

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: Jessica

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.

541 Eatery & Exchange Reopening

541 Eatery & Exchange is a faith-based non-profit cafe offering good, health-conscious food in a folksy space where people can connect. Patrons may buy buttons to pay-it-forward, enabling those who cannot pay to enjoy the same good food and company. Outreach and Service have supported 541 for years. Last spring it became necessary for them to temporarily close in order to create an effective and sustainable model.

Now they are preparing to reopen and again provide good food and connection where folks from all walks of life can come together at the table. They are raising funds with a goal of \$75,000.

As part of the fundraising they're hosting a Holiday Market Reopening Celebration on Friday, December 8th from 3 pm until 9 pm where you can purchase lots of tasty 541 baked goods, hot beverages and some special gifts from a variety of local vendors and artisans. Members of the Outreach and Service gang are going and may be able to help with transportation. **If you would like to join us let Al, Beverly, Barbara, Ruby or Jean know.**

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.

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.

Super Sock Sunday!! THANKS!

Your Outreach and Service Team extends thanks to everyone who donated socks these past few weeks. Mission Services crew were delighted to receive **137 pairs**. They assure me, the socks will go to needy feet. We may be small, but we can make a big difference to someone's comfort.

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- TODAY!

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.