

# Poole Mennonite Church

## January 21, 2024

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

### Epiphany Sunday



Prelude  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Call to Worship & Prayer

Songs *Come thou Fount* VT # 563  
*Just as I Am* VT # 569

Offering Prayer  
 Childrens' Time  
 Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:1-2

Message "Living Water" Rick Cober Bauma  
 Hymn of Response *Rain Down* VT # 703  
 Sharing of our Joys and Concerns  
 Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Closing Song *To the River* screen  
 Benediction

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

**Welcome to POOLE MENNONITE CHURCH.** We welcome Rick Cober Bauman to our pulpit this morning. Rick lives happily with his spouse Louise of over 40 years on their organic farm near Shakespeare, Ontario. They have 3 adult children, and three very beloved grandchildren. Rick has served with MCC since 1989 in a variety of capacities. For nine years, he gave leadership to MCC Ontario as executive director. Prior to that, he served in the roles of MCC Ontario program director and Aboriginal Neighbours program coordinator. From 1989 - 1992, he was an MCC voluntary service worker, overseeing education, advocacy and community development work in the indigenous community of Sheshatshiu, Labrador. Rick began his role as Executive Director of MCC Canada in the fall of 2017.

Thanks to Wanda, Josslyn, Bonnie, Fred, and the Audio-Visual booth for their roles in the service.

Grab a coffee, and come back into the worship area for worship reflection till it's time for potluck at 12.

### Last Sunday Attendance: 59

Join us today at 12 for fellowship and a potluck. If you forgot, please stay as there is always lots of food. Thanks to everyone that helped with setting up & cleaning up.

'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.

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Poole Person to remember **Margurite Jantzi**. Belated Happy 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Margurite on Jan. 19.
- **Continue to pray** for Wanda Hagen and Bobbi & Josslyn. She had no chemo on Thursday, her blood count was too low.
- **Glenda Byrd is** at hospice Stratford. She welcomes visitors.
- **Praise God. Lloyd Erb** is beginning to walk again. Pray for continuing improvement.
- **Pray for the budget** for Poole in 2024. Thank you for your generosity to the mission and vision of Poole.
- **Play practices have begun.** Pray for the director Darlene Gerber. The play " *Wing and a Prayer* " is at the PERC on April 11, 12, and 13.
- **Remember our public-school children.** School began again on Mon. Jan. 8.
- **Pray for our** 150th year of faithfulness to God here at Poole.
- **We are followers** of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.



We congratulate **Danielle & Sam Zehr** who welcomed Baby boy **Elias Gerald** into their family Fri. Jan. 12. Getting lots of hugs from his two big brothers. Proud grandparents are Dale & Donna Schultz. Great-Grandmothers are Audrey Schultz and Liz Gerber.

**THANK YOU!** On behalf of myself and the girls we would like to thank the Poole Women in Missions and other individuals for your outpouring of love and support over the last few months. Your generous hearts are beautiful, and we thank God for each of you. My prayer shawl brought me much comfort at my first chemo appointment and I had lots of opportunities to share with staff where it came from and why I brought it. ❤️ Wanda

**Please consider signing** a letter to the Prime Minister. It will be at the back of the church. Ceasefire Now. Release all hostages/ prisoners and allow humanitarian aid.

Update on email and phone "prayer chain"

**We are not** renewing the phone blast subscription, so **we will send out church cancellations by email and phone chains.** Please check your email before church on snowy days. If you want to be added to either email/phone lists, please let us know.

Coming Event

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

**Breakfast with Pastor Fred: Fri. Jan. 26** at Schmidtsville Restaurant at 8 am. Room for 25 people.



**Sun. Feb. 25:** Annual Meeting - Grab a coffee and a snack and come back in at **11:15am.** for meeting.

**Sat. March 2 - "OVER 50" Event:** at St. Paul's United Church, Milverton 2 p.m. ***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. Tickets \$30 cash. **Sign up today or talk** to a committee member - Bud, Ruth, Rod, Cheryl, Wayne & Phyllis We will order tickets as a group. After the show, dinner (3 menu choices) will be at "Karen's Kitchen" just up the street

We are back....



Coming in April,

**Poole People Players** presents *A Wing and a Prayer*, at the Perc in Milverton, on April 11, 12 & 13.

Community/Cluster

**Saturday, January 27:** 7pm – Join Menno Singers and Menno Youth Ensemble for an evening hymn sing – ‘My God is Here: Hymns for Lonely Hearts.’ Stirling Ave. Mennonite Church (57 Stirling Ave. N., Kitchener), There will be a free will offering.

**Sat. Jan. 27:** 9am-4pm at **New Hamburg Material Resources Centre** -65 Heritage Dr. New Hamburg. Join us for The Great Winter Warm-up. Together, let's create a tapestry of comforters that wrap the world in love. Your hands can make a difference. To register <https://mcc.org/events/gtear-winter-warm>

**Feb. 13 & 15: 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ontario Mennonite Relief Livestock Sale.** More information to follow, see poster.

**Hidden Acres Summer Camp Registration 2024**  Summer Camp registration for all summer camp programs opens February 1st at 7 a.m.! Join us for Overnight Camp, Day Camp, Single Moms Camp, S.Y.A.C, Watsa Basketball Camp and L.I.T. Learn more on our website [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) or contact our Program Director Josh Penfold at [josh@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:josh@hiddenacres.ca) for more information!

**Free Family Day Open House** at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp **Feb. 19th** from 10:00am-3:30pm -- Come for a fun and relaxing day with your family! Pretzel-making, roasting bannock around the fire, sledding, skating, games, puzzles, crafts, ping-pong and more! Choose a hot lunch for \$5/person (RSVP required) or bring a bagged lunch (peanut free). RSVP to [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca) or call 519-625-8602. Check out [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) for more info.

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