

MacNeill Baptist Church

News and Notes

Church Moderator: Garth Greaves
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

June 28, 2020

**Due to the Corona Virus crisis the to return to our regular worship is
yet to be determined**

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.*

Scripture Readings for next week.

Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14 Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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.

Last MacNeill Virtual Coffee Hour

Join us for a time to gather and visit for conversation! This will be our final virtual coffee hour until September. Bring your own cup of coffee or tea, stop by for a quick “hi”, stay for a few minutes or the whole hour. The Zoom Coffee Hour will be open for conversation 12:00-1:00pm on Sunday June 28th. The Zoom meeting link is provided in the weekly email distributed by Bev Leslie.

Summer Services

We will be sharing virtual worship with our sister congregations throughout the summer. Each hosting church will provide their own version of worship, as they have been doing during this time of “sheltering at home”, with a website link, zoom link, or video link shared on Saturday. The schedule of services is as follows:

July 5 – MacNeill Baptist

July 12 – MacNeill Baptist

July 19 – MacNeill Baptist

July 26 – St. Cuthbert’s Presbyterian

August 2 – St. Cuthbert’s Presbyterian

August 9 – St. Cuthbert’s Presbyterian

August 16 – Westdale United

August 23 – Westdale United

August 30 – Westdale United

Did you know...

...that Heather Hobbs makes sure that members without access to a computer receive a printed copy of our worship service? Thanks, Heather!! Here she is, picking up the copies 😊



Breaking News on our Grade 8 Graduates!

Word is out that our Grade 8 Graduates have both received special awards at their virtual graduation ceremonies. Jaxon Purdy has been named the recipient of the Ontario Principals' Council Award at Ryerson School. Elliott Briskin is the recipient of the Grade 8 Music award and the Vice-Principal's Award for the best all-round student in Grade 8 at Sir William Osler School.



Many congratulations to these fine young people from all your friends at MacNeill, and best wishes as you move forward into High School

Congratulations Griffyn!

Congratulations to Griffyn Charnock who has received a promotion in the Dundas Royal Canadian Sea Cadets from Able Seaman to Leading Seaman. This is his second promotion in his first year of service with the Corps.

Glenys Magill Memorial Donations:

Ruby Purdy, Beverly Woods and Heather Hobbs met at the request of the MacNeill executive to make a start on generating ideas regarding the donations that have been given to MacNeill in Glenys' honour. This fund currently stands at \$7,880.

We discussed several ideas that had already come forward from Glenys' friends as well as MacNeill members. Since this meeting, we have reached out to the Magill family to ensure that they are comfortable with our initial discussion and of course to ask them for their own ideas and input. Please let us know if you have ideas to share. Ruby, Beverly & Heather

Model Review Update

On Thursday June 18th the Model Review Committee, chaired by Jennifer Nettleton, presented their results to the congregation at the Semi-Annual Meeting on Zoom. Many thanks to the 36 who ventured into the Zoom room for this important meeting. The presentation slides are available as a PDF, and after discussion with MacNeill folk present, the recommendation from the Model Review Committee and the following motions were passed:

Recommendation:

After consulting with church membership, and carefully sorting through the feedback, the MacNeill Model Review Committee recommends “**option 3**” to the congregation.

Option 3: Combine Coordinator of Worship and Pastoral Care into one role. Separate Admin. Hire for 2 positions.

This option seeks one qualified candidate to coordinate worship with the existing preaching team, as well as oversee and provide Pastoral Care to the congregation with the existing pastoral care team. In this scenario, the incumbent would also be responsible for regular preaching (to be negotiated, we suggest at least 1-2x/month), as part of the role. This merged role should be a salaried, half-time position.

Motions:

1a) that MacNeill Baptist Church advertise and proceed with the search and hire for a ½ time ministry leadership position as described in our recommendation. The compensation range for this ½ time position is \$30,000-40,000

1b) that a separate office administrative part-time position needs to be staffed. We refer this need for hire or volunteer solution to the board of management, who have overseen this position in the past.

2) that a Search Committee be formed, representative of the congregation, to proceed with the task of finding a suitable candidate to fill our ½ time ministry leadership position.

3) that the current Model Review Committee be disbanded.

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 dempseydt@rogers.com

Phone # 1 905 512 9897

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

Prayer Requests

Please pray for my friend Carol, who remains in the rehab wing of Joseph Brant hospital recovering from a fall which broke her hip in such a way as to be inoperable. She is most grateful for all our prayers for a speedy recovery. Thanks from Bev L

A reminder for all to pray for Jim Purves, my friend who has a rare blue cell cancer and really needs our prayers for the next 7 weeks as he undergoes CT scan, PET scan, new regime of chemo and possibly another surgery. He has 13 and 15 year old girls and an 18 year old son. I deeply appreciate the prayers of our congregation for Jim and Suzanne and their children. Thanks from Gini

Prayers have been requested for Nancy, a friend in the community. Nancy has just been diagnosed with cancer and has started a course of chemotherapy. Facing this challenge is made even more difficult in this time of Covid.

MacNeill Church Office Changes: Upon the retirement of Irene and while we sort out our transition plans during this Covid crisis please forward any News and Notes announcements to Beverly Leslie at leslieb@mcmaster.ca. When our church opens again you can contact Gini Cale at 905 527 3179 for facility bookings and room rentals.