

# Poole Mennonite Church

March 25, 2023

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

## LENT 5

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship & Prayer  
Songs            *Open my Eyes That I May See*            VT738  
                      *10 000 Reasons/Bless the Lord*            VT111  
Offering Prayer  
Children Time  
Scripture Readings        Ezekiel 37: 1-10  
                                      John 11: 32-44  
Message        **"Unbind him, and let him go"**    Elaine Clark-Siberry  
Hymn of Response    *What Wondrous Love is This*            VT 564  
Sharing of our Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
Closing Song        *Great is Thy Faithfulness*            VT 419  
Benediction



**We welcome Elaine Clark-Siberry** to our pulpit this morning. Elaine Clark-Siberry is a retired Anglican minister, still helping out in her home parish of St. James, Stratford and neighbouring Anglican churches. She was in parish ministry for eleven years in Stratford and London, and then was Director of Pastoral Care at Greenwood Court, Stratford for eight years. She is Chair of the Board of Directors of L'Arche Stratford. Together with her husband Paul, Elaine enjoys travelling and sailing in her retirement.

Thanks **Connie G., Karina, 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: 54**

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: **Ralph Kropf**
- **Leo Bahr had** successful bypass surgery. Continue to pray for Leo & Ruth.
- **Helene Eicher had** a stroke on Monday. She is a patient at Grand River Hospital.
- **Pray for Ray & Brenda Schultz** – Ray has been admitted to Stratford hospital for further testing.
- **Communion will be** celebrated on Good Friday morning at 10:00 am. All are invited.
- **Easter Sunday is** on April 9. Come and celebrate the RESURRECTION!!!
- **Pray for Bible School.** Speak to Sandra Kuepfer and Maxine Kuepfer to volunteer for Bible School in July.
- **Pray for President** Biden and Prime Minister Trudeau as they meet today. May they work for justice and peace.
- **Pray for the work** of MCC in Syria, in the aftermath of the earthquakes.
- **Thank you for** your generosity to the work of Poole Church through your tithes and offerings.
- " **Whoever does not** love does not know God, for God is love." I John 4:8

**Thank you to Poole** Church members for sponsoring Ruth & Jenni in Hidden Acres Bowlathon on Sat. they received \$610. **Thanks to Ruth & Jenni** for bowling for Poole.

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.

**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**

**Tues. Apr. 4: PWIM** – 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.

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

**Apr. 9: Easter Sunday** we will have live chicks for the children (and adults!!).



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

**April 23 Barb Draper**, Canadian Mennonite

**Sun. Apr. 30.** We will be having an extra offering to support their work and will have a potluck lunch after the service.



**SAVE THE DATE!!** Calling all kids from JK (starting Sept 2023) to Grade 8. VBS at Poole is back! Please join us for an out of this world experience from July 10 -14, 2023 to remind us to Shine Jesus' Light in the darkest corners of our Galaxy! It's going to be Stellar!! Please contact Sandra at 519-616-4510 for more info



**Community/Cluster**

**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. 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.

**New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Promotion Dinner is April 24** at 6pm. at Floradale Mennonite Church, tickets are \$25. Reservation must be made in advance by calling 519-745-8458 ext. 262. See sheet on bulletin board.

**Indigenous Learning Retreat (April 26-27):** Indigenous cultural awareness workshop with Diane Giroux. Come to Silver Lake on Wed. evening & Thurs. 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.

**Hidden Acres Spring Seniors Retreat 2023. Unlearning Loneliness: Relearning Community.** Join us May 1st for a day or fellowship, learning and music with friends new and old! We will be hearing from Chip Bender and Cathi Watson as we reconnect how to live more fully as relational human beings created in God's image. For more info. and to register visit our website [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) or contact the office at info@hiddenacres.ca or 519-625-8602.

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