



MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 2023

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Every now and then something comes across my Facebook feed that causes me to pause. The other day I read: "We do not work hard so we can rest but rather we rest so that we can do the work with energy."

I must admit I'm someone who sees rest as a reward for working hard. (I also see food that way, but that is a whole other front-page reflection.) Seems to me that to understand rest as the time to, gather strength so that the work can be done with good energy and good spirit, is helpful as we move into the slower days of summer.

Jesus seemed to have lived by this metric of resting so that he could do his ministry with energy and depth of spirit. Several times the Biblical story tells us that, just before things got busy or difficult for Jesus, he took time, away from the bustling crowds to be by himself, often to pray.

As summer holidays approach I find myself feeling rather tired. I am looking forward to a time to rest and recover and I am also hopeful that the rest will gift me the energy and spiritual depth to embrace the Fall.

My hunch is that many of the Board and Committee members of our Church are looking forward to some well-deserved rest and also some refreshment so that they too can embrace the ministry that will be called from them in the Fall.

Perhaps you too, are tired. Making all the adjustments that the pandemic called out of you. Figuring out how to once again enter into community with balance, revaluating work life, and caring for the varied needs of family has been exhausting. We could all use a rest. I pray that you might come through this summer you might find rest and renewed energy for what the future holds

As the McClure, Community of Faith we have so much planned for the Fall and many hands are need to work together.

As summer refreshes your soul and your energy levels rise know that your Church family needs your heart, and your hands and feet so that together we might continue to be a place of vibrant worship, of radical welcome, healing and belonging. A place that feeds the hungry, stands with the marginalized and houses refugees. A place where we learn and stumble and open our hearts together as followers of Jesus Way.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

Take care,
Debra

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES

Holding you gently in prayer...

All who have experienced grief & loss in its many forms.

Eileen and Doug Marshall on the death of their grandson Daniel Dasiuk.

Carolyn Oleniuk on the death of her husband Fred Oleniuk

Family and friends of Fred Oleniuk



**You are invited
to attend
McClure United Church
Annual General Meeting**

June 11, 2023
11:15 after Sunday Worship

The Annual Report will be
available in the lobby.

McClure's Photo Directory 2023

August 22-26 Tuesday – Saturday

Sept 19-23 Tuesday – Saturday

Sept 26-30 Tuesday - Saturday

Times:

1:30 – 9:30 weekdays

9:30 – 4:30 Saturdays



HOW TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT

1.ONLINE:

The link to your booking page is on the site www.ipcphoto.ca
Please click on the appointment button (password: myphoto)
and then on your church link. It will take you to the online
scheduling page.

2. PHONE:

you can phone Sheila Krueger at 306-374-7506

OR Diane Hogg at 306-343-1647

- There is 1 photo session
- <Everything happens at the same appointment
 - picture taking,
 - choose a photo for the book and
 - ordering photos if you want...
- There is absolutely no obligation to purchase photos
- Every family that gets their photo taken will automatically receive a directory for free



SUMMERVGREETERS As usual, there will be **NO** assigned greeters for the summer.

If you arrive early, please step up and be a greeter at either door.

Many thanks for your support in making all welcome.



GREETERS Many thanks to the faithful volunteers that have stepped up to be greeters the past several months. There are still a few spots in June to be filled. The guidelines are attached to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway if you are new to this and would like to give it a try.

Over the summer months most everyone's schedule is unknown, so we are just asking those that arrive early if they could be the smiling face at the door and welcome people as they arrive.

Thanks

Thank you

Many thanks to everyone who supported the
McClure quilt group's fabric bag sale
at the
Book Sale on April 22.

We raised \$175.00 to help us continue with our quilting projects.

McClure you have done it again! We have filled two food bank bins so far in May.
Thank you to all who donated to the **Mini Food Bank Drive** in the way of food or money.

Keep up the good work. Thanks to you many may have a happier and healthier summer.

Summer Reading List 2023

Sandy Hoenecke



Here are the books I have really enjoyed over the past year. All of these I have rated at least 4/5. Check a summary on Amazon or Google to see if any might appeal to you

General Fiction

My Oxford Year- Julia Whelan
The Falling Woman- Richard Farrell
The Dictionary of Lost Words- Pip Williams
The No-Show- Beth O'Leary
Welcome to the School by the Sea- Jenny Colgan (#1)
This is How It Always Is- Laurie Frankel
The Echo Chamber- John Boyne
The Daughters of Foxcote Manor- Eve Chase
Book Lovers- Emily Henry
The School for Good Mothers- Jessamine Chan
Adult Assembly Required- Abbi Waxman
Bloomsbury Girls- Nathalie Jenner
Reputation- Sarah Vaughan
Lessons in Chemistry- Bonnie Garmus
The Diamond Eye- Kate Quinn
After the End- Clare Mackintosh
Ragged Company- Richard Wagamese
The Testament of Mary- Colm Toibin
28 Summers- Elin Hilderbrand
A Greyhound of a Girl- Roddy Doyle
The Rose Code- Kate Quinn
The Lost Ticket- Freya Sampson
The Last House on the Street- Diane Chamberlain
The Rewind- Allison Winn Scotch
We Are Not Like Them- Christine Pride
The Light Over London- Julia Kelly
Evvie Drake Starts Over- Linda Holmes
A Million June- Emily Henry
Wishin and Hopin- Wally Lamb
Nothing but the Truth- Holly James
The Man I Never Met- Elle Cook

