Community/Cluster

Nov 7: Afternoon tea in Millbank-hosted by Rose Pugh and Millbank Heritage and Arts Society. This event will take place Saturday, November 7th and tickets need to be purchased by November 1st.

Sat, Nov 28: Journey to Bethlehem A nativity re-creation with live animals at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Perth East. 4 & 7 pm

Fri. Nov. 6: 7:30pm at St Jacobs Mennonite Church (1310 King St N, St Jacobs**). Menno Singers, with Artistic Director Brandon Leis**, presents its first concert of the year, 'Pale Blue Dot Earth', a musical exploration of the seasons and places of our world. The concert also includes Lieder and Art songs performed by tenor Brandon Leis and pianist Charmaine Fopoussi. Tickets available at www.mennosingers.com or at the door.

Sat. Nov 7: 7 pm St Paul's United Church, Milverton is hosting a Songs for Remembrance evening featuring songs from WWI and WWII and Narration from local memoirs. Suggested donation of $20 at the door.

The Optimist Club has partnered with Huron Ridge Greenhouses to offer poinsettias in several colours and sizes to order as well as live wreathes and festive planters. The deadline to order is Nov. 8, 2026, and will be ready to pick up on Nov. 25. Please contact Optimist President Sheila DeVries at optimistclubofmornington@gmail.com 0r 519-291-8761 with any questions and to order.The profits from this fundraiser will help us support the youth in our community

Fair Trade Pop-Up Coming to New Hamburg: The Village Fair is a new local not-for-profit working to carry forward the fair trade mission of Ten Thousand Villages. Shop a beautiful selection of fairly traded, handcrafted products made by artisans around the world - **Dates:** November 12–14, 19–21 and 26–28

Hours: Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. **Location:** 112 Peel Street, New Hamburg. Volunteers are also needed. To get involved, email **info@thevillagefair.ca**.

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November 1, 2026

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

Opening Songs VT 11 – Mountain of God
VT 75 – Praise my Soul The King of Heaven

Offering Prayer (plate in the narthex)

Scripture Readings - **Luke 15:1-2, 11-32**

Children's Time

Sermon **"The Cost of Restoration" – Ken Driedger**

Hymn of Response VT 563 – Come Thou Fount

Celebration Jar

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral & Lord's Prayer

Closing Song VT 828 – There's a Wild Hope in the Wind

Benediction

We seek to be a welcoming and hospitable community of faith. Following worship and refreshments, you are welcome to return to the sanctuary for a time of reflection.

Thanks to Connie Gerlach, Karina Ropp, Ken Driedger, and the **Audio-Visual booth** for their roles the service.

Sunday Morning at 9:30: All are welcome in Pastor Ken's office for a time of prayer prior to the service to ready our hearts.

Sunday Attendance: **65**

Secretary News: **Janet** on holidays till Nov.16. Sandra is doing the bulletin. Still same email or call (519) 616-4510.
Justyne Brett is stepping down from being Treasurer as of Dec. 31. If anyone is interested in the treasurer job, please talk to Liz.

PRAYER & PRAISE

- Poole People to remember – all of your brothers and sisters
- Thank God for our pastoral search committee. Pray that the Holy Spirit would give them clear leadership as decisions come to them regarding our next pastor.
- Liz Van Den Tempel had another chemo treatment on Oct 29. Let's pray that she will have minimal side effects and her recovery will be quick
- Donna Schultz is still in recovery from her stroke, but is set to come home soon! Praise the Lord! Let's pray that it continues to a full recovery of vision and of strength without any setbacks.
- Mary Leis is home from the hospital and her wound seems to be healing nicely. Pray for continued healing
- Ken Jutzi's right foot was amputated at Victoria Hospital in London on the weekend. He returned to Listowel Hospital (room 107). His number is 519-291-3120 ext 6347. Pray for continued healing for Ken that he can return home.
- The Worship Committee would like to use funds from the Celebration Jar to send out a small gift to those in post-secondary education around Christmas again; to let them know we are praying for them. Please connect with Bonnie, Winston, BettyAnn or Wendy if you know of someone that would appreciate receiving this.
- Pray for the family of the Late Steve Hoffele. Steve passed away on Oct 28 from a motorcycle accident. Steve is a brother in law to Ken and Laurie Erb and the father of Kelsey (and Nick) Jantzi. Pray for God's Love to surround them in their deep grief.
- Think of Janet and Delmar as they visit their daughter in New Zealand. Pray for a restful vacation and that they can enjoy this time together as a family

Nov 8: **candidating weekend with Joel Wallman, plan to attend**
Nov 15: Ruth Bahr and Senior Praise Band special music
Nov 22: Pastor Ken - Eternity Sunday
Nov 29: Dave Teissen

PWIM – Tues, Nov 3 – 9 am. All ladies invited to come for quilting, comforter knotting & fellowship. Come all day, or part day. Bring your lunch. Coffee & tea are provided.

Bible/book study - *The Practice of the Presence of God*, Brother Lawrence. Tuesday evenings at 7pm starting Nov 3 for 4 weeks via Zoom. Please speak to Wendy if you are interested in joining.

Dec 22 6:30 pm - Christmas Centerpiece making at Elizabeth Watson in Millbank for the upcoming Christmas season. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the front lobby. The cost of the materials for your centerpiece is $50 and can be paid on that evening. Please sign up by Dec. 13 if you would like to participate in a fun evening of crafting and fellowship. All skill levels welcome!

The Over 50 Committee is planning a Drayton Entertainment Christmas event for the performance, **"*All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914*"** at the Schoolhouse Theatre in St. Jacobs on **Fri, Dec. 18** at 2pm. 30 tickets are reserved and numbers are needed **by Nov. 15** as well as payment of $55 / ticket to any committee member. We will be going to the Harvest Moon Restaurant in St. Jacobs for supper after the performance. The cost of our meal is not included in the ticket price. For those who wish to attend the performance only, or join us for supper only, feel free to do so. There is a sign-up sheet posted for both events. Hope to see you there. Bud & Ruth, Wayne & Phyllis, Rod & Cheryl. See poster

Nov 22 is Eternity Sunday and we would like to celebrate the lives of those from our church family and community who have died in the past year. Please speak to pastor Ken if you are interested in participating. We will encourage you to light a candle, share or choose a song to sing that was important for them. All are welcome to bring a flower in remembrance.

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Lunch - Potluck and fellowship

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