

MacNeill Baptist Church

News and Notes

Church Moderator: Jonathan Purdy

Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care: Susan St John

Director of Music: Monica Admiral

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**Associate Ministers in Chaplaincy: Robert Bond, Claire Gosselin,
David Jones, Felida Toledo**

April 30, 2023

The service is live-streamed at Sundays at 11 am, with access to the video available for later viewing. See the link on our website.

For our in-person worship service, for accessibility for those with differences in hearing, there are a limited number of printed copies of today's sermon and scripture readings available at the Cline Street entrance of the church.

Next week: Bob Bond preaching

MacNeill has a scent-free policy. Masks are optional.

Wifi Network: MacNeill, password is 3485 6101 5200

Bible Quest Leader today: Nancy D

Pastoral Care: When you would like someone to pray with, to request a pastoral visit, or to publish a prayer request please contact Susan St John at 905-512-9897 or [sstjohn.macneill@gmail.com](mailto:ssjohn.macneill@gmail.com)

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

Your continued financial support of our congregation is appreciated. Donations can be mailed to the church or done through our website.

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Thank you for your continued generosity.

Truth and Reconciliation: A Listening and Learning Series

Alert! Alert! Cancellation. Regretfully, the guest speakers for the second session of the Truth and Reconciliation: A Listening and Learning Series have needed to cancel this session (scheduled for the evening of May 11 at MacNeill). It has been rescheduled for **Wednesday May 31: 7 - 9 PM** in the sanctuary for MacNeill. The original third session will be moved to June 28. Details with the exact date will be forthcoming.

The MacNeill Christian Education Board continues with the series of 'Listening and Learning' sessions. The first one took place over ZOOM this past Wednesday, led by Dr Amy Montour: Truth and Reconciliation Begins with Truth-Telling and Receiving. This session is available to view on MacNeill's website. It is well worth checking out. One attendee called it "the best history lesson I ever had".

Session 2 will take place in-person at MacNeill on **Wednesday May 31: 7 – 9PM**: Indigenous Circle Process co-facilitators: Dr Karen Hill & Denise McQueen from Six Nations of the Grand River

Session 3 will take place in person-on at MacNeill on **Wednesday June 28: 7 – 8.30PM**: How Then Shall We Live?: facilitated by Tracey Carr, Settler Committed to the Journey of Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous People.

Everyone welcome. Invite your friends and neighbours.

Supported by the Dr. Russell Aldwinckle Fund.

An Invitation from Micah House

Micah House is a residence for newly arrived refugees. MacNeill has supported their work in the past, so they have sent us this invitation. Can we gather a table of ten attendees? Let Al or Susan know if you plan to be there.

Micah House Fundraising Banquet: A Place to Belong

Join Micah House for our annual banquet on June 10th at Michelangelo's Banquet Hall. Tickets are \$50 each or a table of 10 for \$450. Throughout the evening our new Executive Director will be joined by musicians, Micah House staff and past Micah House guests as we share stories and learn together about the importance of creating a community of belonging. For more information go to: tinyurl.com/Micah-house-banquet

Please mark your calendars for the MacNeill Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday June 4, directly after worship.

The **Women of MacNeill** group will meet on **Saturday May 13th at 2:30 pm** in the church parlour. The programme will be “Extracts from Hobbs Library” with Heather Hobbs. Everyone is welcome.

Our friend, **Al Dingle** passed away on April 18. Al had been living with terminal cancer for a number of months. He died at home with Mary Lou, and his sons Brian and Jonathan by his side. So many of us remember Al. He was a Professor of Biology at McMaster. He and Mary Lou lived in Westdale for many years. In the 1980's he coached weekly basketball in MacNeill's gym with a group of teenage boys, and no-one can forget his specially crafted 'bunny' pancakes at each Easter breakfast! Our deep condolences to Mary Lou, Brian & Jonathan.

Ruth Wilton passed away peacefully on Wednesday April 19. She is now in the arms of our Lord. Her family wishes to thank her MacNeill family for the love and care their mother received from this congregation. The celebration of life was Saturday April 29 2023 and is available to watch on video on our website.

Management Board Request

If you require the use of the church building for an event, could you please contact Monica K and Bev L to let them know. This is to facilitate the creation of a common booking calendar. We will use the calendar on the website as it is already accessible for viewing to all.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who came out to hear the Strata Vocal Ensemble concert last Sunday. We are so very thankful for all the support we get from our MacNeill family.

From Your Newcomer Committee

Pledges have been received that exceed the minimum required to sponsor Basel Al Atmeh and his family. Thank you MacNeill! Before we can apply to sponsor we need to have these funds in trust. **Now**

is the time when we need to call in your generous pledges. Please provide cheques payable to MacNeill Baptist Church but clearly marked for the newcomer fund. Cheques can be left in an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer/Meditation Group

All are welcome to the Prayer and Meditation group, Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:15 in the Minister's Study. Please enter through the 'purple door' on King Street. Questions? Connect with Susan St John at [sstjohn.macneill@gmail.com](mailto:ssjohn.macneill@gmail.com) or 905-512-9897.

Prayer Requests

Prayers for the family of **Dorothy F.** (Lynn's cousin) who died this week.

For **Margaret R**, who sustained a fall on April 22. She was checked out at hospital and had no broken bones, but her wrist and nose are particularly painful. She is getting close care at her home and her spirits are good.

For the family of **Ruth W**, as they mourn her loss.

For **Mary Lou, and sons Brian and Jonathan** as they mourn the passing of their father **Al D**.

Indra H. as she serves in support of her husband **Mel** and struggles with her own health issues.

Paul G., friend of Lynn and Bob, who is going through some serious and life changing health issues.

Lilly Grace, who continues to heal from surgery.

Ryan C, a friend of Susan S.'s family, who is struggling with addictions and severe health problems.

Ed S, who is dealing with the early stages of Alzheimer's.

Cheryl and Charles S who appreciate our ongoing prayers and concern.

Garth's parents, **Denny and Mair**.

Monica's cousin **Shelley K** and niece **Lyanne K**.

Martina S. whose health is quite fragile, and for John and son Danny who support her so well.

Bev M and Bruce W, friends of Nancy and John D, who appreciate our prayers for their serious health issues.