Mystery/Thriller

One for Sorrow- Helen Fields- #7
The Lies I Tell- Julie Clark
The Heights- Louise Candlish
One By One- Ruth Ware
Pretty Little Wife- Darby Kane
The Dark Hours- Michael Connelly (#25)
The Survivors- Jane Harper
Hope to Die- Cara Hunter (#6)
A World of Curiosities- Louise Penny (#18)
The Last Party- Clare Mackintosh

Different or Fantasy or Young Adult

The Rehearsals- Annette Christie
A Rip Through Time- Kelley Armstrong
This Time Tomorrow- Emma Staub
The Chalk Pit- Elly Griffiths (#9)
A Murder in Time- Julie McElwain
The Girl Who Drank the Moon- Kelly Burnhill
The Book of Lost Things- John Connolly
Once Upon a Broken Heart- Stephanie Garber (#1)
The Ballad of Never After- Stephanie Garber (#2)
The Change- Kirsten Miller
The Measure- Nikki Erlick
Flawed- Cecelia Ahern (#1)
The Little Shop of Found Things- Paula Brackston (#1)
I'll Stop the World- Lauren Thoman

Non-Fiction

Memorial Drive- Natasha Trethewey
Searching for Sunday- Rachel Held Evans
Not My Father's Son- Alan Cumming
These Precious Days- Ann Patchett
Talking to Strangers- Malcolm Gladwell
Before and After- Lisa Wingate
How to Be an Anti-Racist- Ibram Kendi
I'm Glad My Mom Died- Jeanette McCurdy

STAYING CONNECTED

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.

Young Adult

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.

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.

Grade 2 Bibles -

We have not forgotten our amazing Grade 2 students however we do not have a list of eligible students so please contact Debra at:

debra.b@shaw.ca

if your family has someone who is currently in grade two or will be in grade two in the Fall.

We will have a special service of recognition in October.

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

Check out the New Facebook Page: **Saskatoon and Area United Church Youth Ministry**

Questions:

Please contact the new Saskatoon Youth Coordinator:

Kyle Feader 306-361-2759

kyle@yxeyouthunited.ca

*****McClure Youth** the Faith Development committee is currently fine tuning a job description for a McClure youth leader for our own youth for Sunday morning connection. If you have suggestions, please pass them along to Debra.

Women and Men's Gathering

These two gatherings provide opportunities for deep connection, interesting conversation and loads of fun. Thank you to all who took on leadership roles this past season. **We will be back in the Fall.**



Summer Staff:

McClure has been approved for a Canada Summer Jobs Grant through MP Kevin Waugh's office. We have been approved for two positions.

McClure is excited to welcome back Eden Polischuk for another summer and Adam Brookman will be joining us at the beginning of July!

Welcome Eden and Adam!

So Happy

Behind the scenes: Are you looking to expand your resume? Or interested in the behind the scenes of Church weekly programming?

We have a spot for you!

We are looking for someone to help with the weekly set up of the Church service for the live stream and Rural Connect.

It's a shared role and 1-2 hours per month. No experience necessary, instructions and training provided. Please contact the office if interested or if you have questions.

Worship Tech Team – still needs help please!

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.

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



OUTREACH COMMITTEE



Polish Up Those Dancing Boots Over the Summer!!



Does October 13 seem like a long way away?? Well, you have time to get your dancing boots ready because

McClure's Family Dance returns on Friday October 13.

It will be a Harvest theme, so cowboy hats and plaid are welcome! Suspenders too, if you must!!! 😊

Once again as part of the Dance activities, we are providing an opportunity for people (individuals or groups) to put on their thinking caps to create **themed baskets**, to be part of a silent auction.

So, if you see some deals for your basket items over the summer, pick them up. October 13th is not that far away!!

If you want to help with organizing the Dance let the Outreach team or the church office know **and we'll call you pardner!!!!**

Our last Dance was in 2020, just days before Covid shut down. So, let's look forward to a return of the fun. More information to follow in the Fall!!!!

"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.

We thank Saskatoon Coop for the very generous donation of all we needed to make this such a successful fundraiser. A special thank you to Linda who cooked the hotdogs for us and a big thank you to all who supported the hot dog lunch! It feels so good to be able to enjoy these special gatherings after the limits placed on us for several years due to a pandemic.

