



Poole Mennonite Church

December 17, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT- "How Will We Know"

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

Lighting the Third Advent Candle

Songs *We Come*



Wanda Hagen

VT # 225

Ruth and the children

Song: *Dashing Through the snow* (chorus, 1st verse & chorus)

Offering and Prayer

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Song: *Away in a Manger*



Jennifer Leis

VT # 257

Christmas Joke & video

Scripture: Luke 2: 8-15

Song: *While Shepherds Watched Their Flock*

VT # 253

Christmas Jokes:

Video "What the Children said"

Scripture: Matthew 2: 7-12

The Candy Cane and prayer

Candy Cane Communion

Song: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
(children serve candy canes)



VT # 241

Christmas Jokes:

Skit: "Do you believe It"

Song: *Joy to the World*

VT # 240

Sharing & Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Wendy Dunn

Benediction

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

Welcome to POOLE MENNONITE CHURCH. Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. Have a coffee & snacks and time for a visit.

Thanks to all who participated and the **Audio- Visual** booth for their roles in the service.

Last Sunday Attendance: 65

'Tis the season...for cold and flu. A reminder not to attend church if you are feeling unwell and that masks continue to be optional.

" **If you want** a contribution to be included in your 2023 contribution receipt please ensure your cheque or cash is given before noon on December 29th. Justyne is required to have deposits into the bank before the end of day on Dec. 29th. If you are contributing via etransfer you can send the funds any time before end of day December 31st as the funds are deposited directly into the account. If you have any questions please contact Justyne."

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Poole Person to remember **Eva Schneider**
- **Thank you for** your generosity to the 2023 budget for Poole. We have three more Sundays for the budget.
- **Pray for Lloyd & Jean Erb.** Lloyd continues with physiotherapy.
- **Remember Ray Schultz** as he recovers from hernia surgery. **Glenda Byrd** is at Stratford rotary hospice. **Wanda Hagen** waits for next steps for treating her pancreatic cancer.
- **In Bethlehem and** in Jordan, they will not be having Christmas services this year. This is because of the violence and devastation in the Gaza Strip. Pray for an immediate ceasefire. Pray for the truck drivers' safety who bring in aid to help the people of Gaza.
- **Continue to pray** for peace in Ukraine and Russia.
- **Pray for the year** of 2024 for Poole. It will be the celebration of 150 years here for the congregation.

" **My Soul magnifies** the Lord, and my Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour." from Mary's song.



Fred will be off next week. He will be available for emergencies. Their family will all be together tomorrow for the week. If you need Pastoral Care call Wendy Dunn.

ADVENT- 2023

December 24 - "Why Me?" Psalm 89 and Luke 1
Christmas Eve - "It is beginning, again" Luke 2
Advent means come. We know the birth happened in Bethlehem. We will be re-celebrating the many events and characters of the first birth. We want God to come again into the life of the church. We want our community to be changed. We want safety for everyone and peace to come into the world. This is a lot to ask for one Advent season, so let us anticipate that God will hold our hands as we experience the season. Let us look forward to God being with us for a visit. Let us 'be' this month of December, and not be so much 'doing' in the season of looking for the coming of a baby.



Shalom Fall 2023 Newsletter, Seedlings. On the mission bulletin board. If you like a copy, ask Janet.

Coming Event

December 24th we will have both a morning worship and evening Christmas Eve service at 7pm. In the evening we will celebrate communion.



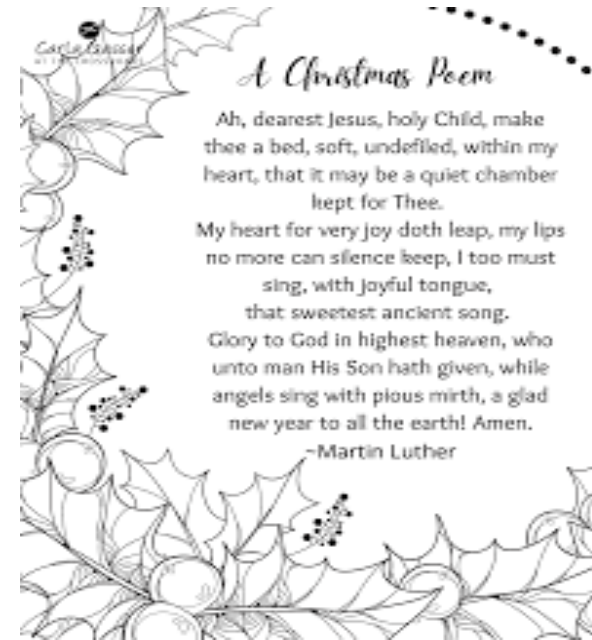
Jan. 15. Annual reports due to secretary

Calling for Tenders: The Trustees are now calling for tenders for the following: Lawn cutting, ground maintenance, Snow blowing & snow shovelling. Tenders to be given to Ken Erb erbken@gmail.com or Jeremy Brenneman jb_13@hotmail.com by Jan. 15.



Community/Cluster

December 27 - Blood Donor Clinic @PERC



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.

SLMC 2024 Retreats – Registration for 2024 retreats at Silver Lake opens Dec. 1. See the full list of retreats at slmc.ca/retreats.

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