



MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SUMMER: JULY/AUGUST 2022

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SUMMER HARVEST OF FAITH

Our flower beds along the side of the church are getting a refresh this year. McClure Place staff, who are taking care of those beds, have decided to remove the half-dead pokey shrubs and replace them with some nice day lilies. The hedge along the parking lot is also getting a refresh; lilac bushes are going in there. I appreciate the good eye of gardeners who see the need for change and trust that new things will grow.

We, as a church family, are moving into summer together. Summer is a season of growth and we are being challenged to find our **gardening spirit**. We are being challenged to plant some new things and trust that good things will grow.

Many seeds have been planted this spring in the soil of our life as church. We are looking forward to see these seeds grow over the summer. With a bit of sunshine and time for our roots to strengthen in the rich ground of Sabbath, we are looking forward to being fully the vibrant faith community that we are.

We are hoping folks will be ready to come back into our worship space soon. We are hoping that folks will be ready to support worship by bringing their talents to the tech/sound booth, to ushering and greeting, and to worship leadership in the form of prayer preparation, children's theme conversations and scripture reading.

As summer ends, we will be looking to renew our Pastoral Care team. We will be looking for those willing to connect with members of our congregation who are in care facilities or not as mobile as they once were. The choir is looking forward to new energy and growth too, so roll down the car windows, crank up the music and start to practise now.

We are already thinking about how to best welcome a new minister when one is chosen and plans are being made to celebrate the designation of Minister Emeritus with Rev. Ron McConnell.

The Outreach committee has been planning projects for us so that we will continue to love our neighbours.

There is so much that has been prayerfully planted this spring and I am so excited for the harvest. So, I ask that you, fellow gardeners of the faith, have a refreshing summer, that you hold your church family in prayer, and that you prepare yourself for the joy of a new season of walking in the way of Jesus together.

*Faith
is like a
little
seed
if planted it will
grow*



Peace,
Debra

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES

Holding you gently in prayer...

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

We remember Gary Barnes and family on the death of his wife Beryl

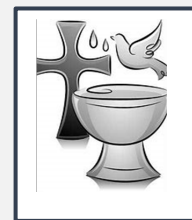
We remember the family of Susan Varughese, wife of the late Dr. George Varughese



CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISM:

June 5, 2022 **Grace Elizabeth Bryant**, daughter of Kevin and Lisa (McLeod) Bryant



CONGRATULATIONS

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to **Rev. Dr. Dale Morrison**, who this past week, celebrated 65 years as an Ordained Minister of the United Church of Canada. Our thanks to Dale for every aspect of your ministry over those 65 years. Our thanks for the memory of Mildred, your loving companion, who travelled with you for almost 63 of those years.

On behalf of all the congregations you served and the chaplaincies you served, we offer you our congratulations, giving thanks to God for your many years of ministry.



GRADUATION



CONGRATULATIONS to all those who are graduating this year.

The world has so much to offer and you have so much to offer to the world. You are loved.

Believe in yourself, give a little something back and make your future all that you know it can be.

Community of Faith Profile Questions for the Congregation

Over the next few months, there will be a change in our pastoral relations, as Laura Fohse will be leaving. Therefore, we need input on how we might move forward as a congregation. In case you haven't already received the questionnaire, we have included the questions below. Please help us by giving them prayerful consideration and writing out your answers. We gratefully appreciate all feedback from as many people and family members (even the kids!!!) as possible. If you would like paper copy of the questionnaire, call the church office at 306-373-1753. Please return your feedback by July 10 via email, or by bringing a written copy to the church office.

1. What is most meaningful to you in a worship service?
2. How do you feel about attending one Sunday morning service instead of having two offerings of worship time?
3. What are three things in the McClure community of faith that nurture your spiritual life?
4. What are three things that keep you coming back to McClure United Church as your community of faith?
5. What do you understand to be McClure's pastoral care needs at present? (Consider all ages)
6. How can we engage more people in community-building volunteer activities?
7. How might McClure continue to build a sense of community within our congregation and around the city/world?
8. What leadership skills and roles do you think McClure is wanting from the minister(s)?
9. As a congregation, we passed a deficit budget of (\$68,237) for 2022. What steps do you think we might take to address our financial deficit?
10. How might we address McClure's operational/capital needs during the next 3 to 5 years in order to remain viable?

Thank you for supporting McClure in this way,
Community of Faith Profile Working Group (on behalf of the congregation and Board)
Terry Clark, Lynn Dittmer, Sheila Lavender, Eden Polischuk and Jonathan Gorniak



As you know Laura is leaving McClure at the end of July after sixteen years! We would like to celebrate her ministry following worship on Sunday, July 24. The party will start at approximately 11:00 am.

Our plan is to have cake and coffee followed by a short program. We would like to present Laura with a gift of appreciation for her loving care.

