



# MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024

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## LET US BORROW FROM JESUS' LIFE



"I think we can safely say that Jesus was a borrower.

Jesus arrives in Jerusalem Palm Sunday on a borrowed donkey.  
Jesus was born in a borrowed place and laid in a borrowed manger.

As Jesus traveled, he had no place of his own to spend the night.  
Jesus ate his final meal in a borrowed room. He was crucified on a borrowed cross, wearing a borrowed crown that jokers stuck upon his head. And when he died, they placed his body in a borrowed tomb.

Jesus was a borrower.

Have you ever considered how remarkable this is?

Jesus didn't own very much-just the tunic on his body and the sandals on his feet. After he was arrested and condemned, the soldiers tossed dice to see who would take his clothing.

There is a beauty to simplicity of not owning much and needing very little. In some ways older age invites simplicity. We spend the first half of our lives accumulating things and the second half downsizing. And life which was full of activity and schedules is replaced with a simpler routine. I'm not saying life is diminished but rather life is less cluttered with less distractions.

There was one thing that Jesus did possess in abundance which was a deep love for God's people. His love was not a hovering, needy love, but rather a generous unconditional love. I think that is what God continues to ask of us.

**Let us borrow from Jesus' life and love extravagantly.**

Happy Easter Season!

Debra



## MCCLURE WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY

On **Sat. April 13** come be part of a day of an intergenerational women's day of fellowship and fun. All women of all ages are welcome! Bring a friend, your granddaughter, your neighbor, your friend from that church committee or the one you sit with each Sunday morning.

Enjoy brunch, inspirational speakers and activities that will help you reflect, relax and laugh!

Tickets will be on sale by calling Carol 306-933-4568

# IN LOVING SYMPATHY

Holding you gently in prayer...

All who have experienced grief & loss in its many forms

♥ Jim & Sheila Krueger on the death of Jim's brother Bill Krueger



## Covenant with Holy Spirit

Our covenant with Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Parish is a precious gift.

This covenant needs care and nurture.

If you are someone who would like to join with our partners  
three to four times a year for conversation and event planning  
you would be welcome to a gathering

**April 10 at 1:30 pm  
here at McClure.**



## Congratulations Mayfair United Church



on becoming an Affirming Ministry of the United Church.  
Celebration April 14 at 1:00pm



# BOOK and PUZZLE SALE

Saturday, April 27, 2024.

8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Please bring your own bags

Sanctuary: PUZZLES, Games, Records, DVDs, CDs

Multipurpose Room: BOOKS

As always, we rely on your donations to make this a successful sale.

Books/puzzles etc. may be dropped off at the church April 21- noon April 26

**PLEASE, NO: textbooks, National Geographic, atlases, dictionaries, computer books, Readers' Digest encyclopedias of any kind, magazines.**

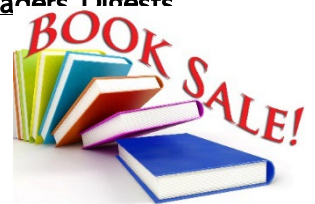
**Volunteer sign-up sheets** will be available April 07, April 14, April 21 at church.

Please consider helping. We cannot have a successful sale without you.

Contacts: If you are unsure of what we prefer in the way of donations, please contact:

Sandy Hoenecke 306-374-5012 (rhoenecke@sasktel.net)

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**McClure Players production of Mary Poppins** was a huge success this past March. Over 60 people volunteered their time for this event and over 700 people came into the church to our production where the Banks family was brought back into relationship with each other through the help of Mary Poppins.

There was a good mix of people from McClure both on and off the stage, as well as people from the community who shared their time and talents. This production is so much more than a production on the stage. People get a chance to try their hands at new skills, make lifelong friends, share their passion for music and acting, or enjoy a delish meal while visiting with friends, both old and new. Grade 1 and up are welcome in our shows and we encourage you to join us next year, whether you try acting and singing on stage, building and painting sets, creating and finding props, sewing costumes, taking tickets, or setting up chairs and tables. We are happy to have you! Stayed tuned for an announcement about next year's show!

