

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.

Gallery Opening Reception: Wed. Jan. 25 at 7pm. Conrad Grebel University College. **YOUR WALL CAN (NOT) DIVIDE US** - An Exhibition – Jan. 25-Apr. 30. See poster

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.

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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Poole Mennonite Church
January 8, 2023

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

Epiphany & Communion Sunday



- Prelude
- Welcome & Announcements
- Call to Worship & Prayer
- Songs
 - Angels From the Realms of Glory* VT 265
 - Longing for Light* VT 715
- Offering Prayer (plate on the table in the narthex)
- Children's Time Three Gifts
- Scripture Readings
 - Isaiah 60:1-6
 - Matthew 2: 7-12
- Sermon **"Birds perch on branches"** **Pastor Fred**
- Communion** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* VT 778
 - Sharing of the Bread and the Cup 
- Sharing of our Joys and Concerns
- Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- Closing Song *Love Has Come* VT 258
- Benediction
- Postlude

Welcome to Epiphany Sunday, the arrival of the Wise Men. We are also celebrating Communion. We missed it on Christmas Eve. We invite you to stay for a potluck meal downstairs. "Birds perch on branches... joining the peaceful chorus... of Courage's song. Haiku 2023

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

Welcome to our potluck today. We ask those to help the worship committee, set up/clean up, if your able to help if your last name is from A-K.

Last Sunday Attendance: 41



OUR GIFTS: Dec. 16 to 23

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Poole People to remember: **Harold & Mary Gascho**
- Wishing you a Happy New Year and a great 2023. May the Lord Bless you and keep you.
- **Pray for those** going through health treatments.
- **Invite God to listen** to your prayers for Poole.
- **The Church Council** meets on January 18 to set the church's budget for 2023. Please be in prayer
- **Remember for the** peacemakers working/living in Ukraine.
- **Pray for Mennonite** Church Eastern Canada.
- **The Ministers** in the Wellesley-West cluster of churches meet on Tuesday. Pray for them.
- **Poole will celebrate** 150 years in 2024. Be in prayer for our future in this community.
- " **Let us never** tire of doing good " 2 Thessalonians 3: 13



Thank you to the congregation for all the gifts, cards and expressions of support at Christmas, and at other times during the year. It is an honour and privilege to serve here at Poole Mennonite. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Fred and Shirley

January Celebration Jar Wishes:



Wedding Anniversary; Stan & Mary Leis

- 58 years on Jan. 15

Coming Events

Council Reports due Jan. 8.

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.



Jan. 15. Annual reports due to secretary

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

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

Tentatively: Breakfast with Pastor Fred: Fri. Jan. 27 at Schmidtsville Restaurant at 8am. Room for only 25 people. Please let Pastor Fred or Janet know if you're coming.

Sun. Feb. 26: Annual Meeting 1p.m.

Prayer For the New Month

Open new door of opportunity for us

*Father in heaven
 I thank you for my life
 Thank you for your love and mercy in my life
 Thank you for all that you do for me
 I pray for your continuous blessings upon my life in this new month
 Open new doors of opportunities for me in this month
 I pray that you also restore whatever opportunities I missed in the past
 Open my eyes and order my steps so that I don't miss any more opportunities
 Help me to meet the right people who will contribute to my success in life
 Teach me to hear and understand you when you speak to me
 In Jesus name, I pray Amen The Graceful Chapter*