



MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER MAY 2024

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"O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home. O beautiful Gaia, calling us on."

~More Voices 41

In the spring of 2019, my family had the privilege of visiting Cape Town South Africa where my mother-in-law was born and raised. While visiting family and eating our way all around the Cape, we were immersed in a different world of breathtaking plants, animals, ocean beaches and rocky lands. Imagine wild, waist-high hibiscus bushes lining the roads, protea flowers on rocky cliffs, the line where the warm, soft, Indian ocean meets the icy blue Atlantic. There were baboons bigger than dogs. School children were cleaning plastics off the beaches. City homes had sophisticated grey-water systems that allowed water to be used more than once inside before filtering into the garden. In rural areas, farming practices emphasized the preservation of top soil, sustainability and indigenous species.

On Mother's Day, we attended St. George's Cathedral downtown, the home church of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, anti-apartheid activist and chairperson of the South African truth and reconciliation commission. The preacher that day was talking about Mother's Day, and uplifted the greatest mother of all, Mother Earth. I don't know what I thought Africa would be like, but I was amazed with the widespread attention to conservation and preservation of the water and land. I was inspired by the innovative architecture, agriculture, and theology. Mother Africa knew I had many things to learn, and many assumptions to challenge.

As I write this, it is Earth Day, a day to consider our own relationship to Mother Earth, and to all of God's creation. This month at church, we will celebrate Rural Life Sunday, especially meaningful because of our relationship with Radville and Carlyle. On Camping Sunday, we will recall our own camping days and support a new generation of young people as they meet God in nature. On Mother's Day, we will celebrate Christian Family Sunday with a baptism, confirmation, and welcome service for some of our voluntary associate ministers. And on the Day of Pentecost, we will rejoice that the Holy Spirit binds us all together into one family on this beautiful earth we call home.

This season, may we all be open to new ways of caring for this beautiful earth that God gave us for our home. May we be open to innovation, inspiration, and the transformation of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Emily



**FOR THE LOVE
OF CREATION**

IN LOVING SYMPATHY

Holding you gently in prayer...

All who have experienced grief & loss in its many forms



MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Summer Jobs Grant

McClure has been approved for a **Canada Summer Jobs Grant** through MP Kevin Waugh's office. We have been approved for **two positions**. The M & P Committee and our ministers will be working together to fill these two positions as soon as possible.

Gaylene Gorniak, Chair

Ministry & Personnel Committee



You are invited to the Covenancing Service
between Rev. Emily Carr and McClure
United Church
2:00 pm on May 26th
at McClure United Church

Rev. Daryl Woods will be our guest preacher

Voluntary Associate Ministers (VAM)

We are very fortunate here at McClure to have several Retired Ministers as part of the family of faith and who are more than willing to lend a hand with various tasks when invited. These folks are such a gift and we share a special relationship with them and the Living Skies Regional Council.

A Voluntary Associate Minister (VAM) is an ordained, diaconal, or designated lay minister in The United Church of Canada who is retired or between calls or appointments, is in good standing within the regional council, and has a formal association with a community of faith, in this case, with McClure United Church.

Through the VAM process we recognize the depth of experience, and ministry gifts these people continue to offer the church, in their unique ways.

We will recognize Rev. Sheila Krueger, Rev. Don Schweitzer, Rev. Leslie Schweitzer, and Rev. Joan Brown as VAMs on May 12th during Sunday morning worship please plan to attend and share in the celebration.

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 and Emily'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 24th with any comments you might have about how our ministers 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



Finance Administrator (Temporary)

McClure United Church seeks an experienced and efficient Finance Administrator. The Finance Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day management of all accounting functions, including maintaining the McClure United Church books of accounts, generating and analyzing financial reports, submitting government returns, preparing the annual audit, serving as a resource for the treasurer and the ministers, monitoring of annual budgets, and reporting on financial results. Key duties and responsibilities include bookkeeping, payroll preparation and budget administration. The Financial Administrator:

- Ensures financial transactions are accurately recorded in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP).
- Ensures compliance with financial policies and procedures with respect to recording and filing of all financial transactions and supporting documents.
- Ensures compliance with all regulations required to maintain a charity, charitable tax laws, and reporting requirements.

The successful candidate will have demonstrated in their previous experiences they are internally motivated, able to function without day-to-day supervision, and are able to organize and prioritize multiple demands on their time and attention. They will demonstrate a high level of attention to detail. The applicant must have:

- Strong accounting and bookkeeping skills. Experience with fund accounting is beneficial.
- Previous work experience in a not-for-profit or charitable environment.
- Financial literacy with an understanding of various donation types (i.e. contributions, grants, bequests, etc.).
- Exceptional computer skills, including effective working skills in Microsoft Office Suite especially Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Google Docs and email as well as having the ability to adapt to and learn new software.
- Familiarity with computerized online (internet-based) accounting software. Familiarity with PowerChurch would be a definite benefit.
- Positive attitude and desire to produce high-quality deliverables while working with a collaborative team.
- Knowledge of accepted accounting rules, practices, charitable tax laws, and reporting requirements.
- High level of critical and logical thinking, analysis and/or reasoning.
- Ability to work under pressure and meet set deadlines.



STAYING CONNECTED

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS
MCCLURE PLACE & MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH
SPRING CELEBRATION
FRIDAY MAY 31ST AT 5PM
MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH PARKING LOT

TICKETS:
\$15 ADULT (13+)
\$10 CHILD (12 & UNDER)

COME FOR A MEAL, LIVE MUSIC, FELLOWSHIP & MORE!