Kristie Elliott, artistic director

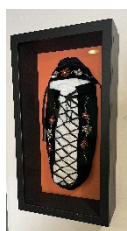
Elaine Reinhart,  
production manager



## Did you Know?

### What happened to the Moss Bag?

Last week someone asked me about the beautiful Indigenous Moss bag that we talked about in church awhile back. As you know I found the moss bag in Laura's office after she left. Laura told me that, shortly after the first unmarked graves of Indigenous children had been found on the sight of a residential school, a woman dropped the bag off at the church. I assumed that an Indigenous woman had gifted the bag to the church however I was wrong. The bag had been dropped off by a non-indigenous woman.



So, it was not a gift but rather a surrender of an artifact.

Thank you to Carol Claypool who had the Moss Bag carefully preserved. We have **turned it over the Office of the Treaty Commission** who will return it to the Indigenous community or use it for educational purposes. Debra



**REMINDER:** Please sign up to be a Sunday candle lighter.

The sheet is on the bulletin board and there are lots of opportunities.





## Camp Sunday

Did you love Camp Sunday last year???

Well, its coming back!  
Mark your calendars for

**Sunday April 28.**

Camp songs, chants, prayers, maybe  
even dig out your favourite camp hat!!!

After the service,

Outreach will host a **Hot Dog  
fundraiser for beautiful Camp  
Tapawingo, on Candle Lake.**

There will be a candy station too!!  
Hmmm!

Can you almost smell the camp fire?



Please consider supporting the Outdoor  
Children's Ministry at Candle Lake,  
**United Church Camp Tapawingo**



Donate on our website or check out our wish list  
page for items we could use:

[www.camptapawingo.net](http://www.camptapawingo.net)

**SAVE THE DATES:**

Sun. April 28, McClure Church Camp Sunday Service

Sat. May 25 Camp Cleanup/

Sun. May 26 Camp Sunday \*at Camp with potluck to  
follow, all are welcome!!

(Contact Terry at [info@camptapawingo.net](mailto:info@camptapawingo.net) about  
donating items or attending camp cleanup and camp  
Sunday)



### **AMY MCCLURE HOUSE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

As many of you know, we have a group of volunteers that **help serve breakfast at Amy's at 7:30 each morning.**

This is our opportunity to let those who once were active in our church know that we care about them.

We are in need of more volunteers. Please give this worthwhile project some prayerful thought.

If this is something that you feel called to do, we would love to have you join us. You would not be on your own until you are comfortable in doing so. Let me warn you, once you have a chance to spend time with the wonderful folks at Amy's you will be hooked.

If you are interested, please call Carol Claypool at 306-664-2285 or email at [cclpool@sasktel.net](mailto:cclpool@sasktel.net).

# STAYING CONNECTED

## Women and Men's Gathering

These two gatherings provide opportunities for deep connection, interesting conversation and loads of fun.

April 20 – 8:00 am

Next gatherings:  
May 25 - June 15

## FAMILY MINISTRY

We are so blessed to have Eden Polischuk providing a fun and creative ministry for kids Sunday mornings.

Please join Eden Sunday at 10am.

If you have any questions, please call Debra.

## Milestone Moments are now on the McClure website under media and resources.

### FAMILY MINISTRY

Milestone Moments is a new resource to help Parents and Grandparents nurture the spiritual life of children. Milestone moments are short, 5min. moments that encourage a thoughtful conversation, a word about God, a possible act of service and a prayer.

April's moment is under construction and will be posted soon.

Keep an eye on the website.

For more information contact Debra.



## Saskatoon United Churches Youth Ministry

Youth - Grades 6-12

Fun activities + Social connection + Faith conversation.

Questions:

Please contact the new Saskatoon Youth Coordinator:  
Kyle Feader 306-361-2759

[kyle@yxeyouthunited.ca](mailto:kyle@yxeyouthunited.ca)

## Nursery

I love the sound of baby gurgles Sunday morning. 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. Our Nursery is open for you if you need it. Please feel free to bring toys into the lobby area so you can hear and still be part of the service.

## Bicycles Wanted . . .

I restore bikes (adjust, lubricate, repair, clean) and donate them to helping Saskatoon agencies . . . who give them to kids and adults who need bikes. Helmets and locks/cables are needed also. In the past three years, 250 bikes have been distributed to new owners. Please reply if you have a bike(s) that you no longer use, or if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Les Ferguson 306-715-6330

105 Sparling Cr.

# "THE BIG SHRED"

Confidentially shred your Papers that are taking up space.

