

December 2, 2018

Welcome to McClure United Church - a place of friendship. May our time together in God's presence be meaningful and renewing. Coffee and juice will be served in the dining room after the service. Please stay for this time of fellowship.



Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 9:00am -12:00pm, 1:00pm- 3:30pm
Tuesday and Thursdays 9:00am-1:00pm, 2:00pm-3:30pm
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December 3 – 9

<u>Mon</u>	2:30pm	Fishing Tips Group (Music Room)
	4:00pm	Fit After Fifty (Sanctuary)
	7:00pm	Spiritual Conversation (Music Room)
<u>Tues</u>	1:30pm	Tues. Stitching Group (Craft Room)
	7:00pm	Support Services (Youth Lounge)
<u>Wed</u>	9:45am	Wed. Women's Group (Library)
	1:00pm	Spiritual Conversations (Music Room)
	3:00pm	Spiritual Conversations (Music Room)
	7:30pm	Senior Choir (Sanctuary)
<u>Thurs</u>	9:30pm	Congregational Care
	10:30am	McClure Place Choristers
	4:00pm	Fit After Fifty (Sanctuary)
	5:30pm	Parkinson's Dance (Multi-Purpose)
	7:00pm	Worship Band (Music Room)
<u>Fri</u>	10:30am	Bulletin Folding (Craft Room)
<u>Sun</u>	9:15am	Advent 2 Worship & Rainbow Village
	11:00am	Advent 2 Worship, Rainbow Village, Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups
	7:00pm	Blue Christmas Service

Helping with this week's service

Worship Set Up: Jim Blackburn
Van Driver: Tom Powell
Church Office: Carol Claypool

9:15am

Greeters: Boyd & Bonnie Godfrey
Ushers: Elaine Nutbrown, Terry Clark
Bill Brumwell &
Ebba Eggleston

Candles: _____

Coffee: Beth Johnson

11:00am

Greeters: Maurice & Zane Bahrey
Keith & May Plewis
Ushers: Kathryn Turner,
Darlene Hogg,
Elmer & Sally Saworski

Candles: _____

Coffee: Bernice Braaten

Are you a NEWCOMER to McClure United Church?

Have you recently changed your address?

Would you like more information about McClure and our community?

If you answered yes, please take a moment to tell us about yourself or update your info. *Place this completed form in the offering plate or bring to the church office.*

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Postal code: _____ Phone/Cell: _____

Your email address: _____

- I would like to receive a newcomers packet (detailed information about the church and its' activities)
- I would like to receive the monthly newsletter – Paper copy or Email version (*please circle either paper or email*)
- I would like a call from a minister



Flowers on the communion table have been placed by Heather and Rebecca Desautels to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of the upcoming marriage of Phillip Desautels and Ms. Callahan Collier.

Reminders:

- McClure United Church's website: mcclureunitedchurch.org
- Do you have something the congregation needs to know? Announcements can be emailed to church office by Thurs noon.
- The Church Board meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month and Final versions of the minutes are available to all congregants.
If you wish to obtain a copy of the minutes please contact the church office
- Extra copies of the monthly newsletter are available in the literature rack directly outside the church office doors
- The Food Bank barrel is in the church foyer. Donations are always welcome.
- The Friendship Inn Pasta bin is also in the church foyer - Donations are appreciated.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM HOLY SPIRIT

Dec 1/2: As we prepare for the season of peace, love and joy, may we be aware of those in our Churches who find this time of year difficult.

Helping with next week's service

Worship Set Up: Joel Reid
Van Driver: George Wilson
Church Office: Barb LeGoffe

9:15am

Greeters: Mary Chapman, Carol Claypool
Ushers: Clint & Sylvia Cory
Joyce Binnie, Heather Lavoie

Candles: _____
Coffee: _____

11:00am

Greeters: Joan Keeler, Muriel Baxter
Garth & Sharon Courtney
Ushers: Ken & Glenda Anderson
Dickenson Family, Eleanor Elliot

Candles: _____
Coffee: Karen Kovac



Meals on Wheels

This week, December 7, Will and Betty Arscott is driving route 1 and Jim Blackburn is driving route 2. Thank you to Carol and Cal who drove this past Friday. **Please let Carol Claypool or the office know if you would like to help or sign up on the clipboard in the lobby.**

Poinsettia Fundraiser

The Poinsettia will be ready for pick up on December 9th



**Advent Festival
Hot Dog Lunch
(by donation)
Tree decorating!
Fun for the whole family
December 2 at Noon**



From the Church Board

An update about where we are at with exploring what church renewal means at McClure United Church – where are we at 8 months into the process?

