

Poole Mennonite Church

March 6, 2022

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 2022

[The Blue Planet](#)



Prelude
Welcome & Call to Worship
Prayer

Opening Songs: *Praise To The Lord, the Almighty* VT 88

Life-Giver, Maker, God of All VT 38

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 Caring for God's Land

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Sermon: **"Creation at an Intersection"** *Pastor Fred*

Song of Response: *Be A Sower* VT 789

Celebration Jar & Sharing Time of prayers and concerns
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sending Song: *Go Ye Now in Peace* VT 839

Benediction

Today is the second 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. Next week is "A Story of Full Barns." Text: Luke 12:16-21

Thanks to Jim, Judy, Karina, 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 be Sunday School today.

Last Sunday Attendance: 49

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: **Garry & Glenda Byrd**
- **Nolan Albrecht was moved** to Grand River Hospital. He is the son of Ashely and Jake, and grandson of Ramona and Bruce. Pray for the whole family.
- **Be in prayer** for Vernon Brenneman as he celebrated his 80th Birthday on Thursday, and as he continues treatment for cancer.
- **Pray for Laurie & Ken Erb.** Laurie is in St. Mary's Hospital (Kitchener) waiting for heart by-pass surgery.
- **Pray for peace** between Russia and Ukraine.
- **Pray for the relief** efforts of MCC in Ukraine.
- **Pray for countries** receiving refugees, Poland, Hungary, Moldova and others.
- **Pray for the province** as it moves into a different and more open phase of the pandemic.
- **Pray for the services** on the creation.
- **Pray for our members** who are waiting for results of medical tests.
- **Love you God** with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and your neighbour as yourself.
- **Plant a tree** this year.

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

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.

Celebration Jar Wishes:

Lonnie & Cindy Schutz are excited to share the news of Mitchell 's recent engagement to Sean Cavanagh.



Birthdays: Happy Birthday-HB

- Vern Brenneman 80 on Mar. 3
- Ken Erb** wishes his wife Laurie & Cheryl Erb, HB on Mar. 4
- John Roes 86 on Mar. 5
- Connie & Lyle** are celebrating Martha Ropp 80 on Mar. 11
- Roes' family** wishes Sharon Roes HB 76 on Mar 17
- Janet** wishes Del HB on Mar. 19

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

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Coming Events

Mon. Mar. 7: Wellesley Blood Donor Clinic 2 to 8pm.
Wellesley Community Centre



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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