

Poole Mennonite Church

March 17, 2024

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

Prelude **5th Sunday of**



LENT

Announcements

Welcome & Call to Worship & Prayer

Opening Songs *Let's Walk Together* VT # 6
Praise, I will praise you Lord VT # 131

Offering Prayer (plate on the table in the narthex)

Childrens' Time

Scripture Readings Psalm 34 6-8
1 John 3: 16-18



Message **"Solutions to Poverty"** **Dean Shoemaker**

Hymn of Response *Mighty to save* screen- led by Dean

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Closing Song *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* VT # 743
Benediction

We welcome Dean Shoemaker to our pulpit this morning. Dean and his family live in Elmira, Ontario. He and his wife Victoria have 2 adult children and 3 grand kids. (He enjoys singing and playing guitar. He serves on the Elmira Mennonite worship team and Lakeside Church Celebrate Recovery music team.

He works with MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) as Senior Development Officer. He's been with MEDA for over 7 years and very much enjoys meeting with supporters and working with them towards their philanthropic goals. It is inspiring work! MEDA has as great team including Shirley Redekop 😊

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

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Thanks to Wanda, Jenni, Wendy Connie G., and the Audio-Visual booth for their roles in the service.

Last Sunday Attendance: 50

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Poole Person to remember **Allan & Velma Schultz**
- **Pray for Wanda Hagen, Lyle Jantzi, Glenda Byrd, Irene Leis** and **Arthur Poole** as they wait for or are going through health treatment.
- **Remember in prayer** our children's Sunday School.
- **Thank you for** your generosity to the work of Poole Church through your tithes and offerings
- **Pray for our** Lenten journey as a congregation this year.
- Pray for Church Council, they meet next week.
- **Pray for the** many countries that are voting for leadership this year (over 2 billion people involved).
- **Pray for a** ceasefire in Gaza today.
- **Pray for your neighbours**

If you have any pictures, books or historical items from our history, please contact Fred and Janet. We will have a display table on the Anniversary weekend.

If you would appreciate a pastoral visit from Fred, please call him at the church or email him at fred.redekop@gmail.com. morning or afternoon or night.

*Spring
is coming*



Coming Event



Wed. Mar. 20: Donate Blood -1 to 7pm. Perth East Rec

A hybrid Lent study experience at 6:00 pm on Wednesday.
Email Fred for Zoom details.

Mar. 22: Breakfast with Pastor Fred at Schmidtsville – 8am

Wed. Mar. 27: Church Council 7pm. Reports due Mar. 17.

Mar 29: Good Friday service at 10am with communion

Mar 31 - Sunrise breakfast at 8:30am and Easter Sunday service at 10am. Also, we will have live chicks for the children (and adults!!). Thanks Norm.



Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp's 40th Annual Bowlathon

is on April 6th! This is one of the camp's main annual fundraising events with last year's Bowlathon raising almost \$30,000! You can show your support by making a donation at hiddenacres.ca/donate, and select "Annual Bowlathon" from the list, or **Jen Leis and Ruth Bahr** will once again be representing Poole Church at the Hidden Acres Bowl-A-Thon Fundraiser. Please talk to Jen, Ruth or Janet to sponsor the ladies in their valiant effort to raise money for this cause.



Poole People Players presents:

A Wing and a Prayer on April 11, 12 & 13 at the Perc in Milverton. See Janet for Tickets



We need your help to serve our guests at the Play



Sign-up sheet on Mission Bulletin Board; Thursday, Friday, both Saturday. performances or contact: **Catherine Reimer: 226-749-1514**

Fred will be on vacation from April 19-May 8



Our Anniversary date is Sunday June 2 Celebrating 150 years. More information to come.

VBS: July 22-26

Community/Cluster

Gospel Echoes Team – Sharing Christ in Prison

Mar. 24 - 7:30pm. at Maple View Mennonite Church. See poster

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp Hiring for our 2024 Summer Staff Team! Are you or is someone you know looking for a summer job filled with meaning, friendships and fun? Apply to join our 2024 Summer Staff Team! Check out our website at www.hiddenacres.ca for available positions, information and to apply. Connect our Program Director, Josh Penfold at josh@hiddenacres.ca with any questions.

Join the Waterloo Network Hub their Annual Spring Banquet on **Saturday, April 20th**, at [Shantz Mennonite Church](#) located at 2473 Erbs Rd, Baden. Hosted by Gary & Brenda Leis, live music, dinner, welcoming remarks by Dorothy Nyambi, President and CEO of MEDA, presentation by Katelynn Folkerts with MEDA on Cassava Seed Systems. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm. Cost: \$55.00 per person. Register online by April 12th at: <https://www.meda.org/events/>.



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