

# 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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Jan 7, 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:** Jennifer Nettleton preaching

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.

## **Offering Envelopes**

Offering envelopes are available today in the narthex. This year we ordered 30 sets of unnumbered weekly envelopes as every year we had to discard so many sets when we ordered 50 numbered sets. If you are giving cash, you will have to put your name on the envelope (or your old number if you have had one). Thank you for your continued generous support of MacNeill.

## **From Lynn and Bob**

Dear MacNeill family: we long to find a way to say “thank you” that is broad, deep and high enough....for the visits, the cards, the phone calls, the care package, the prayers from MacNeill; also support via our Production Crew which makes It possible for us to be with you in worship. Beneath all these various ‘means’ are your love, concern and hope which have moved, humbled and blessed us. Their healing impact will forever be remembered and cherished. Thank you!

Have a blessed Christmas, Bob and Lynn

## **Susan's sabbatical**

Susan will be on sabbatical from **January 1 to January 14** to attend to her Doctor of Ministry studies. In her absence Paula P will be planning worship for Sunday January 7 and Heather H will be planning worship for Sunday January 14. Pastoral Care will be covered by the Pastoral Care team (contact info is in the directory).

Jan 1-7: David Jones

Jan 8-14: Beverly Woods

## **Christmas Drive for Phoenix Place**

Your Outreach Board would like to thank you for your contributions to Phoenix place. The donated mitts, hats, and toiletries were delivered and were very much appreciated.

## **DOUBLE OUCH!!**

TWO of our furnaces have failed and need to be replaced at a cost of about \$5600 each. So ..... if you are feeling a wee bit like Santa and have a bit of cash to spare, please consider a contribution to the “**Building Repair Fund**”. Your generosity is much appreciated.



## Women of MacNeill

The Women of MacNeill will meet on **Saturday January 13/24 at 2:30** in the afternoon, in the church parlour, weather permitting. Program is The Great Canadian Bible Study. All are welcome.

## Offering E-transfer

We now have a **new way to donate** to support the life and work of MacNeill!! You can now send an e-transfer to the church. This avoids costly service charges. You can even set up a monthly recurring e-transfer from your bank account to make it even easier. The address is:

[donations@macneillbaptist.ca](mailto:donations@macneillbaptist.ca)

Offerings are still accepted by other means... cheques, cash, or Canada Helps (the donation link) on our website.... So this is just another option for you. Thank you Jon P for setting this up!!!

## Evening of Prayer for Christian Unity – Thursday January 18, 2024 (7PM)

There will be a special event planned by the Westdale ministries (St Paul's, Westdale, St C's and MacNeill) to gather for worship and prayer for Christian Unity, in response to the Canadian Council of Churches national initiative. It will take place in the Westdale Theatre. Guest preacher is Peter Noteboom, General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches.

## Prayer Requests

We offer prayers for **Baby Luca B** as she struggles toward good health with parents Wren and Jeremy B (son of Lynn and Bob). She is improving daily with the skilled support of her wonderful medical team.

**Jamie C's wife and daughter** (Liz's son) are struggling with health issues. **Tamara** is still suffering concussion headaches after a car accident and **Isla** (who is diabetic) is also dealing with hypersensitivity. The family just lost their beloved dog too. Please pray for them.

For Sandy P's daughter, **Yvonne** as she grieves the passing of her paternal Grandmother, June. And also to offer a prayer for Jim Crichton, husband of June.

For **Marie**, Doug and Shirley W's sister-in-law. Marie has experienced some recovery and the plan is for her to return home. Her family has expressed gratitude for our prayers.

**Lilly Grace** is grateful that her recovery from surgery is going well.

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

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

**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 are experiencing serious health issues.