If you would like to make a contribution,

- please make your cheque out to McClure United Church and in the memo line write (Laura's farewell gift),
- or cash contribution (in a labeled envelope),
- or e-transfer is also possible (call the office).

If you would like to mail your donation, please send to McClure United Church, 4025 Taylor Street E, Saskatoon, SK. S7H 5N7

There will also be a box for cards and well wishes for Laura.

The Farewell Committee

Debra is on a holiday and will return July 18th



Volunteers Needed
to help with McClure
Vacation Bible School (VBS)
Aug. 8-12

- **Snack Donations**
- **Lunch Supervisors:**
11:20am-12pm; can volunteer for **single day or for the week.**
- **Help leading:** **crafts, games, or science experiments.**
- **Youth Leaders**

Sign-up sheets in the foyer; talk to ****Eden**** for more info!

I have no idea what to write! What do I say to this beloved community after 16 years of ministry together? "Goodbye" seems too final. "So long" seems too casual. "Farewell" seems too formal.

What I want is a word that will let you know how much I love you and how grateful I am for our years together. I want that word to tell you how blessed I have felt by your care, and how inspired I have felt by your faith and commitment to sharing the love of God. I also want that word to express my hope for you and my belief in your ability to continue to do amazing things in this community and beyond.

I want the word to be expressive and sweet... but not too mushy or sentimental. I want it to sound authentic – to truly express the grief I feel at leaving you but also the excitement I feel for your future (and for mine).

I want this word to let the children know that I think you are the most important part of community and you are my favourites. Your joy and energy have been such a gift to me.

I also want this word to let the youth and young adults know that I don't really have favourites and all are of equal importance in the eyes (and ministry) of God. BUT if I did have favourites, it would DEFINITELY be you. You have kept me young(ish). You have made me laugh; you have made me cry. Your heart for what is right and just and fair has been such a gift.

I wonder if this word could also let the mid-age range adults and seniors know that I see you too; I see how hard you work and how faithful you are. Truly, you are my favourites because I know that without you, there would be no us.

I don't think such a word exists... so instead I will just wave and hope you can see in my eyes right through to my heart just how I feel. I hope the wave of my hand, the look in my eyes and the thumping of my heart will let you know just how I feel.

You are a blessing,

Laura Fohse

Go Be Love.... God needs you.

Summer Reading List 2022

Sandy Hoenecke

Here are the books I have really enjoyed over the past year. All of these I have rated at least 4/5. Check a summary on Amazon or Google to see if any might appeal to you.

General Fiction

The Company We Keep- Frances Itani
The Book of Lost Friends- Lisa Wingate
Big Lies in a Small Town- Diane Chamberlain
New Girl in Little Cove- Danhnait Monaghan
The Lost Apothecary- Sarah Penner
One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot- Marianne Cronin
The Orchardist- Amanda Coplin
The Invisible Husband of Frick Island- Colleen Oakley
The Perfect Couple- Elin Hilderbrand
The Giver of Stars- Jojo Moyes
Dear Emmie Blue- Lia Louis
The Opposite of Fate- Alison McGhee
Tiny Imperfections- Alli Frank
Grey Eyes- Frank Busch
The Last Thing He Told Me- Laura Dave
Lockdown on London Lane- Beth Reekles

Mystery/Thriller

For Your Own Good- Samantha Downing
Raven Black- Ann Cleeves #1 in the series
The Unwelcome Guest- Amanda Robson
The Lost Man- Jane Harper
Seven Lies- Elizabeth Kay
Close to Home- Cara Hunter
Maisie Dobbs- Jacqueline Winspear
Finlay Donovan Knocks 'Em Dead- Elle Cosimano
Moonflower Murders- Anthony Horowitz
Term Limits- Steve Powell
A Thousand Cuts- Simon Lelic
Six Weeks to Live- Catherine MacKenzie

Different or Fantasy or Young Adult

The Echo Wife- Sarah Gailey
The Upside of Falling Down- Rebekah Crane (YA)
Sweet Sorrow- David Nicholls (YA)
Dreamland Burning- Jennifer Latham (YA)
Game Changer- Neal Shusterman
Ten Thousand Doors of January- Alix Harrow
A Traveler at the Gates of Wisdom- John Boyne
Faye, Faraway- Helen Fisher

Non-Fiction

The Erratics- Vicki Laveau-Harvie
Braiding Sweetgrass- Robin Wall Kimmerer
Bread, Wine & Salt- Alden Nowlan (poetry)
Stoned- Aja Raden



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. Sexual Assault Centre (community): A Saskatoon-based non-profit which aids in responding to sexualized violence
2. The Lighthouse (community): assists local people in dire straits by providing emergency shelter and meals, and through supported living.
McClure has a long-term commitment of serving meals (until Covid closed the hot meal program)
3. Youth On the Rise (community): an evening drama program for at-risk youth, indigenous and immigrant youth
4. Prairie Harm Reduction (community): among other programs, a key focus is to provide a safe injection space for addicts, which helps reduce HIV transmission, and overdoses.

