

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 28, 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: Mike Wood Daly 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 made through e-transfer at donations@macneillbaptist.ca, or from the Donate Now link our website.

www.macneillbaptist.ca

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Snowy Footwear

Sandy would like to gently remind you to bring inside footwear on messy weather days so your boots can be removed at the door.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are available in the narthex for those who wish to have them. 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.

Upcoming meetings

Annual Meeting- Feb 4 2024

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

An email will be sent as soon as the
Annual Report is ready for pickup.

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.

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.

Psalm 111



Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
In the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are your works, O Lord,
Pondered by all who delight in them.
Majesty and splendour mark your deeds,
And your righteousness endures forever.

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You cause your wonders to be remembered:
You are gracious and full of compassion.
You give food to those who fear you,
Remembering forever your covenant.
You have shown your people the power of your works
In giving them the lands of the nations.

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The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
All of your precepts are sure.
They stand fast forever and ever,
Because they are done in truth and equity.
You sent redemption to your people and commanded your
covenant forever;
Holy and awesome is your name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
All who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.

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