



# MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## MAY, 2022

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**Live as Easter People** by Vinita Hampton Wright  
from <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/live-as-easter-people/>

Easter has arrived! We made the long way through Lent; some of us journeyed through the liturgical marathon that is Holy Week, with its multiple services leading up to the Great Easter Vigil.

Now we dwell in the weeks prior to Pentecost. Yes, we keep looking forward to the next event in the Christian year. Jesus has risen from the dead; in the coming weeks, as we hear in the Gospel stories, he will appear to many people. Those who believe in him will understand that he has conquered death. Jesus will tell them that he's leaving again but will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. So those who love and follow him live in tension still; of course, they want him to stay, forever. What will happen when the Holy Spirit comes? They do not yet know the day it will happen. All they can do is stay together and pray and hope that Jesus' leaving will not be soon.

Even after the great Resurrection has occurred, we continue to live in paradox and tension. We believe Jesus rose from the dead and that we, too, will one day be resurrected. In the meantime, though . . . in the meantime, life continues and people suffer, and the answers we want don't come, and Jesus the Man-God is nowhere to be seen.

In the meantime, much of the world around us acts as if there is no Resurrection at all. Those of us who follow Jesus have to stick together. We need to pray and worship together, remind one another of this strange reality we call the Christian life. It makes sense only if we take Jesus at his word—if we believe that his life merges with ours and that we are forever changed

And in the absence of Jesus who walked this earth centuries ago, what do we do?

We allow him to live through our bodies and voices, our thoughts and dreams, our arms and faces. We are the Body of Christ. This is not merely a nice metaphor; it speaks a reality by which we live as Easter people. Jesus now is with us, within us. He is also outside us, in others—we meet him especially in those who need our love, those we can feed, clothe, visit, heal, forgive, and love.

Easter is not magical. It is transcendent. Jesus is not somewhere else. Christ is everywhere—through him all creation holds together. He lives and breathes through his body, the Church.

**So, what does it mean to live as Easter people?**

It means we live as *a people*, all parts of Christ's Body working together toward a single purpose: love.

## OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES

Holding you gently in prayer...



All who have experienced grief & loss in its many forms.

Others can be supportive and helpful, but no one can tell you how, when, where, or for how long you need to feel these feelings that you are experiencing.

Give yourself permission to work through your troubles in your own way, in your own time.

**Save the date!!**  
for  
**McCLURE UNITED CHURCH**

**Summer Day Camp**

Choose your week:  
**July 11-15 or August 8-12**

Camp runs 9am - 3pm  
Before and after care available

\$100 for first child  
\$75 for each additional child

limited to 20 children per camp!

**COMPASSION CAMP**  
CHANGING THE WORLD WITH LOVING KINDNESS

watch our Facebook Page and website for registration information

## HOW TO HELP UKRAINE

## PRAY FOR PEACE



### UKRAINE EMERGENCY FUND –

Visit The United Church Mission and Service Fund at <https://united-Church.ca/donate> to make a donation. **Or** make a cheque payable to McClure United Church indicating you wish the funds to be sent to the UCC Emergency Fund.



## PEACE CANDLES FOR NASHI

The Outreach Committee would like to send a huge THANK YOU to all those generous people who donated to the 'Peace Candles for Nashi' campaign which ran in March and early April.

**The total amount of donations was \$3910.00.**

These funds will be forwarded to NASHI which is a locally based charitable organization that actively does the work of justice making for vulnerable young women in Ukraine. Currently, the girls are living and going to school in Poland, after the war had forced them to leave Maple Leaf House, their safe house, in Ukraine. Donations are so beneficial at this time as NASHI is supporting two different locations: the girls in Poland and Maple Leaf House which has been opened for refugees who are traveling to the western border area of Ukraine.