As you remember, our journey into renewal as a congregation began on March 18, 2018, when the recommendations of the Joint Needs Assessment Committee (who began their deliberations in March of 2017) were approved at a congregational meeting. The board was tasked with striking a search committee to look for a Minister of Worship and Renewal. Please have a look at the JNAC report on the McClure website for more detail about the position. It was agreed at the congregational meeting to support the JNAC recommendation that the congregation would not wait for a new minister to be hired to begin exploring renewal, but rather that the Board would “begin immediately to engage the congregation in the initial phases of examining how congregational renewal can and should occur.”

This process was to begin with celebration of the history of the congregation and continue with a process of active reflection and discernment, which would lead to regeneration and renewal.

- In keeping with that directive from the congregation, the Church Board has been placing priority on using Appreciative Inquiry questions during every board meeting to explore renewal and celebrate who we are right now. These questions have been shared with the congregation through the announcements and in newsletters. The Board has also been considering what is necessary to maintain active and engaged membership on the Board and the committees of the Board. The committees have been directed to consider adding limits on the number of years that members will remain on committees to their Terms of Reference, to insure that all members take breaks from committee work to renew and refresh their energy.
- The Church Board is inviting members of the congregation to participate more actively in these Appreciative Inquiry discussions, with the first congregational event being planned for Thursday, Nov 22 from 7-8:30. Those who have been in ministry with the United Church and are currently connected to McClure, have been invited to a second event planned for Nov. 25. Additional events will be planned and advertised in the near future. The board has also asked for written feedback from the adult children of church members about what is important to them about church, even though they do not attend church regularly at present.
- Debra and Brian have been challenging us in Sunday worship to put our faith into action. Brian has opened up the opportunity to discuss these ideas in the Spiritual Conversations he has invited folks to throughout the fall. He has also invited us to a study of the book “Fishing Tips”, a story about the renewal journey of another United Church congregation. Laura’s sabbatical is an expression of the commitment to continuous renewal of energy and ideas. We were treated to a summer of original, unique and refreshing ministry with the addition of Robin Bray and Cassidy Bell to the staff leading us to consider exciting new ways to engage with our community.

We would ask that you reflect on your own experiences of renewal, either personal or organizational and then share your ideas with us about how you would like to see this process continue.

These are just the first steps. As we have an opportunity to process these ideas in a variety of settings we will start to see themes emerge that will guide us into our next step on this transformational journey.

Ruth Mireau

ruthmireau@sasktel.net

We are celebrating that McClure United Church has been able to extend our relationship with Rev. Brian Walton until the end of June, 2019, to insure that we continue to have a ministry team of 3 while the Joint Search Committee continues to search for a Minister of Renewal for our congregation.

Ruth

DO YOU HAVE ADULT CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN OUR CHURCH BUT CURRENTLY ARE NOT?

My kids were active in the church when they were young, but for a variety of reasons don't attend McClure United Church on a regular basis now. Are you having a similar experience with your adult children? I am curious about their opinions about what is important about church. I would love it if you would share the following questions with them, and then share your thoughts and their comments with me. Please respond to me at ruthmireau@sasktel.net

1. Do you believe that McClure United Church is an important institution? Why or why not?
2. What kinds of things do you think the church should be involved in?
3. What kinds of things do you think the church should NOT be involved in?
4. Please share an anecdote about a good memory related to being involved in church.

Ruth



As a result of the sale of 3rd Avenue United church property and the closure of 3rd Ave United Church congregation. River Bend Presbytery has approved to disperse their assets as the congregation of 3rd Ave has requested. As a result each congregation of River Bend Presbytery will receive a gift of money to use as they see fit. McClure United Church has received approx. \$100,000. For now, the money has been deposited in the McClure United Church bank account at BMO. The McClure Church Board will be considering how best to use these funds and will consult with the congregation in the New Year.

Silent Night, Holy Night Gather round... angels, shepherds and kings! Be a part of the Christmas Eve Pageant!

In December, the sign-up sheets for the Christmas Eve Services will be out in the church lobby. Please sign up and be a part of our service as an usher or greeter, participant in the pageant, or costume "dresser."



We will again be having a full Pageant at both the 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. services. We'll need volunteers, both children and adults as Magi, Shepherds, or Angels. Costumes will be provided.

Ushers and greeters are needed for the 5:00, 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. services. (The youth have the 9:00 p.m. service in hand!) The sign-up sheets for ushers and greeters will also be in the foyer.

