



MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH

MAY 2023

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Invited for Supper

One of the highlights of this past month, for me, was attending the supper prepared for us by the Muslim community. The warmth of the welcome and the depth of the hospitality was lovely.

I particularly appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the Muslim faith and about the practices of Ramadan. As part our time together, we were invited to ask questions and it seems we were most curious about the practice of fasting; no food or drink from sunrise to sunset with only a few exceptions.

Some of us may remember the days when we were encouraged, during Lent, the 40 days before Easter, to enter into the spiritual practice of giving up something. We were encouraged to give up a pleasure in order to focus on the importance of our discipleship and our commitment to Jesus' Way. Some of us still give up a little something; coffee, chocolate, sweets. Giving up coffee or chocolate doesn't seem like much of a sacrifice or discipline when compared to our Muslim friends. They let go of eating and drinking everything for the entire day until sundown, for 29 or 30 days.

I had the privilege of sitting with Dr. Fatima Coovadia on the evening of the Supper and as she was preparing to break the fast, I asked her if she was hungry. Dr. Fatima said that during the Ramadan fast her body adjusted. Although she missed her morning tea, she was only able to eat a little bit of food when she broke fast but often would have more later. I was amazed to think that her spiritual practice actually changed her physiology.

Fatima's response got me thinking about my journey as a follower of Jesus. It's a pretty comfortable association in comparison.

If I understand the Ramadan fast correctly, its purpose is to help the follower become a better person and a better Muslim, more devoted to a life of faith.

Now I'm not suggesting that to be faithful we need to be uncomfortable or to change our very physiology. Perhaps when we are called to serve in a way that is a bit inconvenient or something tugs hard at our heart and makes us uncomfortable, we might pay attention to what God is showing us. Perhaps instead of avoiding the inconvenience and discomfort we might trust that we are being led to a deeper faith and a more vibrant discipleship.

I am grateful for the learnings of that evening of sharing in abundant food and good company. I am grateful to our Muslim siblings for their hospitality and the wisdom they shared with us. I am also grateful to Claudia, our Assistant Office Administrator for working through the details so that this important event could take place.

Debra

If you would like to write the front page for June – deadline May 21 - please let Debra know.



OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES

Holding you gently in prayer...

All who have experienced grief & loss in its many forms

The family and friends of Ronald Wallace

The family and friends of Lauren Jarvis; her father David Jarvis, her mother Diana Medve; her sister Brooklyn Donsberger and her Uncle Cal McCarthy.

The family and friends of Jason Richards; his partner Young Seo and son Lincoln, his parents Bruce & Marg Richards, and his sister Tracy and family.



Ministry & Personnel Reviews

It's that time of year again, when the Ministry & Personnel Committee reaches out to our McClure Church community to ask for your feedback regarding Debra's ministry over the past year. We are also looking for feedback regarding our church office personnel. Please contact Gaylene Gorniak, M & P Committee Chair, at: mggorniak@shaw.ca by Friday, May 26th with any comments you might have about how our minister and church office personnel have supported individuals, families, or groups/committees over the past year. Comments will be kept anonymous and confidential. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you!
Gaylene Gorniak, Chair
Ministry & Personnel Committee

McClure has been approved for a **Canada Summer Jobs Grant** through MP Kevin Waugh's office.

We have been approved for **two positions**.

The Faith Development and M & P Committee will be working together
r to fill these two positions as soon as possible. ... Gaylene Gorniak



Photo Directory

Sheila Krueger and Diane Hogg have agreed to coordinate the new McClure photo directory.

The Photographer has been contacted and so we will be ready for photo taking in late August and the end of September. Please mark you calendar.

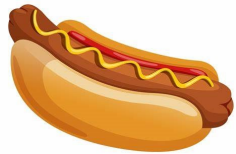
PUZZLE AND BOOK SALE, CRAFT SALE



Thank you to everyone who in any way helped with the book, puzzle and craft sale by donating, buying, setting up and taking down. Saturday afternoon went so well because of the people who turned up to pack and haul boxes.

