

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 28, 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: Paula Papky preaching

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

Wifi Network: MacNeill, password is 3485 6101 5200

Bible Quest Leader today: Heather H

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

Session 2 will take place at MacNeill this coming **Wednesday May 31: 7 – 9PM** with an **Indigenous Circle Process**. Co-facilitators are **Dr Karen Hill & Denise McQueen** from Six Nations of the Grand River. Attendees will be offered the experience of an indigenous circle. This session is an in- person experience only and will not be live-streamed or recorded.

Session 3 will take place 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.

Brought to you by the CE Board and supported by the Dr. Russell Aldwinckle Fund.

From Mary Lou

Please accept this short note of thanks for keeping Al, the boys and me in your thoughts these many months. Prayers and visits and flower and treats were very much appreciated. Thank you one and all. We are most grateful.

Mary Lou, Brian and Jonathan.

Request from Outreach

The Board of Outreach and Service are preparing a list of all the volunteer tasks which keep our church thriving. Can you please let us know what tasks you do? (Do not assume that what you do doesn't matter, or that we know already.) You can do this by simply telling one of us, (Al, Barb, Bev L., Beverly W., Jean, or Ruby), or by making a note and placing it in the Pledge Box in the Narthex.

CBOQ Assembly 2023

This year's theme is **ABC: Associating, Belonging, Called**. It takes place **June 8-10** at the Mississauga Meadowvale Hilton. The registration deadline is June 4. Please speak to Jon Purdy if you are interested in being a MacNeill delegate.

Semi-Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendars for the **MacNeill Semi-Annual Meeting**

on **Sunday June 4**, directly after worship in the parlour. We hope to offer you the option of zoom as well.

Women of MacNeill

The annual potluck supper of the Women of MacNeill will take place **Saturday June 10 at 5:30 pm in the church parlour**. Please note the change of venue.

Special Occasion: Farewell Lunch in honour of Nancy & John

The (sad for us) news from Nancy and John D. is that they will be moving to Ottawa at the end of June. **Sunday June 18** will be their last regular Sunday with us. The Deacons will host a farewell lunch for our dear friends to say our 'goodbyes' and 'thankyous' on June 18 immediately after worship. The proposed lunch will be a simple finger-food occasion, to take place in the parlour. This will not strictly be pot-luck, but offers of a finger-food contribution are welcome. Please speak with Heather H.

Picnic!

On **Sunday June 25th** we will be having our church family picnic following morning worship. C.E. Will provide, hotdogs, condiments & drinks, we are asking you to bring a salad or dessert to complete the menu.

Camperships

Camperships are available through the C. E. Board for our church family. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Bond.

The Library Is Open.

You are invited to visit the **Hobbs Theological Collection** which is housed in the minister's study down the hallway from the parlour. The books are divided into seven categories: Biblical Backgrounds, the Context Approach to Biblical Interpretation, Biblical Theology, Christian History, Violence, Warfare and Peace, Worship & Spirituality and Miscellaneous. The library is open all week, unless a meeting is being held in the office. Certainly, Sunday around coffee hour is a good time to browse.

Each category is shelved alphabetically by author. The catalogue is found in the accompanying binder. Books can be checked out in an

old-fashioned way – there is a card at the back of each book. Simply sign your name on the card, and place the card in the blue plastic box.

Baptists take pride in the freedom to read the Bible and explore theology and spirituality by and for themselves. Here is an opportunity borrow such books – no time limit, no penalty.

Many thanks to the Women of MacNeill who commissioned a plaque and covered its cost. The plaque is placed on the door of the minister's office. The plaque reads:

*MacNeill Theological Collection
Established June 2022
from the library of
Dr. Trevor Raymond Hobbs (Ray)
31 January, 1942 – November 6, 2020
Member of MacNeill, scholar, mentor, friend*

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.

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

Prayer Requests

For **Janis H**, friend of Sonia, who is fighting cancer.

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.