

# 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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Oct 15, 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 Rev. Terry Dempsey

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.

## **MacNeill's 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**

Our guest preacher today was to be the **Rev Barry Morrison**, a former minister here at MacNeill (1995 – 1999). Barry and his wife Jean live in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, where Barry retired from Ministry at Wolfville Baptist Church. Barry and Jean's children live in Toronto presently, and they had been planning to visit them for Thanksgiving and to then come to Hamilton for MacNeill's 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary service. About a week ago, Barry sent word that he was now unable to leave because of illness in the family. Of course, this has been very disappointing for Barry and us all. As always Barry was well prepared and he wholeheartedly agreed to send us his sermon for one of us to read on his behalf. He jokingly noted that "maybe the congregation can remember a younger Barry, rather than wondering", "Who is that old man in the pulpit?". Therefore, today we will hear Barry's words but not see him in person.

Garth, who knows Barry, will read the sermon and other Deacons will play a role in our service.

After worship, we will, of course, celebrate in the parlour with an anniversary cake. Everyone is welcome.

Barry sent this note to us: "Blessings on you and all the dear ones at MacNeill. I look forward to being with you sometime in the Spring."

## **Pastoral Care**

**David Jones** will be coordinating Pastoral Care from Oct 16 to Oct 29. If you have a need to support, please contact David at his number in your church directory.

## **Advent Planning**

We are beginning our planning for Advent soon and if you are interested in joining this group, please contact Susan at [sstjohn.macneill@gmail.com](mailto:sstjohn.macneill@gmail.com). Our planning time will be on a Sunday after Worship either November 12 or November 19 ... yet to be finalized.

## **A Note From Your Nominating Committee**

Now, and in the next few weeks, we will be contacting and asking many of you to serve on Church Council, either as a member of a

board, or on the executive of Council. Be aware that we are approaching you because we believe you have the qualities, and are capable of the time commitment, as outlined below:

1. Sensitivity to the needs and concerns of all who make up our congregation,
2. Readiness to share the work for which the board you join is responsible.
3. Each board has requirements which relate to its particular focus. We hope those who are enthusiastic, creative and imaginative will agree to serve
4. Willingness to work collaboratively with other MacNeill boards in the committee process
5. Time to attend meetings, including:
  - a. Congregational meetings; the Annual Meeting, (January) and the Mid-Year Meeting, (June)
  - b. Council meetings each year, in January, February, May and October;
  - c. Board meetings; each board plans its own meetings, six seems to be an average number.

### **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.

**Ken Jackson** has moved to Shalom Village. Ken said he is liking it except he is missing the garden, but he does have a balcony which he enjoys. Shalom Village Room 715, phone number: 289-389-0551.

### **Coffee Hour**

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.

### **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 Jessica Purdy.

### **Music Feeds the Soul Concert- Sunday Oct 29 at 3 pm at WUC**

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.

### **2023 IJV Canada Book Tour- Oct 23 at 7 pm**

Book Launch for **Nakba, The Struggle to Decolonize Israel**, featuring co-authors Eitan Bronstein Aparicio and Eléonore Merza Bronstein  
At the Workers Arts & Heritage Centre, 51 Stuart St, Hamilton

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for **Bob** & Lynn B. and their family. Bob is in Welland Hospital, recovering from sepsis.

Please pray for **Ken J and family**, as they mourn the death of Mary.

Please pray for the friends and family of **Judee Archer Green** of St. Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church, as they mourn her passing.

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. Michael and Joni wish to thank you for your prayers. After chemotherapy and surgery, Joni is doing well. Her doctors report her cancer appears to be in remission and she is recovering energy and appetite. Please continue your prayers as her recovery is ongoing.

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.