

MacNeill Baptist Church

News and Notes

Church Moderator: Jonathan Purdy

Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care: Susan St John

Director of Music: Monica Admiral

Custodian: Sandy Palin

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

May 14, 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: Susan St John preaching

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

Wifi Network: MacNeill, password is 3485 6101 5200

Bible Quest Leader today: Jessica

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.

Flowers Today

The flowers on the organ are placed in honour of all the wonderful mother-figures we all have in our lives past and present.

Truth and Reconciliation: A Listening and Learning Series

The MacNeill Christian Education Board continues with the series of 'Listening and Learning' sessions. The first one took place over ZOOM on April 26, 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"

Please note the **date changes** for sessions 2 & 3.

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. Attendees will be offered the experience of an indigenous circle. This session will not be live-streamed or recorded.

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

Semi-Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendars for the **MacNeill Semi-Annual Meeting** on **Sunday June 4**, directly after worship. We hope to offer you the option of zoom as well.

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.

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:ssstjohn.macneill@gmail.com) or 905-512-9897.

Prayer Requests

For **Suzanne A**, niece of Bev L, recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

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

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.