May 4

The BIG SHRED is back! On Saturday May 4 the Church and McClure Place, in collaboration with Shred-it Mobile Shredding and Recycling, will be hosting another confidential shredding event. We are looking for volunteers to work the event from approximately 8:00 AM to noon on May 4. All those interested should email Jim Gillis at [jimgillis@sasktel.net](mailto:jimgillis@sasktel.net), or phone him at (306) 270-5541.

All fund raised will support the important work of the McClure Place Foundation. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Jim Gillis, Chair, Resource Development Committee,  
McClure Place Association Inc.

## MCCLURE PLACE RESIDENTS

### McClure Place Happenings

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

Welcome to Spring: longer daylight hours, more sunshine, Easter lilies and Easter bunnies. A list of raised garden beds for 2024 season is posted on the bulletin board by the nurse's office.

We celebrated Leap Year on February 29<sup>th</sup> with an afternoon coffee social and miniature sweet tarts, served by Pharmacy student volunteers. On March 13<sup>th</sup>, a brunch of waffles and sausages was hosted by the kitchen and served to residents who had signed up. Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> was Pie Day. McClure Church treated us to tasty lemon & raisin tarts, serve by Reverend Debra & her helpers.

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day. Most residents wore a green hat or green shirt to add to the fun. Cookies with green icing were served with our tea/coffee. Then we moved into the sanctuary for a delightful Irish concert by the McClure Choristers, led by Shirley Blackburn. Between renditions of Irish songs, Joan Brown with her lovely Irish accent, read Irish Blessings and a brief history of Ireland.

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, our Easter Banquet prepared by the kitchen staff was delicious. Residents collect recyclables and use the funds to subsidize a meal together. Many thanks to Alf & Elsie Bisschop for delivering weekly the items to Sarcan. Following the meal, we were entertained by Saltwater Joy.

Recently, we are able to put in orders for fresh dinner buns which are baked weekly by the kitchen staff, 50 cents/bun, YUM! Thank you to Chris and the kitchen crew for making this happen.

Last week, a residents bake sale was held with proceeds of over \$400. Writers Circle has reconvened Tuesday mornings in the music room. Movie night on the Big Screen happens on alternate Thursdays each month.

Wellness Wednesday Presentations included: St John's Ambulance on Heart Attack sign/symptoms & AED use; Blood Pressure & ear checks by our Nurse Nicole; Kidney Disease presentation and organ donation on World Kidney Day March 14<sup>th</sup>; Balance & Dizziness by Physio; Safe disposal of expired or unused medication etc. by Lakeview Pharmacy.

Saskatoon Council of Aging Globe Walk report: McClure Residents Team has 13 members, for a total of 2715 km in the months of January & February. Two more months to go.

Our "floor curling" Bonspiel has resumed now that the play is over. Soon we will have playoffs.

"McClure Is Our Home" Book is being updated, as 35 new residents have made McClure their home since the previous edition in 2021. We are reminded to have our stories submitted to the Committee.

Eleanor Elliott

## To support 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](mailto: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



Sheila Krueger – Editor

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

Please e-mail newsletter submissions directly to [eskrueger@sasktel.net](mailto:eskrueger@sasktel.net)

**May Newsletter Deadline:  
April 21, 2024**

## 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](mailto:mcclureunitedchurch@shaw.ca)



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Shirley Blackburn

**Pianist**

Elin Sletmoen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 4 PM Forever in Motion	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:30 PM Choir Practice	<b>4</b> 10 AM Choristers 1:30 PM Quilting Group 4 PM Forever in Motion 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8 AM Men's Breakfast 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village	<b>8</b> 4 PM Forever in Motion	<b>9</b> 3 PM Property Committee Meeting	<b>10</b> 10 AM Congregational Care Meeting 1:30 PM Ecumenical Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Practice	<b>11</b> 10 AM Choristers 1:30 PM Quilting Group 4 PM Forever in Motion 7 PM M & P Committee Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:30 AM Women's Retreat Day 
<b>14</b> 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village	<b>15</b> 4 PM Forever in Motion	<b>16</b> 1 PM Worship Committee Meeting 7 PM Outreach Committee Meeting	<b>17</b> 7:30 PM Choir Practice 	<b>18</b> 10 AM Choristers 1:30 PM Quilting Group 4 PM Forever in Motion	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8 AM Men's Gathering 8 AM Women's Gathering
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<b>28</b> 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village 11 AM Hot Dog Lunch for Camp Tap 	<b>29</b> 4 PM Forever in Motion	<b>30</b>				