**We ask that you burn the candle and pray for peace in Ukraine.**

## Ministry & Personnel Reviews

It's that time of year again, when the Ministry & Personnel Committee reaches out to our McClure Church community to ask for your feedback regarding Debra and Laura's ministry over the past year. Please contact Gaylene Gorniak, M & P Committee Chair, at: [mggorniak@shaw.ca](mailto:mggorniak@shaw.ca) by Friday, May 13th with any comments you might have about how our ministers have supported individuals, families, or groups/committees over the past year. Comments will be kept anonymous and confidential. We look forward to hearing from you!



## News from McClure Church Board

Michael Gorniak (Chair Elect)

**A big thank-you** to all who attended the February 27, 2022, congregational meeting to discuss the 2022 operating and capital budgets.

**The passion in our congregation is evident and we need that passion to re-connect, re-invent, re-engage and re-invigorate our faith community.**

The upcoming year will present us with many opportunities and challenges. The Board has been asked to develop a **long-range forecast to eventually arrive at a balanced budget**. Research and decisions need to be made about our ministry. **Conversation and work on these matters require passionate volunteers.**

The various committees have seen a decline in volunteers over the last couple of years, with several committees needing new chairs for the upcoming year. The committees are the heart and soul of our Church community as they plan, manage, and implement the various projects and events that we have come to know and love at our Church. They also oversee our finances and the maintenance of our building. **These committees also require passionate volunteers.**

Once the committees have planned various events and projects, volunteers are needed to carry out the tasks to ensure the events and projects are done to the best of our abilities.

**The underlying theme in this message is the need for volunteers.** Our congregation is blessed to have a wide array of individuals with so many various talents. McClure United Church needs your talents. I would ask each congregant to consider volunteering for a special project, committee work, and/or to be a Board member.

As you are aware, we are back to in-person worship and have successfully had several services with our rural connect partners (Carlyle and Radville). As spring approaches, I am hopeful we will be able to plan events and projects that allow us to re-connect with one another, re-invent what it means to be a part of McClure, re-engage individuals that have drifted away from McClure because of COVID, and re-invigorate our faith community. But we can't do it alone, I encourage everyone to actively engage in our faith community in whatever capacity you are able.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, please contact me ([mgorniak@thomsonjaspar.ca](mailto:mgorniak@thomsonjaspar.ca)) or Claudia in the Church office.

Sincerely,  
Michael Gorniak (Chair Elect)

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



## BOOK and PUZZLE SALE

Saturday, May 14/2022.

8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

We plan to use two large spaces in order to facilitate distancing. We will require everyone to wear masks, hand sanitize, and to social distance as much as possible

Sanctuary: puzzles, DVDs, CDs, games, records

Multipurpose Room: book sale. (at noon books remaining \$3/ grocery bag)

As always, we rely on your donations to make this a successful sale.

Books/puzzles etc may be dropped off at the church

May 8- noon, May 13.

**PLEASE, NO : textbooks, National Geographic, atlases, dictionaries, computer books, Readers' Digests, encyclopedias of any kind, magazines. Not only do they not sell very well , no one wants the leftovers.**

Contacts: If you are unsure of what we prefer in the way of book and puzzle donations, please contact one of us.

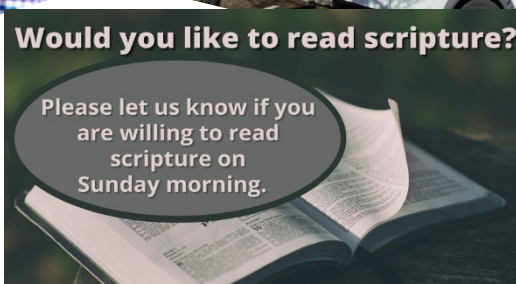
Sandy Hoenecke 306-374-5012 (rhoenecke@sasktel.net)

Marlene Kells 306-374-0238 (marlenekells@sasktel.net)



### Would you like to read scripture?

Please let us know if you are willing to read scripture on Sunday morning.





## OUTREACH & REFUGEE COMMITTEES



### Amy's House Volunteer Needed

We need volunteers to serve breakfast at Amy's House beginning in March. Volunteers begin at 8 am and pour coffee or juice, serve up cereal or oatmeal, and pop the toast. We need volunteers for specific mornings and some as casual back-ups.

