

Poole Mennonite Church

November 26, 2023

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

ETERNITY SUNDAY



Prelude

Song *As I Went Down to the River to Pray* - Gary Byrd VT # 453

Announcements

Welcome & Call to Worship & Prayer

Songs *Bringing in the Sheaves* - Jean Schultz screen

Nearer my God to Thee – John Roes screen

Offering Prayer (plate on the table in the narthex)

Song *In the Garden* - Mabel Wagler screen

Special Music - **Jim Brenneman**

Childrens' Time

Song *On the Wings of a Dove* - Ralph Kropf screen

Scripture Readings John 14: 1-6 Psalm 23

II Timothy 4:6-8 Isaiah 43: 1-4

Message **"Grief is Part of Life's Journey"** **Pastor Fred**

Remembering Losses from our church family

- bring flower up - lighting their eternity candle - sharing

Remembering **Mabel Wagler** (d. Jan. 24, 2023)

Remembering **Gary Byrd** (d. Jan. 26, 2023)

Remembering **Bob Hagen** (d. May 11, 2023)

Remembering **Mary Gascho** (d. Jun. 20, 2023)

Remembering **Ralph Kropf** (d. Jun. 24, 2023)

Remembering **Jean Schultz** (d. Aug. 24, 2023)

Remembering **John Roes** (d. Aug. 28, 2023)

Hymn of Response

When Peace Like a River - Mary Gascho VT # 617

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Closing Song *How Great Thou Art*- Bob Hagen
Benediction

VT # 436

Welcome to POOLE MENNONITE CHURCH. Today is Eternity Sundy. We remember those persons that we have lost here at Poole and in our extended families. We want to walk with each other in our various stages of grief. Following the service, grab a coffee and snack & you are invited back to the worship area for a time of reflection.

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

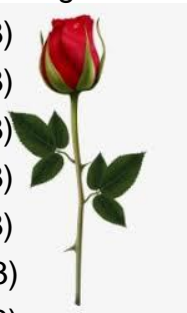
Welcome to all who are here in person & those listening on-line.

Last Sunday Attendance: 70

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."

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Poole Person to remember **Leona Erb**
- Remember people at Poole who are undergoing tests and looking towards treatment. **Allan Schultz** must wait until May to receive hip surgery. Pray for him & Velma as he lives with the pain.
- **Pray for energy** for Pastor Fred. He is preaching three times today, at Crosshill and Poole, and at Nithview in the afternoon.
- **Advent begins next** Sunday. Come with anticipation that God will be with us, and will transform our Soul and Spirit.
- **Pray for our** university and college students as they move to the end of term.
- **Pray for the** war on Gaza to stop. Ceasefire now.
- **Pray for women & men** of peace throughout the world.



- **May the world** find the message of Jesus in new ways this Advent/Christmas season.

- **Be a blessing to others as you are blessed by God.**

Thank you to everyone for a great potluck on Sunday. Lots of food and wonderful help.

Christmas time, it would be nice to have a snack with our coffee. If you're interested please contact Janet.

Gift Cards – Forms need to be returned to Connie Jantzi today. You can also pay for these cards by cash, chq or e-transfer If you have any questions, call me at 519-276-1110.

Coming Event

Our book study will be looking at *Aging & Spirituality* Wednesday at 7: 30 pm. Talk to Fred if interested

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 in Kitchener.

Rheo's & Gift Card'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

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" – Mon. Dec. 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

Christmas at CommonWord – The Christmas Sale is on from November 25 to December 1 with seasonal gift-giving ideas like fair-trade coffee, Advent/Christmas books, other books to gift, and Indigenous gifts. Visit us online at commonword.ca.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp: SLMC Out trips – Registration opens Dec. 1 for children and teens who would like to participate in an overnight hiking or canoe trip during Summer 2024. Sign up before Feb. 1 to get \$100 OFF. Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp.

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