Thank you
Worship Committee

The Place... For New Beginnings

Every year McClure sends boxes of gifts and supplies to Egadz - A centre that assists children/youth and their families by advocating for, doing referrals, housing and education, all towards helping them become contributing citizens in our community. Egadz tries to ensure each Youth/Child gets a gift for the holiday. Please help them reach their goal!

Collection boxes will be out **Sunday, Nov 25th – Sunday Dec 16th** to accept your generosity. We will be sorting and packing the items on **Sunday Dec 16th and Deliver Mon Dec 17th** if you would like to join in on the fun we could use your help with both.

Donation suggestions -

Cash Donations- please leave your cash/cheque (payable to McClure United Church – tax receipt given) donation labeled Egadz at the church office

Teen “Stocking Stuffer” items – individually wrapped Christmas candy, **Gift Certificate** (example Tim’s, Wal-Mart, McDonalds), ear buds, magazine

Hygiene (New only) - Male /Female Deodorant, Razors, Tooth brushes/toothpaste and dental floss, shampoo and conditioner, soap

Sport, recreation or craft supplies

Clothing- Toques, Gloves, New underwear, Socks

School Supplies –pens, pencils, erasers, loose leaf, calculators, geometry sets, markers

Baby Ideas – receiving blankets, baby shampoo, lotion, baby bottles, baby wipes, baby bath towels, soothers, disposable diapers, teethers, thermometers toys and games



Any questions? Contact Terry Clark
terryclark83@yahoo.com or 306-373-7518



White Gift Sunday, December 9th

You are invited to bring to worship an unwrapped gift for a child. These gifts will be forwarded to the Saskatoon Secret Santa campaign.

Blue Christmas Service **Sunday Dec. 9th, 7:00 p.m.**

The Christmas season can be a difficult time for many. It can be hard, especially, for those of us who have experienced the death of a loved one. As well many of us have also known the pain that comes into our lives because of the loss of a relationship or friendship, with family breakdown or a breach of trust, with moving away from home or the loss of a job. Though others may hear the joyous strains of Christmas, many of us carry the weight of sadness in our heart.

This Blue Christmas Service is offered as a gentle time for us to remember the loves and losses of our lives, to receive once more the hope and promise of God’s love, and to draw comfort and strength in community as we journey the road of Advent and Christmas.

Please invite your family and friends and attend this special service at McClure United Church on Sunday, Dec. 9th, at 7:00 p.m. Come and make this a part of your journey to Bethlehem this year. If you have questions please call (306- 373-1753).

Debra & Brian

Christmas Tree Blessing

Advent signals the beginning of the church year and offers us a wonderful opportunity to think about starting some new family traditions.

Please take home a copy of a "Christmas Tree Blessing" and consider using this year. Copies can be found in the lobby on the desk by the elevator or you can download a copy from our website.

Please adjust the Advent Festival announcement to invite everyone to stay for hotdogs and Christmas tree decorating after the 11am worship today – Sunday Dec 2.

New list for those who would like to light the Advent Candles over the next few weeks. Please sign up.

Story Telling Folks Needed

I am looking for people who would like to share a story about a special Christmas ornament or special Christmas moment, with the children during worship this Advent Season.

You are invited to come up to the front with Debra and sit on the steps with the children and talk about a special ornament that you are looking forward to hanging on your tree or perhaps you would like to tell a story about a special moment you remember from your childhood. Story telling Sundays would be Dec 9 and 23 a person for both services would be wonderful. Please contact Debra asap at the office or by email

debra.b@shaw.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Baking Walk

Saturday, December 15th 10:00am-Noon
Mayfair United Church - 902-33rd Street West
Free Admission

Save time and money. We give you gloves and ice cream pails and you fill them with your choice of Christmas baking. You can buy as few or as much as you like.

A huge selection to choose from.

\$8.00 per pound.

Be sure to shop early for the best selection of baking.

The Integrated Community Ministry is sponsored and supported by the United Church and the Mission and Service Fund - and by people like you! We need a few good people who are excited by the possibilities in bringing together the residents of Saskatoon's core communities and United Church folks in innovative programs. If you know of someone who has a passion for justice, please contact ICM chair Darren Wooff at darren@stmartinsuc.com

RELIEF CARETAKER WANTED

St. Thomas Wesley United Church is accepting applications for a relief caretaker to fill in during vacation and sick days. Interested people can contact Jackie (306-373-5791)