This concludes the description of the agencies we are supporting with the 2022 budget.

From Outreach Committee member Diane Higgins



Cans for Cosmo is Back

Back by popular demand, the Cosmo Industries truck will be parked in the McClure parking lot for **a giant size pick up of all beverage recyclables.**

The date is set for
September 9, from 10 am-1 pm

All your donations of cans, bottles, juice containers will be accepted at that time and the proceeds will go to Cosmo Industries towards their programs for adults with intellectual disabilities in Saskatoon and area.

So, start saving all your summer time beverage containers and help out a local organization.

ORANGE FLOWERS

The Outreach committee has placed orange flowers by the office door as a symbol of our desire to be active participants in Reconciliation. We celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day June 21 and encourage everyone to continue to work and pray for Reconciliation.



PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Great Comforter, we know that we are surrounded by a legacy of pain.

We acknowledge the pain, grief, and sorrow caused by not living respectfully with all people, and we are sorry for the ways that we have dishonoured the depths of this pain.

Open us, Creator, to the power of interconnectedness:

Help us to receive the painful stories as well as the inspiring stories;

Grant us the courage to own any feelings of vulnerability, shame, fear, and guilt that may come from our interactions with each other;

And with your healing grace, lead us through our aching toward your dream of wholeness.

Transform us and our community so that we may continually work toward reconciliation and new life. Amen.

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McClure Place Happenings -June 2022

"To enrich the lives of McClure Place Residents by providing support and service"

Our flower gardens look amazing, thanks to the Gardening Committee's hard work. Vegetables are growing in the beds at Griffith Garden. It is so great to go for walks or just be outside enjoying the trees, blossoms, and flowers.

Don Morgan hosted a barbecue on the front lawn of McClure Place for all residents and staff. We enjoyed our hotdogs, ice cream, and the fun of being together on a pleasant day. Harold Chapman came for coffee one morning; so good to have a visit with him.

The Potato Bake was a huge success. Thanks to Ebba Eggleston and her helpers for a delicious meal and fun evening. Gopher Broke entertained us very well and proceeds will go to the McClure Van Maintenance Fund. The Choristers under the direction of Shirley Blackburn sang for McClure Place residents one morning and entertained Amy McClure House one afternoon. They sang several familiar older hymns; it is so good to have the Choristers back. Residents and staff are enjoying the Ice Cream Parlours being held every two weeks. Rhubarb from Griffiths Garden was used to make crisps and topping for ice cream. Proceeds also go to the Van Maintenance fund.

McClure Place Association Inc. Annual General Meeting and the McClure Place Foundation Annual General Meeting were held in the Sanctuary on June 5, 2022. Thank you to the good people who volunteer to be on this board.

Line Dancing has started again under the direction of Fran Burgess. Laura Fohse is giving lessons on Pickleball, and movies were shown called "Putin's Road to War" and "On Golden Pond". Jeff O'Brien, City of Saskatoon Archivist gave a presentation called, "From Temperance Colony to Prairie City: Stories of early Saskatoon, 1883-1914".

Kathy Morrell arranged for residents to be included in a walking tour called "Walking our Story". Kathy had written the story and the group of actors were amazing. It was an historical walk to mark the 140th Anniversary of Grace-Westminster United Church and the surrounding area of Nutana. June 21, 2022 was National Indigenous Peoples Day. Olivia Crone, (who is Métis) brought some homemade Bannock for coffee time.

We are grateful to people who come and make our days quite interesting. Time together is important, learning new activities along with some history keeps us better informed.

Once again, we are pleased to welcome new residents to McClure Place. We hope they will come to enjoy this place with all its diverse activities.

Elaine Tall

The "Big Shred"

Inquiries come forth as to the date of another "Big Shred". (The last event was in 2019.)

It appears that a Big Shred can be held this summer. However, an exact date is unclear.

Keep watching for updates in church bulletins, social media, signs, and community notices!

Please continue collecting items for shredding (old personal, private or confidential documents).

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

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



Did you know?



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

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

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**September Newsletter Deadline:
Sunday, August 28, 2022**



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July 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Canada Day Office is Closed	2
3 Sunday Worship 10am Rainbow Village	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday Worship 10am Rainbow Village	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Sunday Worship 10am Rainbow Village	18 7:30pm Prairie Harm Reduction Workshop (everyone welcome)	19	20	21 7:30pm Free Zumba class— open to beginners.	22	23
24 Sunday Worship 10am Rainbow Village Laura's Going Away Party 11am 	25	26	27	28	29	30
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August 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:00 Worship & Rainbow Village	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 10:00 Worship & Rainbow Village	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 10:00 Worship & Rainbow Village	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:00 Worship & Rainbow Village	29	30	31	