If you are ready to volunteer and are fully vaccinated, call Debra, and she will make arrangements to get you trained and scheduled to serve. If you are a bit unsure if this job is for you, we can team you with someone so you can give it a try. *Just a warning: once you start hanging out with the wise and good residents of Amy's, you will be hooked.*

Also, we are looking for someone to take on the job of scheduling the workers for this important ministry. So, if you think you might be someone who can make phone calls, and maintain a roster of workers, please contact Debra asap.

## A REFUGEE'S STORY

join us in person or on Zoom

**Wednesday, May 4 at 7pm**

**Hear one man's story of fleeing to Canada**

**Guest Speaker  
Daniel from Honduras**

**visit our website or contact church office for more info**

### Change of Date for A Refugee's Story.

**Wednesday May 4 at 7:00 pm.**

We ask you to join us in person or by Zoom and meet Daniel, a Honduran refugee with ties to the people of McClure. He has shared his refugee escape with our youth and now we've asked him to come back to speak with the wider faith community. He will be speaking to us through a translator, Cooper Muirhead, a member of McClure.

Daniel's escape from Honduras, through the U.S. and into Canada is an amazing journey. He arrived here on Christmas Eve of 2019, hiding in the undercarriage of a train. He was alone in the dead of winter, freezing from the cold in only the clothes he was wearing.

Some of you donated furnishings for Daniel when he was finally released from the hospital in the spring of 2021, a year and a half after his arrival. He has been very grateful for the help given him by McClure and now would like to give back by sharing his story.

So come out and hear this fascinating story. Please let the office know if you will attend and if you will be attending in person or virtually.

We will try to connect us.

Please wear a mask and follow protocol for social distancing.

We hope to see you there.



It's that time of year to renew your subscription to Broadview.

Contact the office to renew your subscription by May 15. Cost \$25 for the year.

## How is McClure's Outreach Money assigned?

The Outreach Committee would like to keep the congregation informed of how and where the funds in our budget are assigned. We plan to present 2 or 3 agencies per newsletter.

We consider agencies in these categories: In the World, In the Community and In the Congregation. For each potential agency we also consider their other funding, such as government funding, major sponsors, or fundraising efforts. We also look at emerging issues and needs in society.

The agencies presented this month:

1. Operation Eyesight (world): provides medical care for the blind/at risk, to the poor of the world
2. McClure Refugee Support (community): for our sponsored families; to provide financial aid and support towards integration into Canadian society.
3. New and Emergent Response (congregation/community): concerns and issues arise; new needs may require a quick response. (We used to build a small fund from the recycling bottles box – but that use has also changed).

From Outreach Committee member Diane Higgins



### The History of McClure's Refugee Efforts- Part Eight

Yaseen Dakouri, his wife Heyam and their one year old child Aras **arrived from Syria in 2015**. Yaseen fled Syria when he was about to be conscripted into the army. He fled to Turkey and was working in Istanbul but had no job security. After arriving in Saskatoon, they both attended English classes two nights a week and Yaseem passed his driver's license. They would like to make friends with more Canadians so they can integrate into Canadian society.

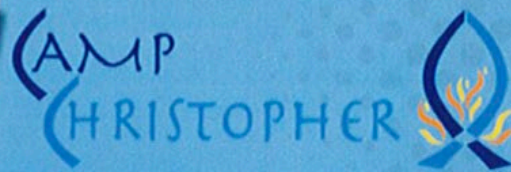
**Gebremeskel Eyasu, a single man, arrived in Saskatoon in 2015.** He fled Eritrea, Africa because he was to be conscripted by the army. He walked and got rides across Sudan and Egypt until he reached Israel. He has a brother in Saskatoon who has helped support him. He now has a job with Agrium checking crops outside the city.

In 2018, the Al Obaidi family of 6 from Iraq arrived in Saskatoon. This is a joint sponsorship with three other groups: People of Praise, St. Philip's Parish and Nutana Park Mennonite churches. There is no information about the family. Our share of the sponsorship was \$10,000.