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 will also be placed on the McClure Place website (www.mcclureplace.ca).

"THE BIG SHRED"

Confidentially shred your Papers that are taking up space.

The McClure Place Foundation Big Shred event, which took place on May 6, 2023, resulted in a total of \$11,202. being raised and just under 500 patrons being served. In so many ways, it was another amazing success of this fundraising event. The success of the Big Shred is due to several people and/or organizations, who deserve a big vote of thanks, including:

- Les Ferguson, a member of this congregation, has provided excellent organizational leadership for this event for each time it has been offered as he did again this year. Thank you, Les.
 - The shredding company, Shred-it, provided four shredding trucks plus another truck as well as about eight staff members to run the shredding operation. And all of this contribution was 100% donated to us! Thank you, Shred-it!
 - This year, we had three McClure Place staff, eight of ten Board members, plus about six other McClure folks assist with the operation of the event. I can say that it was one of the most fun, slick operations for which I have had occasion to be a part. Thank you to our team!
- Folks, please start collecting your confidential shreddables for next year's Big Shred!

MCCLURE PLACE RESIDENTS

McClure Place Happenings -May 2022

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

It is so good to look outside and see that all remnants of snow are gone and that there is green grass and the trees are all leafing out. It has made such a difference in our lives as we can sit outside and chat or go for walks often with our walking sticks.

We are busy with the usual activities and have enjoyed a number of events. Some of us attended the Wire and Wood concert at Bethany Manor. Alf was kind enough to drive the McClure Bus and the concert was fabulous. It included music from South America that had our toes tapping. Thanks go to Bethany for inviting us to come.

Thanks to Shred-It, McClure Place raised \$11,200 from the event. Shred-It brought four trucks with their eight staff and then people in their cars were lined up around the block to have their paper shredded. There was a number of people dropping off at the church as well. Along with the Shred-It staff we had 3 staff members from McClure Place helping as well as 8-10 Board Members and a dozen church volunteers. Many of us had been saving paper for 2 years because of Covid 19 so it was so good to get rid of it. Thanks to all for a successful event especially Les Ferguson who organized it and Wayne Peg from Shred-it.

Many of us had Booster Shots for Covid on My 9th and 10th. I never enjoy this but it is a necessary evil. Thank you to Nurse Nicole for organizing this and to the pharmacist who came to McClure to give them to us.

We said farewell and a HUGE thanks you to Olivia and Lorne from our staff who are moving on to other endeavours. I personally want to thank Olivia, our Recreation Director for a number of years, for all her help in planning the Newcomer Event. It was always fun to work with her and she always did a great job.

We had a special Mothers' Day Supper on May 14 where folks were welcome to invite their families and enjoy a bountiful supper with turkey and ham. I heard that all the mothers received a beautiful rose.

For their final program of the season, the McClure Choristers presented a choral tribute to the Commonwealth on the coronation of King George III. Anthems were sung from the countries of England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Australia and some fun music from each like Waltzing Matilda. Sheila Krueger talked about her family coming to Canada from Wales and said some words to us in Welsh. We started off with "O Canada" and ended the program with "God Save the King". The Choristers finished off their final performance with lunch at Mr. Ribs. Thanks to Shirley who leads us and plans all our programs and Elin who covers for Shirley when she is away. Thanks to Lily and Carl who do all the organization and plan our lunch each year.

Darlene Goodwillie

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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

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306-373-1753 or mcclureunitedchurch@shaw.ca

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

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

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**Summer Newsletter
Deadline:**

Sunday, June 18, 2023



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 4pm Forever in Motion 7pm Sacred Sounds 7pm M&P Committee	2	3
4 10:00am Worship Service & Rainbow Village 11:15am McClure Place AGM	5 4pm Forever in Motion	6 7pm Outreach	7 11am Congregational Care	8 4pm Forever in Motion 7pm Sacred Sounds	9	10 4:30pm Pride Family Barbecue Massy Park
11 10:00am Worship Service & Rainbow Village 11:15am McClure Church AGM	12 4pm Forever in Motion	13 7pm Property	14 7:30pm Senior Choir	15 4pm Forever in Motion 7pm Sacred Sounds	16	17 1pm Pride Parade 
18 10:00am Worship Service & Rainbow Village Newsletter Deadline	19 4pm Forever in Motion	20 7pm Worship Committee	21 7:30pm Senior Choir	22 4pm Forever in Motion 7pm Sacred Sounds	23	24
25 10:00am Worship Service & Rainbow Village Communion	26 4pm Forever in Motion	27 7pm Board Meeting	28	29 4pm Forever in Motion 7pm Sacred Sounds		

-Painting of Sanctuary-