



Poole Mennonite Church

December 18, 2022

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

Advent-Restoration is Near



Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle – “Do Not Be Afraid”

Song: *We Come* VT 225

Offering Prayer /Thank you for the Adopt a Family Program

Sunday School Children’s Program –



Part 1 - Mary and Elizabeth

Song - *My Soul is Filled with Joy* screen

Part 2 - Joseph and Mary prepare

Song - *Silent Night* VT 244

Part 3A - The Shepherds

Song - *Angels we Have Heard on High* VT 249

Part 3B - The Shepherds see Jesus

Song - *Away in a Manger* VT 257



Part 3C - The Wisemen

Song - *We wish you a Merry Christmas* (The kids will sing through once and then have the congregation join in)
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year

Sharing Time/Pastoral Prayer - Pastor Fred

Closing Song - *Jingle Bells*

Benediction



Welcome to all who are here in person & those listening

Thanks to, **Sandra Kupfer, Cindy Schultz, Kyle Kuepfer, Sunday School Children:** Anika, Kase, Ryker and Brock Van DenTempel, Cameron and Madelynn Kuepfer, Zachary, Liam and Megan Yantzi, Brysen and Sawyer Brenneman, Quinn and Hailey Brenneman, Natasha Reimer and Rose Ann Kuepfer and the **Audio-Visual** booth for their roles in the service.

Last Sunday Attendance: 59

Year-end contributions in cheque or cash need to be to the treasurer no later than December 29th, 2022 in order for the contribution to appear on your 2022 contribution receipt. E-Transfer contributions can be sent pooletreasurer@gmail.com until December 31st. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Justyne.

PRAYER AND PRAISE



- Poole People to remember: **Gary & Glenda Byrd**
- **Pray for those** going through health treatments.
- **Pray for the** Mennonite churches in Ukraine and Ethiopia who are under stress.
- **Pray for the** Loaves and Fishes Food Bank.
- **Poole Church wishes** all people a transforming Advent and Christmas season.
- **Pray for our** Christmas Eve & Christmas service.
- **Thank you for** your generosity to the Poole Mennonite budget. If you still want to make a donation, you can drop it in the offering or e-transfer through the Credit Union.
- **We are still** looking for a third Elder. Please keep praying.
- **Pray for Bethlehem** (see the most recent Canadian Mennonite)
- **Pray for the** neighbour on both sides of you, so that they might have a good Christmas.



Birth Announcements We congratulate **Nick & Caitlin Schultz** on the birth of their daughter Hallie Jaylene arriving on December 8th. An early Christmas gift for Kyla & Ayten & grandparents Keith & Faye & great grandparents Allan & Velma.



It is with hearts full of gratitude and love that Keith & I thank you, our church community, for your thoughts, prayers, cards, emails, calls, food, drives and offers of assistance as we continue on this journey.

Special thank you to Pastor Fred for his visits and calls which have been a bright spot in this unexpected chapter.

We also want to thank those responsible for the creation of the on-line services which I listen to during my treatments...it feels like I am sitting in the pews surrounded and supported by my church community.

Christmas blessings to all of our church family. Keith & Faye

If you have extra **Christmas baking (cookies and squares) to donate** to our Community Christmas potluck please let Ruth Bahr know.



A special Christmas greeting to our church family & friends here at Poole – especially our seniors & shut-ins who are unable to attend regular or wish to worship from home. We wish everyone a Joyous holiday season while we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus. Blessings to all in the New Year.

From Poole Women in Mission



Coming Events

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service with communion

Dec 24 at 7pm.

Dec. 25: Christmas Day -10.00a.m.

Jan. 1: New Year's Day – 10:00a.m

Calling for Tenders: The Trustees are now calling for tenders for the following: Lawn cutting, ground maintenance, Snow blowing & snow shovelling. Tenders to be given to Ken Erb erbken@gmail.com or Jeremy Brenneman jb_13@hotmail.com by Jan. 15.



Community/Cluster

Calling all Junior Youth! Church youth groups in Grades 5-8, along with their sponsors, are invited to **Come Together** at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate on **Sunday, January 22 from 1 – 5 pm** for a **Junior Youth Gathering, courtesy of MCEC and Rockway**. The focus will be on peacemaking. Visit www.mcec.ca/events for more information and to register.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate is looking for local households (e.g. ideally within a 30 minute bus ride) to host an international student. To learn more, please contact Jill Sauer: homestay@rockway.ca

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp:

Winter & Spring Retreats now open for registration: Come to Silver Lake in 2023 for some fun camp experiences! Coming up soon are... Dads & Kids Retreat (Jan 13-15), Winter Snowshoe Hike (Jan 20-22), Women's Retreat (Feb 3-5), Couples Retreat (Feb 10-12). Go to [SLMC Retreats & Events](#) for more info and to register. These camp getaways make fantastic Christmas gifts!

Employment Opportunities: Silver Lake is growing and looking to fill three year-round positions: Fundraising Manager, Program Director and Maintenance Coordinator. For more information click here: slmc.ca/about/board-of-directors/ Come make an impact that lasts a lifetime!

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A Community Cares Christmas

Come join us for a Potluck on December 25th from 12:30- 5pm

This event is for individuals or families who for a variety of reasons may not be able to gather with their families this Christmas. We have asked Poole Mennonite Church for the use of their basement.

Bring something to share for 1st course only as drinks and dessert will be provided.

There will be opportunity to socialize, play games and make a craft, after lunch (Kid friendly). The church also has a large property if the children would like to play outdoors.

If you have any questions, please contact
Sandra Kuepfer at **519-616 4510**



For anyone wishing to join a Christmas morning worship service, Poole Mennonite Church welcomes you. The service starts at 10:00 am.