The profit realized was \$7340.65
(approximately \$2000 more than last year.)
Marlene Kells & Sandy Hoenecke

**A big thank you to
Sandy and Marlene**



"Camp Sunday" Hot Dog Lunch

Camp Sunday was a huge success! Reminiscing about camp, singing camp songs, and feeling the joy that camp brings to so many – it sparked the desire for us to gather once again to enjoy a hot dog lunch in the dining room. Through the generosity of so many we raised \$965.70 for Camp Tapawingo! The Camp Tapawingo leaders and campers in attendance truly appreciated McClure's efforts to support the camp.

Soul Music Encore

A retreat to reclaim your creative power through music

Saturday May 6

10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Cost: \$75 - includes lunch

A workshop offered at

QUEEN'S HOUSE OF RETREAT

in the Main Chapel

Registration deadline: **May 4**



This workshop will be offered with a minimum of 8 and maximum of 25 participants.

For More information: <https://www.queenshouse.org/programs/>

Stephanie Tillman is a life-long lover of music, ancient spiritual and wisdom traditions, and science. Alongside her career as a soil scientist, she has been a member of numerous music ensembles and worked as a choir director, vocal coach, accompanist, worship leader, music director and arts coordinator. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance, a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, and a Master of Science of Agriculture. (also, a sister of our very own Celeste Delahey)

STAYING CONNECTED

Youth

Saskatoon United Churches Youth Ministry
Youth - Grades 6-12

Fun activities + Social connection + Faith conversation.

Meet once a week with other youth from across the city.

Schedule Each Month

1st week - Tuesday – 7-9pm – St. Martin's

2nd week - THURSDAY – 7-9pm – Mayfair

3rd week - Tuesday 7-9pm – McClure

4th week – Tuesday 7-9pm – St. Paul's

Questions: Please contact the new Saskatoon Youth Coordinator:

Kyle Feader

kyle@yxeyouthunited.ca

306-361-2759

Facebook page coming soon.

The McClure Faith Development committee is currently working on a job description for a McClure youth leader for our own youth for Sunday morning connection. *Stay tuned.*

Nursery

If you are a parent with an infant or toddler, please know you are welcome in the worship space. A little noise is understood and just fine. If you need to use the nursery space, please make yourself at home and turn on the speaker (black button on the wall) so you can continue to hear the service.

Please communicate your needs to Debra.



Young Adults

Thanks to a member of our Faith Development Committee, a small group of young adults got together for supper. Plans are in place for another Young Adult gathering in the Fall.

Family Ministry

I am grateful to Eden Polischuk who provides something fun and creative each Sunday for the kids who attend church. Please join Eden Sunday at 10am.

If you have any questions please call Debra.

Women and Men's Gathering

A fine group of men and a good group of women are gathering for conversation and connection. Men meet in the Craft Room and Women meet in the Music Room; both spaces allow for good spacing and comfort.

The two groups will gather on the **third Saturday of the month at 8am.**

Everyone is welcome.

NEXT GATHERING: May 27th

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteerism: Alive and Well at McClure

McClure Folks are the best. Have you seen all the volunteering going on lately?

Look at the Easter services, the Book and Puzzle sale, the Hot Dog lunch, --all wonderful examples of McClure volunteers stepping up to help organize and participate in events that we have missed in our time getting through the Pandemic.

Did you know we have 2 terrific volunteers who will begin the process of planning the next Directory in the Fall? And we have the "Magnificent Seven" who have volunteered to begin the search for our new half time minister. All in All, we are going forward with confidence and strength.

A few of the committees have vacancies, and it is the time of year we begin to search for new volunteers to fill those vacancies. So, if someone calls you and asks if you could help out somewhere, remember that our church needs a little of your time.

Join the great group of McClure folks and Volunteer!!!

Volunteer Painting Coordinator

The property committee is looking for someone who would be interested in **helping to organize some volunteer painting sessions** this spring.

