

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

Oct 8, 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: preacher Dr. Barry Morrison for our Anniversary Service

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.

Music Feeds the Soul Concert

The funds from this event will be equally shared between SOLO (Southern Ontario Lyric Opera) and the fund that provides grocery gift cards to the 50 or more people who come to the monthly soup lunches held at Westdale but supported by all of the Westdale Churches, including MacNeill.

Tickets are available through Eventbrite, the Westdale United church office and at the door. Enjoy the beauty of opera while supporting the lunches.

Reflection and Meditation

We come together in a quiet reflection and meditation of God in our lives. This is often a sharing time, but it's fine if private reflection is more to your liking. Join Susan St. John in the Minister's Study every Sunday Morning from 9:30 to 10:15.

Women of MacNeill

Women of MacNeill will meet on **Saturday Oct 14 at 2:30 pm** in the parlour.

Ken & Mary Jackson have moved to Shalom Village. Ken said they are liking it except he is missing the garden, but they do have a balcony which he enjoys. Shalom Village Room 715 and their phone number is 289-389-0551.

Congratulations to **Heather B** on the birth of Emmett, 4lb., 11 ounces. Emmett's parents, Shaun and Will and big brother, Oliver, are thrilled. This was Heather's third surrogacy.

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.

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.

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.

Lunch and Learn at Melrose United Church

The first lecture in their new series at Melrose United Church (Homewood and Locke, Hamilton) occurs on Wednesday, October 11 at 12.30 for a presentation by and discussion with Dr. Peter Widdicombe: "Drunkenness, Nakedness, and the Redemption and Fall of an Image: Noah and Christ". Dr. Widdicombe recently retired

from the McMaster University Department of Religious Studies. This is a free lunch-and-learn event, so bring your brown bags and bento boxes if you're hungry for food as well as intellectual stimulation...we'll provide the coffee.

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- 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.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for **Bob** & Lynn B. and their family. Bob is in ICU at the Hamilton General Hospital with sepsis and low blood pressure.

Judee Archer Green of St. Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church has suffered a stroke, and our prayers are requested for her healing.

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.

PSALM 65

Thanksgiving for Earth's Bounty

Praise is due to you,
O God, in Zion and to you shall vows be performed,
O you, who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

**When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgression.**

Blessed are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.**

By awesome deeds, you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;

**you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.**

By your strength, you established the mountains,
you are girded with might.

**You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.**

Those who live at Earth's farthest bounds
are awed by your signs,

**You make the gateways of the morning and the evening
shout for joy.**