There has been little happening with Refugee applications for quite some time. Our committee works hard but there seems to be little action from the government. Covid 19 has also added to the problem.

Written by Joye Binnie using the Refugee Committee minutes as a reference





**SUMMER  
2022**

**Welcome back!**

### WHO ARE WE?

Camp Christopher is a safe, caring community where all may explore faith, celebrate creation and grow in relationship with Christ.



### OVERNIGHT CAMPS

We hope you will join us at camp this summer! We plan to offer overnight camps in July and August (subject to Provincial Guidelines).



## Dear Friends of Camp Christopher,

We are excited to be approaching another camping season (Just ignore the snow like we do!) and this is where we need our wonderful volunteers. There will be work bees scheduled throughout May and June but also some things can be done around the worker's timetable.

Many jobs are similar to what you do to keep up the maintenance on your own home. Gather family members and/or friends and come for a day or two because doing everything in groups is more FUN!

### Paint/Stain

Cabin Decks, various signs, lodge (porch, hallway, upstairs bedrooms)

### General handy work

Shelving in kitchen porch, install coat hooks and chalkboard, caulk/insulate around doors and windows



306-535-6916  
info@campchristopher.ca  
www.campchristopher.ca

### Clear walking paths

Clear leaves and other debris from paths

### Build a GAGA pit

Similar to Dodge Ball - the kids love to play this.

### Moving into new boathouse

Everything from life jackets to canoes.

### Are you an electrician?

Install motion sensor light switches, disconnect power from old boathouse and connect our new boathouse.

Contact Donna at [info@campchristopher.ca](mailto:info@campchristopher.ca) or 306-535-6916

## Camp Dates 2022

To register visit [www.campchristopher.ca](http://www.campchristopher.ca)

Week	Grades	Group
July 2nd to 7th	Grade 9-12	LIT
July 10th - 14th	Grade 2-4	Junior
July 17th - 21st	Grade 5-7	Intermediate
July 24th - 28th	Grade 8-10	Junior Teen
August 7th - 11th	Grade 2-4	Junior 2
August 14th - 18th	Grade 5-7	Intermediate 2
August 21st - 25th	Grade 2-9	Caterpillar
Sept. 9th - 11th		Women's Weekend
Sept. 23rd - 25th		Men's Weekend

### FAQs

- Registration fees:
  - \$275 until May 31st
  - \$300 after June 1st
- All camps begin and end at 3:00pm



## Food Bank Drive

**Friday, May 6, 2022**  
**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

In lieu of the City-Wide Food Bank Drive, McClure is once again planning a **mini food bank drive** in the church parking lot on May 6. We ask you to bring your non-perishable items to help fill the vehicles. If you are unable to be there on that date, you can always bring the items to the church bin and we will see that they are delivered.

The need is always great, but items that are most needed are:

- Peanut butter.
- Baby food
- Canned soup.
- Canned fruit or vegetables.
- Canned stew.
- Canned fish.
- Canned beans.
- Pasta (most prefer whole grain)



We still need a truck or a SUV to haul the items.

If you have a vehicle that we can use, please contact Carol at 306-664-2285.

**This is an opportunity for us to help those in our community in need. Thank you in advance for your support.**

## Saturday Morning Women's and Men's Gatherings

### Men's Gatherings

A wonderful group of faith-filled McClure men meet once a month at 8 am on a Saturday morning too.

Please forward your email to Norm, if you would like to receive the Zoom link information.

[biram@shaw.ca](mailto:biram@shaw.ca),

Next Men's Gathering is **May 28**

### Women's Gathering

A wonderful group of faith-filled McClure women meet once a month at 8 am on a Saturday morning for conversation and connection.

You are welcome to join in via zoom.

Please send a note to Debra if you would like to join in: [debra.b@shaw.ca](mailto:debra.b@shaw.ca)

Our next gathering is **May 28 at 8am**

**Next gathering will be June 11**

Leave your PJs on or get dressed up, pour yourself a cup of coffee, and turn on your computer or tablet; click on the zoom link and connect.





