



Poole Mennonite Church

November 19, 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 Hamba nathi (Come Walk with Us) VT # 23

Holy Spirit Come With Power VT # 57

Offering Prayer (plate on the table in the narthex)

Childrens' Time

Scripture Readings I Corinthians 12:4-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Message **Doug Klassen**

Hymn of Response *There are many gifts* VT # 374

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Closing Song *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* VT # 840

Benediction

Welcome to POOLE MENNONITE CHURCH. We welcome Doug Klassen to our service this morning. Doug is executive secretary of Mennonite Church Canada. May you the Lord bless you. Following the service get a coffee and snack, and return to the worship space. We will have conversation about the service and questions for Doug too. The potluck will begin after our coffee and conversation.

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

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

Last Sunday Attendance: 66



All are welcome to join us for lunch - this includes any guests and those who forgot and didn't bring food - there will be enough for all! The food committee would appreciate help with set up and clean up.

We know that hunger can happen to anyone. The month of November, Kindred Credit Union will be participating in a Fall Food Drive. They are collecting non-perishables & financial donations for **Loaves and Fishes Food Bank**. "Kindred will be matching all financial contributions up to \$3,000 per branch."

Last Call for the Annual subscription to Rejoice is \$51.26. Payments are to be made to Poole Mennonite Church with memo Rejoice. If interested contact Justyne by the end of day Nov. 20th

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Poole Person to remember **Dorothy Erb**
- **Thank you to Poole** and your generosity to many projects in our community and beyond. Remember the budget as we move to the year-end.
- **Remember to pray** for those of our community who are undergoing tests. **Glenda Byrd** is in the middle of radiation treatment.
- **Pray for the** Palestinian civilians.
- **Remember to pray** for Bethlehem Bible College. They are proclaiming peace in a difficult place and time.
- **ADVENT begins on** Sunday December 5. Remember those Wise Men who came to worship the Child.
- **Pray for Poole** and its 150th Anniversary Celebrations in 2024.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated \$283.20 to the Sunday School Bake sale. You have helped us reach our goal of supporting 6 children for the Adopt A Family program.

The jar for inspirational notes for Fred is in the entrance in front of bulletin board.

Coming Event

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Our book study will be looking at **MAiD**, Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Talk to Fred if interested



Breakfast with Pastor Fred. Friday Nov. 24

At Schmidtsville Restaurant (Wellesley) at 8:00am.



Nov. 26: Eternity Sunday. We will have an opportunity to remember those of our congregation who have passed away this year. If you would like to remember someone who was not a member, you are more than welcome.

We will ask loved one to bring a flower, light a candle and there will be an opportunity to share. Please contact Fred or Janet.



Gift Cards – Please feel free to pick up an order form for Gift Cards at the back of the church. Forms need to be returned to Connie Jantzi by Nov 26th. You can also pay for these cards by cash, chq or e-transfer. If you have any questions, call me at 519-276-1110.

Notice: "Thurs. Nov.30 "Over 50's Update"

There has been a change to the Swiss Chalet location after the performance of *Fiddler on the Roof*. We will be meeting at 506 Hespeler Rd. in Cambridge for a 5:30 reservation instead of Fairway Rd. in Kitchener.

Rheo's orders will be ready for pickup Dec 3rd.

Ruth Bahr is looking for people to each bake 2 dozen cookies for Dec. 9th. You can make any kind you like (they do not have to be Christmas cookies). If they are not used on the 9th, we will use them for Sunday Coffee time. Let Ruth know if you can help out with this. Thank You!

Sat. Dec. 9th: A Country Christmas at Poole Mennonite Church on December 9th from 1-4. There will be vendors, a make your own craft, and refreshments in the basement. We will have a "Carol sing a long" from 2-3 in the sanctuary along with a short "Amish Christmas" narrative.

If you would like to be a vendor, talk to Ruth Bahr. There is no cost to anyone. Come and enjoy!



Community/Cluster

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Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp's Annual General Meeting is on **Tues. Nov. 21** from 6:30-8:30pm at Tavistock Mennonite Church. Join us, either in person or virtually, for a short meeting, hear stories of impact from Mano Watsa and Watsa Basketball Camp coaches. RSVP to admin@hiddenacres.ca or 519-625-8602.

Canadian Mennonite presents, "Answering the Call: Three Young Pastors Reflect on Ministry," an online discussion on Wed. Nov. 29 at 7p.m. CT / 8:00 p.m. ET. Guests Curtis Wiens, Kennedy Froese and Elshaday Baraki will discuss their call to ministry and what they enjoy about being leaders in the church. Register today at: www.canadianmennonite.org/events

Fri. Dec. 1: Millbank Christmas in the Village 6-9pm Nativity, Mini-Concerts, free cookies & apple cider, stores open.

Sun. Dec. 3: The Millbank Heritage and Arts Society invites you to their **Candlelight Carol Sing** at 7:00 p.m. see poster

Phil Callaway's "Make Canada Laugh Again" – Monday, December 4, 7:30pm at Maple View Mennonite Church. All are welcome to join an evening with Phil Callaway. His unique storytelling, humour and testimony presents listeners with the hope of Jesus. Please reserve your free ticket on the church website mvmchurch.ca or call the church office at 519-656-2946. There will be a freewill offering to cover expenses

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate will host its [Annual General Meeting](#) on **Wed. Nov. 22, 2023 at 7:30 pm** on Zoom. To attend, email AGM@rockway.ca to receive the private Zoom link.

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