

# Poole Mennonite Church

March 19, 2023

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

LENT 4



LENT

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Songs Come, Now is the Time to Worship VT 29

*We Shall Overcome* VT 803

Offering Prayer (plate on the table in the narthex)

Children Time

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23

John 9:1-7



Message “Walking with Jesus, or holding hands with the Saviour” Pastor Fred

Hymn of Response *My Life Flows On* VT 605

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

Closing Song *Move in Our Midst* VT 827  
Benediction

**Welcome to the** Season of Lent. This is the Fourth Sunday in the season, and we worship the Lord with gladness. The sermon will be about walking with Jesus. Does Jesus carry you? Would you hold hands with Jesus? Imagine where you might walk with Jesus. At the end of Lent we will celebrate communion on Good Friday. Be in prayer for this remembering the last meal that Jesus had with best friends.

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

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

**Last Sunday Attendance: 59**

**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 People to remember: **Harold & Mary Gascho**
- **Continue to pray** for Leo and Ruth Bahr. Leo is awaiting heart surgery in Kitchener, at St. Mary's Hospital.
- **Pray for people** continuing with health treatments.
- **Pray for the** process in finding an elder. For gender balance, we are looking for a male. Do you have a name for Fred or Wendy?
- **Pray about the** issues of sexual abuse that the movie, *Women Talking, raised in the world*. The movie won an Oscar last Sunday. The original book was written by Miriam Toews, a Mennonite from southern Manitoba.
- **MCC Ontario is** looking for a new executive Director. Do you have any names?
- **NEVER TIRE OF DOING GOOD....** the apostle Paul.

**If you would** appreciate a pastoral visit from Fred, please contact him at the church or at [fred.redekop@gmail.com](mailto:fred.redekop@gmail.com) .

**Pastor Fred will** be on holidays Apr. 21-May 1.

**“For the month of March:** Missions will be collecting medical supplies again for the Stratford Mission Depot.

Ruth and Joyce will be collecting each Sunday in March.

Please give medications directly to one of us.

The mission depot is now concentrating on Ukraine & Turkey.

One truckload has been sent to Turkey and another is waiting

transport to Ukraine. The shelves at the depot are quite empty

presently, so any donations are appreciated. A list of needed

items can be found on the back table.



**Poole Mennonite Church Needs You 😊.** Gift discernment is looking for people to fill some positions on the slate. The following committees each need one person, **Church Council Co - Chair, Missions Committee, Christian Education, and Kids Club** (these 2 positions can be combined or done separately).

**If you would** like to serve the church in any of these positions, please talk to Rose Harding or Ruth Bahr. Please keep in mind that we are only asking you to serve in the capacity you are able, not as others have done so in the past or may do in the future. We recognize that each person is unique and has their own talents and the church is here to support you. Thank you for your service to Poole Mennonite Church.

**Coming Events**

**Wed. Mar. 22:** The Zoom Bible study is looking at the final week of the life of Jesus. All are invited to join. Send me your email to sign up.

**Breakfast with Pastor Fred: Fri. Mar. 24** at Schmidtsville Restaurant at 8 am. Room for only 25 people.

**Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp 38th Annual Fundraising**

**Bowlathon** is **Mar.25** 4pm. Last year over \$30,000 was raised! This year for Poole Church, Jenni Leis & Ruth Bahr are bowling. Please show your support by sponsoring them, (Jen Leis and Janet Schultz will be collecting the money for this event.) Or donate on-line at [hiddenacres.ca/donate](http://hiddenacres.ca/donate), See poster.



**March 26:** guest speaker – **Elaine Clark Siberry**

**We will be** celebrating Communion on Good Friday, April 7. Come out and savour the Last Supper.

**Apr. 9: Easter Sunday**

**Wed. Apr. 12: Church Council-7pm.** Report due- Apr. 7.

**April 23 Barb Draper,** Canadian Mennonite

**Sun. Apr. 30.**  **TEEN CHALLENGE** Having a donation to support their work and a potluck after the service.

**Community/Cluster**

**Tues. Mar. 21: Blood Donor Clinic:** Perth East Complex 1-7pm

**Sat. March 25:** 7 p.m. - **Rescue Junction Concert** at the PERC, 40 Temperance Street, Milverton. Admission is by donation at the door. All are welcome!

**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](mailto:millbank.heritage.arts@gmail.com) by March 20. This event will be at 6988 Church St., Millbank



**Important announcement from**

**It has been** an interesting winter at the New Hamburg thrift store, and we have found ourselves in a place of desperately needing donated items to sell. We have had to send volunteers home due to lack of work, and we are seeing sales starting to trend downwards as a result of not having enough to sell. I'm reaching out to see if you can spread the word. As always, we thank you for your help, and appreciate everything that you and your congregations do to support the thrift centre and the broader MCC.

**Indigenous Learning Retreat (April 26-27):** Indigenous cultural awareness workshop with Diane Giroux. Come to Silver Lake on Wednesday evening for dinner and spend the night. Thursday morning be inspired to learn about indigenous culture. Great opportunity for church ministry workers. Go to [SLMC Retreats & Events](#) for more info and to register.

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