

MacNeill Baptist Church

News and Notes

Church Moderator: Garth Greaves
Interim Coordinator of Pastoral Care: Terry Dempsey
Interim Coordinator of Worship: Jennifer Nettleton
Director of Music: Leanne Tees
Custodian: Sandy Palin
Associate Ministers in Chaplaincy: Robert Bond, Claire Gosselin,
David Jones, Douglas Perry, Felida Toledo

Nov 8, 2020

After a pause due to the Corona Virus crisis, our regular worship together began again Oct 4 2020. We will continue provide a weekly worship service on our website for as long as necessary to fill the needs of our congregation.

Readings for next week:

Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11,
Matthew 25:14-30

Next week: MacNeill's Anniversary

***Prayer Book:** Those with concerns which should be raised in prayer during your own personal prayer time. Prayers are encouraged for your own needs, those close to you, and the world. Specific requests for the congregation should be forwarded to our Pastoral Care team.*

During this unprecedented time of crisis please continue to support our congregation financially. Donations can be mailed to the church or done through our website.

www.macneillbaptist.ca

Thank you for your continued generosity.

MacNeill Goes to the Movies!!

Hello friends, I want to share some good financial news for the church...

We rented the church to “Flank Man Productions” for a movie they were shooting yesterday. The rental was for the whole day and I wanted to offer special thanks to Sandy Palin for responding to the multiple needs that arose during the filming.

Quincy (owner of the production company) expressed his deep gratitude for Sandy who addressed their many concerns and her cheerfulness and helpfulness as she supplied extension cords, screens for windows, guidance and free parking in her driveway. Sandy shepherded them out by our 6:30pm deadline as the Yoga group needed the Gym.

Also a special thank you to Sandy Harper of St. Paul’s church for arranging some parking for the crew.

Quincy said he was so impressed with the hospitality provided by our church community that he will keep us in mind for future films.

White Poppy Day

A day to remember ALL lives affected by war.

Wednesday November 11th 2020.

In front of the Westdale Theatre at 10:30 to 11:10 a.m. rain or shine

Two minutes of silence at 11:00 a.m and guest speakers.

Sponsored by the Westdale White Poppy Group
For more information phone Ruth 905 928 1860
or John 905 516 2587

Congratulations to Terry Dempsey.

It was announced at the recent virtual CBOQ assembly, held on October 22, that Terry is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination! Terry was ordained at Westover Church in Flamborough, Ontario. Terry recalls that several MacNeill members were in attendance at the Ordination Council and at the Ordination itself those 40 years ago. Perhaps you remember that you were part of this!

Warm congratulations on this milestone, Terry!

Anniversary Sunday

We are looking forward to celebrating on **Nov 15** with a simple service.

Memo to everyone from the Deacons Board.

In consultation with Jennifer Nettleton and Leanne Tees, the Deacons Board conducted a quick check-up on how things have been going with the resumption of in-person services and the continuation of the on-line services at MacNeill.

We agreed to keep going with both modalities for the foreseeable future, as long as the province permits the continued use of the building. For those of us who have been able to get to church, it has been a good worship experience with creative music-making and rotating involvement of members. The protocols that have been developed have made for a feeling of safety in that the three primary public health guidelines are followed:

1. Hand sanitization
2. Physical distancing
3. Mask wearing

It has actually felt quite worshipful to hum behind our masks while reading the text of the hymns!

It is certainly recognised that it will be a long time before everyone feels safe enough to meet in person. Therefore, we will continue to offer the on-line worship services. Because each on-line service is being filmed at the 'in-building' service, it will obviously not be ready for the 11AM time on Sunday. There are a number of steps after the filming which require time and effort, before it can be posted on the web-site. We can commit to getting the Sunday service to you on-line by Monday at NOON.

Many congratulations are due to Jennifer Nettleton and Brian Anderson, who have continuously worked at figuring out how to capture sight and sound to produce a viable 'on-line' product. This is still a work in progress, and we welcome your feedback and response and creative ideas!

Please forward any **News and Notes** announcements to Beverly Leslie at bleslie.strata@gmail.com. Please contact Gini Cale at 905 527 3179 for facility bookings and room rentals.

Pastoral Care

Especially during this difficult time please reach out to care for each other! Please pick up the phone, call and cheer someone up!

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact our Coordinator of Pastoral Care, Terry Dempsey at 905 512 9897 or

dempseydt@rogers.com

Pastoral Care Team: Claire Gosselin, Heather Hobbs, Olga Jenkins, David Jones, Bruce Papky, Feli Toledo and Beverly Woods.

Prayer Requests

Please keep our dear friend Ray in your prayers, along with Heather and their children Catherine and Greg. Ray is now in palliative care at the Juravinski Cancer Centre.

We ask for prayer for Beverly More, of Brandon, Manitoba. She is Sara Douglas' mother-in-law and was recently diagnosed with a form of metastatic breast cancer. She has an appointment on November 10th for a biopsy. In the meantime she has a few appointments to drain fluid from her lungs which impedes her breathing. She is very appreciative of our prayers on her behalf.

Ongoing prayer is requested for Nancy, a friend in the community. Nancy continues to undergo chemotherapy treatment for cancer. The challenges she faces are compounded in this time of Covid. Please pray for her comfort in the uncertainty of her situation.