For more information, please contact Bryan
(306) 220-1530 or bryanhamp@gmail.com



TECH TEAM

still needs help please!

We have had some technical issues. Our core team is working with professionals to get them fixed and we are almost there. Now is the perfect time to think about helping in the sound booth. We need folks to do the easy and routine sound management of Sunday morning operations.

Stop by the tech booth after church on Sunday and check out what goes on.

We need two or three more volunteers so sound management will come around only once a month for each volunteer.

Call Debra if you can help.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

THE LIGHTHOUSE INFORMATION

Did You Know?

Despite the changes at the Lighthouse, support and programming is continuing for the people who reside there.

In the Independent Tower there are approximately 60-70 residents.

In the Supported Tower there are approximately 60 people including those who are being supported in one of the following three programs:

MAP (Managed Alcohol Program) - 8 participants

Complex Needs Program - 16 participants

Compass Program (supports people with alcohol/drug issues) - 5 participants

Those involved in the three programs are long term as are the residential clients, so the number of people supported are quite stable.

The Lighthouse is still accepting donations of:

- Clothing - all types of adult clothing including socks, undergarments, pants, tops, sweaters, jackets and hats.
- Bedding - sheets (all sizes from twin to queen, pillowcases, quilts, blankets)
- Non- perishable food

Please drop off all donations at The Lighthouse. Thank you
Outreach Committee



FILL THE BIN

In the past McClure participated in a City-Wide Food Bank Drive in May. Since Covid this has not happened. This drive was always a time to fill the Food Bank with food enough to get them through until the fall. We are no longer doing this, but the need is even greater than it was at that time.

The Outreach Committee would like to designate May as Food Bank month and would love to fill the bin to overflowing. So, when you buy groceries in May think of buying a little extra for others and bring it to the church any Sunday in May. Some items most needed are: baby food, canned meat or fish, canned vegetables, canned beans or whole grain cereal and pasta.

Money is also good. So, if you wish to donate cash instead, write a cheque to McClure United Church, or do an e-transfer and make sure that you designate it for the Food Bank. Thanks everyone.

Let's See What We Can Do!



Camp Tapawingo

at Candle Lake, SK

Weekly summer camps for youth ages 7 – 16.

Camper Registration is now open!

For more details, visit:

www.camptapawingo.net



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The Moss Bag



You may have noticed that the Moss Bag that was spoken about last edition of the newsletter has been removed. Turns out, I did not have the story of how we came to be in possession of the bag correct. I am investigating as to what to do next in consultation with the Treaty Commission. I will keep you informed Debra

MCCLURE PLACE



MCCLURE PLACE ASSOCIATION INC. AND MCCLURE PLACE FOUNDATION INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meetings of McClure Place Association Inc. and McClure Place Foundation Inc. will take place as follows:

Date: June 4, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. (immediately following church service)

Place: Church sanctuary

All members and adherents of McClure United Church are invited to attend this meeting as voting members. Guests are also welcome to attend.

Aside from the usual reports from the Board and related committees, and the Executive Director, there will be the receipt of the audited financial statements and a recommendation of the auditor to be appointed for the upcoming year.

There will be three standard motions brought before the assembly (financial statements for each of MPAl and MPFI, recommendation of auditor) and one other motion that is for an operational decision that the Board feels needs membership approval. All of the meeting details, including the motions, are contained in the annual reports that will be available on or before May 14 at the offices of both McClure Place and McClure Church. The annual reports



MCCLURE PLACE

"THE BIG SHRED"

Confidentially shred your Papers that are taking up space,

**MAY
6th**

The Big Shred! Join us on Saturday, May 6 from 9 am - 12 noon This is your chance to quickly shred all those old bank and utility statements, tax returns (2012 and earlier), files, notes, outdated documents, books, magazines, etc. The team including our partner, *Shred-it* (who donate their service to this project), will promptly shred your documents in the Church parking lot. In this way, you are helping prevent personal identity theft. Watch as volunteers place your private, personal or confidential paper into the Shred-it company truck's shredder! The service is by donation (suggested \$10 per box, or \$5 per shopping bag) to assist the McClure Place Foundation in upgrading health services and well-being at Amy McClure House.

