

# Poole Mennonite Church

## January 7, 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 *Let's Walk Together* VT # 6  
*Great is Thy Faithfulness* VT # 419  
 Reading our History  
 Offering Prayer  
 Childrens' Time  
 Scripture Readings Matthew 2:1-12  
 Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Message "Returning to the Faith" Pastor Fred  
 Hymn of Response *Blessed Assurance* VT # 435  
 Celebration Jar  
 Sharing of our Joys and Concerns  
 Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
 Closing Song We Your People VT # 849  
 Benediction

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

**Welcome to POOLE MENNONITE CHURCH.** This is the First Sunday of our 150th year. We are happy that you are here. The focus of the worship this morning is Epiphany, or the coming of the Wise Men. What gifts will these people bring for Poole in this year of celebration? Following the service, we will have a time of worship reflection. Grab a coffee and a snack, and come back into the worship area.

**Thanks to Karina, Ruth G., Jenni L., Karen,** and the **Audio-Visual** booth for their roles in the service.

### Last Sunday Attendance: 50

**'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 **Dolores Brenneman**
- **Pray for Wanda Hagen.** She started her chemotherapy on Thursday.
- **Glenda Byrd** is a patient at the hospice in Stratford.
- **Pray for Liz Van Den Tempel** as she leads the congregation through the annual meeting process.
- **Pray for Joyce Gerber** as she is on a medical mission trip to Dominican Republic (DR). She flew out this morning and is gone till Jan. 21.
- **Pray for the** people of Gaza.
- **The PWIM quilted** and tied comforters this week. Pray for all those sacred pieces of cloth as they bring comfort to others
- **Remember the work** of Mennonite Central Committee.
- **Remember our university** and college students.
- **May God Bless you** and Keep You. AMEN

January Celebration Jar Wishes:



Wedding Anniversary;  
Stan & Mary Leis - 59 years on Jan. 15



## Coming Event

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

**Jan. 15:** Blood Donor Clinic  
– Wellesley Community Centre 2 to 8p.m.



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

**Jan. 16.** Church Council – 7pm. Report due today.

**Jan. 21:** Guest Speaker- **Rick Cober Bauman**  
MCC Canada’s Director &



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

**Sun. Feb. 25:** – Annual Meeting  
More details to come.



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

## Community/Cluster

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**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.

### 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 & 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 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](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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