

# Poole Mennonite Church

## August 13, 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

Song *Mountain of God* VT # 11



*When We Walk With the Lord* VT # 570

Offering Prayer (plate on the table in the narthex)

Children Time

Scripture Readings Genesis 37: 1-11  
Matthew 14: 22-33

Message “**Slowly, slowly get out of the boat**” Pastor Fred

Hymn of Response  
*My Love Colors Outside the Lines* VT # 582

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Closing Song *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* VT # 610

Benediction

**Welcome to POOLE MENNONITE.** We seek to be a compassionate community following the ways of Jesus of Nazareth here on earth. Today's sermon will reflect on the story of walking on the water by Peter. Thank you everybody for coming or listening on-line today. May you experience the miracle of God's presence in your lives.

**Thanks to Paul, Bonnie, Dave** the Audio- Visual booth for their roles in the service.

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

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Last Sunday Attendance: 69



**Loaves and Fishes Food Bank** food supply is low at this time and could use some help to replenish the shelves. Popular items that go quickly include: canned meats (salmon, chicken, and ham), canned veggies, potatoes, canned fruit, sidekicks, Jam, oatmeal, rice, coffee, cookies & crackers. Box at back of church. Many thanks for your generosity! Food Bank Committee



### PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Poole Person to remember **Eva Schneider**
- **Pray for Lloyd Erb and Ken Jutzi.** They remain in hospitals in Grand River and Stratford.
- **Pray for the planners** of our 150th celebrations in 2024. Remember to read the book!!! *A People on the Way 1874-1986*
- **Pray for Fred** as he prepares a set of sermons in September on “*Places and the Gospel*”.
- **Pray for our first responders**, the paramedics, firefighters and police.
- **Pray for Anne Schultz**, MCEC's interim executive minister. She has roots here at Poole. (Herb & Shirley's daughter)
- **Pray for all political leaders**, that they might remember the 'least of these' in all their decisions
- **Pray for the Mennonite Church leaders** in the Congo. Violence is an everyday occurrence.
- **Pray once again** for peace to come to Ukraine. AMEN.
- **Pray without ceasing...** Pray when you drive, eat, play games, drive a tractor and any other time.

**Remember Vernon Brenneman's family** as they mark one year since Vernon's passing on August 4.

**Elizabeth Gerber has moved**, her New Address:  
605-639 West Gore, Stratford Ontario N5A 7N2  
519-305-2017



**Voices Together Hymnal** – we have purchased 3 large print copies of the hymnal for use during worship. They are located above the mailboxes. Please feel free to pick one up and use it! They are heavy.



As you vacation for a day or a week, please send Poole a postcard. We will post them in the foyer.

**An Afternoon of Entertainment on Sun. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.** This will be a "celebration of fun" in memory of John Schultz. It will be held at Poole Mennonite Church from 2-5pm with hotdogs and light refreshments to follow. If you would like to participate as an entertainer (singing/ playing, comedy, stories etc.) please contact Ruth Bahr at 519-655-3270 or email at [leoruthb123@gmail.com](mailto:leoruthb123@gmail.com). All ages welcome, you can do it as an individual or as part of a group. If you know someone in the community who would like to perform, please ask them to contact Ruth.

**Coming Events**

**Breakfast with Fred: Fri. Aug. 25 – Stacked in Stratford at 8am.** Please sign sheet on bulletin board or talk to Fred. **Need to have a head count.**



**Thurs. Nov. 30 - 2 pm. The Over 50's** committee is planning an outing to Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge to see the play **"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"**. We have reserved 40 seats but must confirm in early fall. Final plans will be available in August and a signup sheet will be posted. Mark your calendars and watch for bulletin announcements.



**Community/Cluster**



**FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS**  
till - Aug. 31 4-8pm.

**Silver Lake Mennonite Camp**

**Fall Retreats** – Registration now open for a wide variety of fun retreats coming up this fall including: Labour Day Weekend Retreat (Sep 1-3), Men's Retreat (Sep 15-17), Bruce Trail Hike (Sep 18-21), Fall Hike Retreat (Sep 29-Oct 1), Fall Work Weekend (Oct 27-29). Click here for more info... [slmc.ca/retreats](http://slmc.ca/retreats)

**Shalom Counselling Service's 10,000 Steps** for Mental Health will begin at Shalom Counselling Services (9 Avondale Ave. S., Waterloo) **on Saturday, September 16, 2023.** Registration begins at 9 am with an official send off at 9:30 am. Participants will travel a route to the Iron Horse Trail, along the trail, and back to Shalom.

**Sept. 20:** 9 am-4 pm. You are invited to go **"Up the Nith"** for a heritage bus tour led by Fred Lichti. Through stories and stops along the way, learn about the oldest **Amish Mennonite** settlement in Canada and today's diversity of congregations--from the "tradition minded" Old Order Amish to the "change minded" Mennonite groups of Amish heritage. Cost-\$85 per person includes lunch at Schmidtsville Restaurant. Pre-payment required. To register contact Doreen Erb 519-656-2561 or [lderb2@gmail.com](mailto:lderb2@gmail.com)

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