Computer programming persons needed:

We are in need of folks interested in helping with the visual part of worship. We need folks who are comfortable around computers. Sometime between Friday noon and Sunday morning we need an individual to input instructions into the tech booth computer.

The task takes about two hours.

Loads of support and training will be provided.

We need two volunteers as soon as possible.

Thanks for considering this important work.

Did you Know?

Its not too far away to think about Dancing!!

Hey Dancing folks of all ages. It's time to mark **McClure's Family Dance** on your October calendar!! On **Friday, October 18** we'll be hopping and jiving to the sounds of Night Owl Entertainment. Everyone is invited!!! And of course if you are very organized and want to start work on a silent auction, themed basket, we will be welcoming your creative efforts in October as well. Its never too early to start thinking of a new idea. All money raised will go to refugee projects. More information to come.

Mother's Day Food Bank Drive

Sunday, May 12, 2024

On *Mother's Day*, the United Churches in Saskatoon are planning a joint food bank drive and McClure is happy to be participating in it. This is an opportunity for us to help Mothers who are in need, feed their children. We ask you to bring your non-perishable items that day to help fill the bins at the church. If you are unable to be there on that date, you can always bring the items to the church bin and we will see that they are delivered.

The need is always great, but items that are most needed are:

Peanut butter.	Canned fruit or vegetables
Baby food	Canned stew.
Canned soup.	Canned fish.
Canned beans.	Pasta (most prefer whole grain)

This is an opportunity for us to help those in our community in need.

Thank you in advance for your support.

STAYING CONNECTED

FAMILY MINISTRY

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

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.

- May's moment is under construction and will be posted soon.
- Keep an eye on the website.
- For more information contact Debra.

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.

Women and Men's Gathering

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

May 25- 8:00 am

Next gatherings:
June 15

Nursery

Thanks to the women who attend the Women's Gathering Saturday at 8am once a month, for purchasing the new rocking chair in the Nursery. Your thoughtfulness in making our young families feel welcome is appreciated.

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



"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 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 ASSOCIATION INC.
AND
MCCLURE PLACE FOUNDATION INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

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

Date: Sunday, June 2, 2024

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

Place: Church sanctuary

All members and adherents of McClure United Church are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting as voting members. Guests are also welcome to attend. Hardcopies of the annual reports will be available by no later than May 10 from the McClure Place office and the Church office, and in electronic form from the McClure Place website (<https://mcclureplace.ca>).

MCCLURE PLACE RESIDENTS

McClure Place Happenings

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

It is great to see the sun again after last week's long snowstorm. The moisture is needed and the Robins didn't seem to mind!

The garden committee appreciates your support to the gardening fund which helps to make McClure Place grounds beautiful. As for the raised garden boxes, Nicole Conan can put your name on a list.

Our March charity of the month was the Heart and Stroke Foundation. To complement this, McClure residents traced and cut out heart shapes for the CARG (Coronary Artery Rehabilitation Group) Program. These heart shapes will be sent to another group to sew into pillows which will be given to individuals following their cardiac surgery.

Early in April we enjoyed a tasty rib buffet supper cooked by our kitchen staff. This was followed with entertainment by the Sons of Django jazz trio. Later in the month, a pancake brunch was served.

Over a few days, a jar of dimes, donated by Diane L was the subject of a unique guessing game. \$101.00 was generated from the guesses. The total in the dime jar was \$66.00 won by a recipient who donated it back. Both amounts were generously donated to the Van Fund.

Along with regular Van trips in April, additional Van trips were to Gibson's Fish & Chips; to Saskatoon Concert Band rehearsal performance; and Century Club members were taken to a social gathering. An upcoming outing on June 4th will be on the Prairie Lily Sightseeing River Boat. Please sign up as soon as possible if interested..

Leadership Training for Forever In Motion dates are Monday April 29th, Wednesday May 1st, Wednesday May 8th, Wednesday May 15th, and Friday, May 17th. Please let Jamie know as soon as possible if you would like to register.

Floor Curling finals were held Monday, April 15th, winners were declared and we celebrated with tea/coffee and goodies.

Many residents have signed up for covid vaccine booster shots to be administered April 30th and May 1st.

Eleanor Elliott

BACK PAGE

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
- 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

**June Newsletter Deadline:
May 26, 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



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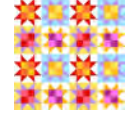
Shirley Blackburn

Pianist

Elin Sletmoen



May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Luke 12:27 Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.</p>			1 10 AM Congregational Care Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Practice	2 10 AM Choristers 1:30 PM Quilting Group 4 PM Forever In Motion 7 PM M&P Committee Meeting	3	4 8 AM Big Shred 
5 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village	6 4 PM Forever in Motion 5:30 PM Potato Bake	7 7 PM Outreach Committee Meeting	8 7:30 PM Choir Practice 	9 10 AM Choristers 1:30 PM Quilting Group 4 PM Forever In Motion	10	11
12 <i>Mother's Day Food Bank Drive</i> 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village 	13 4 PM Forever in Motion	14 3 PM Property Committee Meeting	15 7:30 PM Choir Practice	16 10 AM Choristers 1:30 PM Quilting Group 4 PM Forever In Motion	17	18
19 <i>Pentecost</i> 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village 	20 4 PM Forever in Motion	21 1 PM Worship Committee Meeting	22 7:30 PM Choir Practice	23 10 AM Choristers 1:30 PM Quilting Group 4 PM Forever In Motion 	24	25 8 AM Men's Gathering 8 AM Women's Gathering
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