

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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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: preacher Paula Papky

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

A Special Thank You

My thanks to everyone for sharing in the celebration of my 80th birthday after service on September 10th.

It was wonderful to have all my family join in with my church family. Bryan, Paul and Laura were able to connect with friends from years ago as they attended church when young and made many friends here at that time in their lives. My grandchildren were really excited to be part of it and meet so many people that they have heard about over the years.

I know that my family and I appreciated the help to be able to do this. So many joined in and helped us follow through with set-up and clean up. Thank you so much! I know how much Paul, Bryan and Laura appreciated this.

For me it was a very emotional and extremely happy day. I have been blessed with an amazing gift of family and friends.

With love, Beverly Woods

A Request From Ahmad

Ahmad would like to plant a vegetable garden. He would like to know of anyone who is willing to rent some land to him. If you can help with this please let Al Palin know.

Coffee Hour

In the spring Outreach and Service approached each Board to prepare Coffee Hour for one Sunday each month, and they agreed. This system has worked well. Beginning October 1, Coffee Hour will be hosted by Deacons on the first Sunday of the month; on the second Sunday by Management; on the third Sunday by Outreach, and on the fourth Sunday by C. E. Outreach will provide supplies of coffee, tea and sugar. Each board in turn will provide milk, cream, goodies and cleanup.

We still need to find a team of **volunteers for fifth Sundays**. (There are four fifth Sundays each year; October 29 is such a Sunday, so there is some urgency). If you are interested in being part of the Fifth Sunday Team please let Al Palin know.

Congratulations Griffyn!

Griffyn was chosen to be part of the "Crew" of the HMCS Oriole on

Thursday Sept. 14th/ 23. The vessel departed from Hamilton and arrived in Toronto manned by a crew of 21.

The HMCS Oriole is the oldest and longest serving ship in the RCN. Launched in 1921 and commissioned in 1954, Oriole remains true to its original design as an ocean racing yacht. Oriole excels in its mission providing leadership training for sailors and visiting ports of calls as goodwill ambassador for the RCN. The Oriole is 200 feet long and carries a 200 ft. mast. Her maximum speed is 8 knots (15km/h; 9.2mph) while under power, she can exceed this speed under sail when conditions are right for her. Her home port is Halifax N.S..

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.

A Note of Thanks

Over the summer the damaged casters on the communion table were replaced with new sturdy ones. Now we can move the table with ease. Yay!! Many thanks to **Garth and Bruce!!**

More Thanks!

Monica A has created a Facebook page! If you are on FB, please like and follow us. It's a handy way to let people know what a little gem of a church we have here.

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 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 has submitted the application forms.

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

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.

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 **Cathy H**, friend and former member of MacNeill, who currently lives in Canmore, Alberta. Cathy is facing a serious problem with the sight in one of her eyes . She has undergone surgery and is facing more.

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.