help with receiving donations as they come. Please reach out to Jennifer Woolner at jenniferwoolner@mcco.ca or 519-662-2867. You can also go to newhamburgthrift.com and fill out a Volunteer application. Thank-You

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