

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 Garry Blinch

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

Wifi Network: MacNeill, password is 3485 6101 5200

Bible Quest Leader today: Heather

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.

Reminder- Council Meeting Wednesday Dec 22 at 7:30

Meeting will be an in-person/zoom hybrid.

December's Benevolent: CBOQ Fellowship Fund

Once again, the Deacons have taken the decision to assign December's Benevolent (Communion) Offering to the Fellowship Fund of the CBOQ. The focus of the Fellowship Fund is to aid pastors and their families who are facing financial difficulties as follows:-

1. contributing to payment for medical supplies and equipment (e.g.: hearing aids)
2. giving small gifts to retired pastors, widows, students, and retired missionaries as thanks for faithful service
3. assisting pastors and students in attending events that allow them to build their skills in ministry.

Individual congregations are invited to support one or all of these categories. MacNeill will request that the money be used for medical supplies and equipment. Please consider giving a gift to the Fellowship Fund through your December Communion Offering.

International Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 20 is the annual day of remembering to honour transgendered people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence as a result of transphobia. This International Transgender Day of Remembrance has been observed annually since 1999 as a day to draw attention to the continued violence endured by transgender people in our world. On this day, as we honour the Reign of Christ, we pray that people will someday be free from persecution and oppression for being what they are born to be, free from shallow cultural norms and taboos.

We have in the Sanctuary today a photo of the Tree of Remembrance created by Shirley and Gwen Howarth, Brantford, and now sustained annually at the Brantford Public Library by the PRIDE network in Brant. This memorial contains the names of all



transgendered people dying by murder or suicide for the past year. There are 389 new names this year in North and South America. For more information, <https://www.glaad.org/tdor>

Community Carol Sing- Dec 3 at 2 pm at MacNeill

There will be music, hot cider and Christmas goodies.... And lots and lots of carol singing. Come one! Come all! Bring your friends and neighbours! Admission is canned goods/socks/mittens for Wesley.

Looking for Talent!!

Do you have a child or grandchild with musical talent? We are looking for MacNeill affiliated youth who might be able to be part of the entertainment for the Community Carol Sing on Dec 3. Please speak to Monica A. if you know of anyone.

Super Sock Sunday!!

Your Outreach Board thanks you for your generous support of our Super Sock Sunday! Mission Services was delighted to have our donation.

You will find an updated **MacNeill Directory** in the narthex.

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.

AV HELP!

We would love to have more people on our AV team. Don't worry, we will teach you what to do. Please see Bev L if you are interested.

Strata Vocal Ensemble Concert

You are invited on a musical tour of Europe with our concert "Postcards from Europe". Works by Bach, Fauré, Monteverdi and many others.

Sunday Nov 26 at 3 pm at MacNeill. Tickets \$25 available online (www.stratavocalensemble.ca) , from any chorister or cash at the door.

Prayer Requests

For **Marie**, Doug and Shirley W's sister-in-law, in hospital following a brain aneurism which necessitated surgery.

Lilly Grace is having gender affirming surgery tomorrow at 2 pm. Also, pray for her recovery, physically and emotionally, in the coming days.

We offer our prayers and condolences to **Candace and David J** at the passing of Candace's mother, **Margaret Willson**. We hold in prayer Granddaughter **Melissa C** and her sons **Griffyn and Tarryn Charnock**.

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

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.

Please pray for **Michael and Jonie**, MacNeill neighbours, as Jonie's cancer 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.