

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

Jan 14, 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: David Jones 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.

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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.

Wonderful News!

After over three months in hospital Bob was discharged home on Wednesday Jan 10. We pray for continued strength and recovery, and assure Bob and Lynn of our ongoing loving support.

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.

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

Upcoming meetings

Annual Meeting- Feb 4 2024

Please submit your Board Annual Reports to Bev L by **January 26**

Council- April 17 2024

Semi-Annual Meeting- June 23 2024

Towards Susan's Ordination: Important date for the Congregational Diary: from The Deacons Board

Over the last two years, Susan has been assiduously pursuing her path to Ordination. The next step is around the corner. In discussion with The Gathering of Baptists, it is our understanding that it is the local congregation that ordains, and it is The Gathering that holds credentials.

All members of MacNeill are invited to a special congregational meeting scheduled for **Sunday February 25 at 2PM** in the sanctuary. At this meeting, Susan will describe her faith journey and present her statement of faith to the congregation. MacNeill Members will then be invited to vote on a two-part motion.

1. That the congregation of MacNeill supports requesting that Susan's credentials be placed with The Gathering of Baptists
2. That the congregation of MacNeill supports Susan's request for ordination and agrees that MacNeill can convene a Service of Ordination to take place in Spring 2024

Members of The Gathering of Baptists will be invited to this meeting in an observational (non-voting) role.

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

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!!!

Prayer Requests

Lilly Grace is at home recovering from a sinus infection and covid. She looks forward to seeing everyone very soon.

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.

Please pray for **Bob & Lynn B.** and their family. Bob has just returned home after a long hospital stay.

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.