

**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](http://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](mailto: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/](http://slmc.ca/about/board-of-directors/) Come make an impact that lasts a lifetime!

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**Poole Mennonite Church**

**January 1, 2023**



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

*Christ the Saviour is Born*



Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Songs *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

VT 241

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

VT 243

Offering Prayer (plate on the table in the narthex)

Scripture Readings *Luke 2:36-39*

*John 1:10-14*

Sermon

**“Now what ?”**



**Pastor Fred**

Hymn of Response *O Little Town Bethlehem*

VT 245

Celebration Jar & Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Closing Song



VT 240

Benediction

Postlude

**Welcome to the New Year’s Day service.** We are doing both a little Christmas and first Sunday of 2023, and we invite us to think about how we serve God through our lives. The baby has left the manger. Christ Jesus lives and moves in our lives. Let us dedicate the next year to continuing to serve the needs of this world, both physical and spiritual, in the name of Christ. Happy New Year.

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

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

No Sunday School today.

**Next week, since** we missed Communion on Christmas Eve, we will be celebrating the gift of the Bread and the Cup during the Sunday morning Service. Also, we want to have a potluck following the service downstairs, the first for 2023.

**Last Sunday Attendance:** 0



**OUR GIFTS:** Dec.16 to 23

Budget: \$3,855.00 Jr. Sunday School: \$50.00

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

- Poole People to remember: **Leona Erb**
- **A BIG THANK YOU** to Sandra Kuepfer and the children for the program on the 18.
- **Thank you all** for your generous givings to Poole Church.
- **Remember to be** in prayer for those going through health treatments.
- **Remember food banks**, and homeless shelters and encampments that are helping those in the greatest need.
- **Pray for our** families with young children.
- **May the old**, old Christmas story about " God becoming one of us" change the lives of all of us.
- **Pray for those** with COVID and other viruses circulating at high rates across the country.
- **Pray for the** community here at Poole Mennonite as we go into a new year, 2023.
- **"My Soul magnifies** the Lord, and my Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour " from Luke 1. Mary's Song



**A big thank you** to those who contributed Christmas goodies to go with coffee over the last few weeks.  
Worship Committee

**Coming Events**

Jan. 3: **PWIM** – At 9am. Our first gathering in the New Year. All ladies welcome for quilting or knotting & fellowship. Bring your lunch. Tea & Coffee provided.



**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](mailto:erbken@gmail.com) or Jeremy Brenneman [jb\\_13@hotmail.com](mailto:jb_13@hotmail.com) by Jan. 15.



Council Reports due Jan. 8.

**Jan. 15.** Annual reports due to secretary

**Thurs. Jan. 19:** Church Council 7pm at the church.

**Zoom book study.** We will begin again on Wednesday January 25 at 7:30. Talk to Fred about the details.

*Merry Christmas*



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