## MCCLURE PLACE RESIDENTS

### McClure Place Happenings -May 2022

**“To enrich the lives of McClure Place Residents by providing support and service”**

Celebration Day happened this month after being postponed for two years. Each month we enjoy a piece of cake to recognize those who had birthdays and anniversaries. It is good to have this time together and sing Happy Birthday.

Residents had a little “get away” on Cruise Day. This annual event also had been cancelled since 2020. It is fun to pretend we are on a sunny cruise ship and wear some summer outfits. We enjoyed coffee time, a catered lunch from the kitchen and ended with a delightful performance from the Paddle Wheelers. Thank you to the staff for organizing this special day.

Paint with Elaine Senga was enjoyed by several residents who painted pictures of very pretty butterflies. The Gardening Committee has started planning for the spring season. This committee will be busy preparing the soil, planting and refurbishing planters. It is the Year of the Garden, a national endeavour to map gardens across the country. They suggest we plant red flowers to pay tribute to those lives lost in the pandemic.

Easter supper was enjoyed by Amy McClure House and McClure Place. The kitchen staff prepared a delicious meal for us. Residents collect recyclables each month and use the funds to subsidize a meal together. We are grateful to Alf & Elsie Bisschop for looking after the recycle room and returning the items to Sarcan. Following our meal, we listened to Polka entertainment. It is good for this active McClure community to enjoy each other's company and welcome new people. We are grateful for our life here and think of those who are less fortunate in this world today.

Elaine Tall

### Newsletter Format Options:

Our monthly newsletter is available at the church website & it's also e-mailed directly to everyone on the e-mail list.

But, if you prefer to receive a paper copy or you need to update your e-mail/contact info, please contact the office at:

306-373-1753 or

[mcclureunitedchurch@shaw.ca](mailto:mcclureunitedchurch@shaw.ca)

Passionate about the work, ministry & mission of the wider **United Church of Canada?**

Please check out these links for news & updates  
**UCC National Newsletters:**

<https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>

**UCC Mission & Service:** <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/get-involved/generosity-through-mission-and-service>



### Did you know?

All Worship services & Theme Conversations are available at McClure's YouTube Channel:

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCTKNODhUdibWig5etzkMv8w](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTKNODhUdibWig5etzkMv8w)

Printed copies of sermons are available at:  
<http://mcclureunitedchurch.org/sermons>

### Got important info for the McClure UC Newsletter? Feedback? Ideas?

Please e-mail any newsletter submissions, suggestions & feedback to

Sheila Krueger – Editor

[newsletter@mcclureunitedchurch.org](mailto:newsletter@mcclureunitedchurch.org)

**June Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Sunday, May 22, 2022**

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**McCLURE**

# May 2022

**McCLURE**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:15 & 11am Worship 11am Rainbow Village & Youth Group	<b>2</b> 4:00 Fit After Fifty	<b>3</b> 7pm Outreach Committee	<b>4</b> 7pm A Refugee Story 7:30 Choir Practice	<b>5</b> 10am Congregational Care 4pm Fit After Fifty 7pm Sacred Sounds	<b>6</b> 10am to 1pm <b>Food            Bank            Drive</b> 	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:15 & 11am Worship 11am Rainbow Village & Youth Group  	<b>9</b> 4:00 Fit After Fifty (last time until Fall)	<b>10</b> 1030am Joint Facilities Cmte 7pm Property Committee	<b>11</b> 7:30 Choir Practice	<b>12</b> 7pm Sacred Sounds	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>8am to 2pm            Book &amp;            Puzzle            Sale</b> 
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<b>22</b> <b>SUMMER SERVICE            NEW TIME BEGINS</b> <b>10:00 Worship &amp;            Rainbow Village</b>  ~Newsletter Deadline~	<b>23</b>  <b>Victoria Day</b>  Church Office Closed	<b>24</b> 7pm Board Meeting	<b>25</b> 7:30 Choir Practice	<b>26</b> 7pm Sacred Sounds	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8am Women's & Men's Gathering (in person and on zoom)
<b>29</b> 10:00 Worship & Rainbow Village	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				