Help yourself and your family declutter by getting rid of that unwanted yet personal material!

McClure Place Happenings

"To enrich the lives of McClure Place Residents by providing support and service"

At McClure Place we all are waiting patiently for spring to arrive and there has been some signs that it is actually coming, but as I write this it is SNOWING! I look out the window and it is all white, but we live in hope and know it will eventually arrive.

The usual activities have been happening and some seasonal activities as well. A number of us attended the Lenten Lunches that the Church sponsored and enjoyed the speakers that led us through a short worship time. We also enjoyed an Easter Banquet as well as Spring Brunch offer by the Kitchen Staff that was well attended. Feed us and we will come!

Spring has also arrived on the 9th Floor where there is a display of Gordon Taylor's beautiful spring and summer pictures.

The City of Saskatoon Archivist Jeff O'Brien gave a presentation on "Saskatoon in the Jazz Age". As well there was a presentation on Islam by Clayton Beish. We also had a SSCL Class on Islam and many from McClure Place attended the Ramadan supper that was held at the Church. All were made to feel welcome and delicious food was served at the end on their fasting time.

A number of folks attended the Solstice Concert at Grosvenor United Church and enjoyed it immensely. It is good to have the Van to take us to these events and we appreciate the volunteer drivers who give their time to take us.

We are saying goodbye to 2 staff members Lorne and our Recreation Director, Olivia. We wish them both well as they leave us to go on to different challenges. I have appreciated working with Olivia so much. She is kind, efficient and does her job so well.

We continue with our Movie nights seeing movies like "Hamilton" and "A Man Called Otto". Folks participated in the Globe Walk and total number a Kilometers for the 35 people was 2,449. Excellent work!

In the future there is a visit to the Nutana Collegiate Memorial Art Gallery and the Wire and Woods Concert at Bethany Manor. Curling is over with the winners have been announced and gardening is about to begin if the snow ever stops. We will see what the future holds!

Darlene Goodwillie

BACK PAGE

Got important info for the McClure UC Newsletter? Feedback? Ideas?

Please e-mail any newsletter submissions, suggestions & feedback to

Sheila Krueger – Editor

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**June Newsletter Deadline:
Sunday, May 21, 2023**

Newsletter Format Options:

Our monthly newsletter is available at the church website & it's also e-mailed directly to everyone on the e-mail list.

But, if you prefer to receive a paper copy **or** you need to update your e-mail/contact info, please contact the office at:

306-373-1753 or mcclureunitedchurch@shaw.ca

Passionate about the work, ministry & mission of the wider United Church of Canada?

Please check out these links for news & updates:

UCC National Newsletters:

<https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>

UCC Mission & Service: <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/get-involved/generosity-through-mission-and-service>

To support of the Life and Work of the Church financially:

- **Pre-Authorized Remittance PAR** can be set up by calling the office 306-373-1753.
- **E- transfers** are welcome by contacting donations@mcclureunitedchurch.org
- Donations can be made through the website using Canada Help -go to the webpage and click on the donate button. (Note: Canada Help takes a fee and therefore McClure does not get 100% of your donation if you use this method)

Envelopes are available through the Church office 306-373-1753

Did you know?

All Worship services are available at McClure's YouTube Channel:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCTKNODhUdibWig5etzKmv8w

Printed copies of sermons are available at:

<http://mcclureunitedchurch.org/sermons>



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May 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4pm Forever in Motion	2 7:00 Outreach 7:00 Sacred Sounds AGM Reports Due	3 9:30 Congreg Care 7:30 The Choir	4 10:30 MP Choristers 1:30 Quilting Group 4:00 Forever in Motion 7:00 Sacred Sounds	5	6 THE BIG SHRED 9am - Noon
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