

# 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**

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Sept 10, 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:** guest preacher Mike Wood Daly

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

**Wifi Network:** MacNeill, password is 3485 6101 5200

**Bible Quest Leader today:**

**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.

[www.macneillbaptist.ca](http://www.macneillbaptist.ca)

Thank you for your continued generosity.

## **Celebrating 80 Years: The Party is TODAY!**

Last Sunday, September 3, our dear friend **Beverly Woods** turned 80 years old! All eighty years have meant involvement at MacNeill for Beverly. We are certainly her beloved church family. Many congratulations, Beverly!

Immediately after the worship service, Beverly's children, Bryan, Paul and Laura invite us to celebrate this milestone with a lunch party, provided and prepared by them. This will take place in the parlour and everyone is invited. Best wishes only by request.

## **Summer Finances**

Ouch!! It was a rough summer with a couple of unexpected expenses. The roof over the daycare and Hobbs library is leaking again due to rather a lot of rainfall this year combined with a bad design on the flat roof. A hopefully longer lasting repair is in the works. Also we had to remove a family of raccoons and squirrels that decided to seek sanctuary with us. This turned into a rather large bill as well for a job well done by Skedaddle.

So, we are appealing to you, if you can manage it, to increase your givings a tad. If you are giving a little, could you do a bit more? If you are giving nothing, could you give something? If you have not increased your monthly givings for a long time, could you perhaps do a little bit more? Thank you for your consideration.

## **Council Meeting**

Our next Council meeting is **Wednesday Sept 20 at 7:00 pm**. It will be in-person/Zoom hybrid.

## **Join our AV team!!!**

We have room for more volunteers on our AV team! Come join us and share the fun of recording the Sunday services. Training is provided.

## **HELP!!!**

Bible Quest is in need of at least two more people to work with the kids. We are down to just 3 teachers and need help. If you are willing to help please take to Lynn Bond or Jessisc Purdy.

## **Good News!!**

The Newcomer Committee has good news. We have received notice from CBOQ that the request to sponsor Basel Al Atmeh and his family has come off their wait list and we are invited to submit forms to apply for sponsorship. The committee will prepare and submit the application forms as soon as possible.

## **Our Gifts and Offerings in Worship.**

Since the pandemic, a number of our members continue to donate on-line to the life and work of MacNeill. This option remains available via MacNeill's web-site. Others prefer to use the envelopes. There are generic envelopes available in the pews. If you would like a designated envelope (numbered) please let us know.

We ask that those with offering envelopes place them in the plates as you enter for worship. The offering plates are located on either side of the central entrance from the narthex to the sanctuary. The plates will then be presented for blessing during the service with both forms of giving being recognized for blessing.

## **Save the Date: MacNeill's 93rd Anniversary: A Memo from the Deacons**

This will take place on Sunday October 15. Our guest preacher will be Dr. Barry Morrison. Many will remember Barry, who was the Minister of MacNeill in the 1990's. He is very much looking forward to joining us for this anniversary service.

## **In Case You Missed It**

Our dear friend has been awarded a Member of the Order of Canada! Here is the citation.

***Gary Rush Purdy, C.M., Hamilton, Ontario***

*For his innovative contributions to the field of materials science and engineering, and for his dedicated support for refugees, peace efforts and social justice.*

Many congratulations from all of us, Gary. The honour is so well deserved.

## **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.

## **Prayer Requests**

For **Margaret W.**, mother of Candace J. Margaret is in a very fragile state and needs our prayers.

Please pray for **Michael and Jonie**, MacNeill neighbours. Jonie has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

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

**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.

**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.