

**Community/Cluster**

**A Field Guide to Rural Living:**

Featuring Dan Needles & Ian Bell

A Visit with humorist Dan Needles (of “Wingfield Farm” fame) and folksinger Ian Bell. Take a stroll down the Ninth Concession with Ian and Dan as they explore Canada’s rural neighborhoods past and present.

**Saturday March 2** at 2pm and 7pm  
at St. Paul’s United Church– Milverton  
39 Main St., South, Milverton, ON N0K 1M0

Tickets are \$30 cash or etransfer [stpauluc@cyg.net](mailto:stpauluc@cyg.net)  
Call or visit St. Paul’s United for tickets on  
Wednesdays or Fridays from 10-1pm  
519-595-8394

**Silver Lake Mennonite Camp**

**SLMC Summer Outtrips** – Registration is open for overnight hiking and canoeing trips. Sign up before Feb 1 to get \$100 OFF. Visit [slmc.ca/summer-camp](http://slmc.ca/summer-camp).

**SLMC Retreats** - Many fun retreats coming up this winter! Click here for detailed descriptions and to register for the weekends below... [slmc.ca/retreats](http://slmc.ca/retreats)

- **Fathers & Kids Retreat** (Jan 19-21)
- **Women’s Retreat** (Feb 2-4)
- **Valentine’s Day Getaway** (Feb 9-11)
- **Winter Camp for Grownups** (Mar 1-3)

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**Poole Mennonite Church**

**December 31, 2023**

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

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship & Prayer

Opening Songs      *Go Tell it On the Mountain*      VT # 252

*It Came Upon a midnight Clear*      VT # 248



Offering and Prayer

Childrens’ Time

Scripture Readings      Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

Message      **“Prayerful Action”**      **Pastor Fred**

Hymn of Response      *What Child is This?*      VT # 267

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Closing Song      *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*      VT # 247

Benediction

Postlude

**Welcome to POOLE MENNONITE CHURCH.** Today is the final worship service for 2023. Thank you for your generosity to the mission of the Poole congregation through your budget giving. The text for today’s service is about Simeon and Anna. These two prophets were there when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for dedication. What do we bring today for dedication to God? Grab a coffee & snack and come back for conversation.

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

**Last Sunday Attendance: 68**

**Contribution via Etransfer** can be accepted up until 11:59pm December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to count towards your as the funds are deposited directly into the account. If you have any questions please contact Justyne."

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

- Poole Person to remember **Irene Troester**
- **January 1, 2024** begins our year of 150th celebrations. Pray for our memories and for our future.
- **Remember Glenda Byrd.** She is at the hospice in Stratford.
- **Pray for Wanda Hagen.** Her chemo treatment is set to begin on January 4.
- **Pray for our university/college** students. Nicole Dunn, Anna Dunn, Sarah Schultz, Emily Nafziger, Natalie Ropp and Katie Paradis are all in their last semesters. Pray for them as they study or are on work terms.
- **Pray for the** end of the war on Gaza. God, raise up men and women of peacemaking to bring about a true peace for all. Amen
- **Pray for the MCC** reps in Jerusalem who are coordinating humanitarian aid into Gaza.
- **Pray for your** spiritual journey as we enter a new year, 2024
- **Pray for our** annual meeting process. The meeting will be in February. Liz Van Den Tempel will be leading her first annual meeting.
- **Be blessed by God**, as you are a blessing to others.

**Our sympathy is** extended Katie Kuepfer's family as they mourn Her passing on Tuesday Dec. 26. The funeral was on Saturday At Poole. Please keep them and their family in your prayers

**Thank you for** the gifts, cards and expressions of love over the Christmas season. We were able to host all of our family for a week, and we had a wonderful time. Thank you for your prayers. May the Lord bless you for your generosity and compassion to us over the years. Fred & Shirley Redekop & family



**'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.

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

**Coming Event**

**Jan. 2: PWIM –** At 9am. Our first meeting of the New Year. Everyone is welcome for quilting, comforter knotting & fellowship. Bring your lunch. Tea & Coffee provided.



**Jan. 15.** Annual reports due to secretary

**Jan. 16.** Church Council - Report in by Jan. 5/24.

**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](mailto:erbken@gmail.com) or Jeremy Brenneman [jb\\_13@hotmail.com](mailto:jb_13@hotmail.com) by Jan. 15.

