

Poole Mennonite Church

February 26, 2023

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

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Prayer



Songs *God of the Bible* VT 420
 Sweet Hour of Prayer HWB 11

Offering Prayer (plate on the table in the narthex)

Children Time

Scripture Readings Genesis 3:1-7
 Matthew 6:24

Message **“Lectio Divina or reading
 and praying with the Bible”** **Pastor Fred**

Hymn of Response *Renew Your Church* VT 717

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Closing Song *Guide My Feet* VT 816
Benediction

Welcome to the Season of Lent. Today will be an opportunity to pray with Scripture. Lent is a 40-day journey with Jesus. Consider giving something up, or taking on something that will bring you closer to God. During Lent we will celebrate communion, on Good Friday. Be in prayer for this remembering the last meal that Jesus had with best friends.

Thanks Wendy, Betty Ann, Winston, Austin and the **Audio-Visual** booth for their roles in the service.

Welcome to all who are here in person & those listening


All are welcome to stay for the **Fundraiser Lunch** to support Joyce Gerber's recent Mission Trip. Cost is by donation, however, anything given that is over \$20 **per person** can be issued a tax receipt. There is a table downstairs with envelopes. Please fill out your information **and the number of people** you are paying for. Thank you so much for your support.

Last Sunday Attendance: 66

You may bring your offerings to church or e-transfer them or mail them to the church. Thank you for your great generosity.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Poole Person to remember: **Katie Kuepfer**
- **Remember the people** who are going through health treatments.
- **Pray for strength** for Wanda, Bob, Josslyn and Bobbi Hagen as they continue with health issues in their family.
- **Pray for our** Annual meeting, after the fundraising lunch. Pray for **Bonnie Ropp** as she leads us through the meeting.
- **Remember our Lenten** journey.
- **Pray for church council.** They meet on Thursday.
- **Pray for our** university/college students as they move to the end of their semesters.
- **Remember to pray** for the work of Mennonite Central Committee
- **Pray for Ukraine.** It has been 1 year. Pray for peace.

 Tri-County **TCMH is seeking** new member to serve on their Mennonite Homes Volunteer board of directors. For more information, please contact Linda Shantz, lshantz@tcmhomes.com or Emily Shannon, eshannon@tcmhomes.com. Can also find info on the website; <https://tcmhomes.com/volunteer-programs/>

We are hoping to resume the ESL program this spring. The program needs volunteers to assist with providing loving care with babies, toddlers and preschoolers. We also hope to hire individuals who have education and experience with teaching in kindergarten, nursery school or daycare. Help is needed on March 21 and April 18th to May 30th. No class on May 2nd. Please contact Eva Harms for further info. eharms@hpph.ca or 519-496-1886



The Loaves and Fishes Food Bank in Milverton is looking for a volunteer coordinator for its Christmas hamper and adopt-a-family program. If interested please contact Dorothy at 519-949-0966



Coming Events

Thurs. Mar. 2: Church Council -7p.m

Fri. Mar. 3: 2:00 p.m. **World Day of Prayer** at St. Paul's United Church. – Taiwan – "I have heard about your faith"

Coming in March, Missions will be collecting medical supplies for the Stratford Medical Center. Joyce and Ruth will be collecting each Sunday, please give all medications directly to one of us. More details next week.

PWIM - March 6- – All Ladies are welcome for quilting, comforter knotting & fellowship. We begin at 9am but you are welcome to come and go throughout the day. Bring your lunch. Coffee & Tea provided



Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp's 39th Annual Bowlathon is happening again this year! This is one of the camp's main annual fundraising events with last year's Bowlathon raising over \$30,000! 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 or ETransfer at www.HIDDENACRES.CA/DONATE Poole has no one bowling, if someone is interested talk to Janet.



Community/Cluster

Millbank Heritage and Arts Society invites you to join us for a Community Talent Show on Sat. Mar. 25 at 7p.m. If you would like to participate by sharing your talent, please contact Pauline Horst at (519) 998-0034 or millbank.heritage.arts@gmail.com by March 20. This event will be at 6988 Church St., Millbank

Seats are still left for July's Russlaender 100: Memories of Migration Tour 2023 marks the 100th anniversary of the first arrival of Russian Mennonites in Canada in the 1920s. This group is often referred to as the "Russlaender". A collaborative effort among the national and provincial Mennonite historical societies and Tour Magination, this cross-Canada train tour will re-enact the historic migration of 21,000 Russlaender Mennonites between 1923 and 1930. The tour celebrates the faith of these newcomers, memorializes the hardships and challenges of resettlement, and acknowledges race and displacement in Canadian history. More information is available at the Tour Magination website at:

<https://tourmagination.com/tour/cross-canada-russlaender-centenary-tour/>."

Grandparent and Grandchild Day at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp- The annual Grandparent-Grandchild Days sponsored by Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is planned for Monday, March 13. This retreat is for grandparents and their grandchildren in Grades 1-6. Greg Taylor will be leading the day, focusing on the theme of God of Wonders: Discovering the Creator Through Space. Check out www.hiddenacres.ca for more details.

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