



# MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

### SUMMER, 2023

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"Of all the wise teachers who have come into my life, none are more eloquent than these, who wordlessly in leaf and vine embody the knowledge of relationship. Alone, a **bean** is just a vine, **squash** an oversized leaf. Only when standing together with **corn** does a whole emerge which transcends the individual. The gifts of each are more fully expressed when they are nurtured together than alone. In ripe ears and swelling fruit, they counsel us that all gifts are multiplied in relationship. This is how the world keeps going." (pg 140 Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer)



My experience of gardening is limited. My Dad was the parent in charge of our modest plot of land. Each vegetable in his garden was carefully planted in a proper straight row with an appropriate space between, for the hoe to get in there after the weeds. A man for whom everything had a place and everything was to be in place, Dad's garden reflected order, symmetry and good practice.

Kimmerer's description of the Three Sisters garden is radically different from my experience of garden. Kimmerer suggest that a Three Sister garden is a blue print for the world, a map of balance and harmony. In the Three Sister garden the corn stands tall with ribbons of leaves that curl away from the stem in every direction to catch the sun. No leaf sits directly over the next, so that each can gather light without shadowing the others. The beans twine around the corn stalk, weaving themselves between the leaves of the corn. The space where the corn leaves are not, buds appear on the vining beans. Spread around the base of the corn and beans is a carpet of big broad squash leaves that intercept the light that falls among the pillars of corn.

By late summer, the beans hang in heavy cluster of smooth green pods, ears of corn angle out from the stalk, fattening in the sunshine, and pumpkins swell at your feet. Acre for acre, a Three Sisters garden yields more food than if you grew each of the sisters alone (Kimmerer, p.131).

Jesus understood this garden wisdom. Where ever he found people separated from community he pulled them back in. Jesus knew that it was when people were intertwined together, each offering their unique gifts that the fullness of life was known. Jesus knew that it was in community that balance and harmony were possible.

However, your garden grows, I pray that you feel the constant pull of your God into community. I pray you will feel Gods tug to share your unique gifts with others so that together we can grow strong and full of life. Your sisters need you; your brothers need you; your siblings need you and you need them.

In gratitude, growing with you.  
Debra



## OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES

Holding you gently in prayer...

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



## CELEBRATIONS

### MARRIAGES:

June 10, 2023 Jeremy Packet and Hope Anderson

June 16, 2023 Geoffrey Jones and Breanne Swiezak



Trevor Patrick (Gr. 8) from Holy Family Elementary School  
Dane Mansell (Gr 8 ) from St. Luke Elementary School  
Meghan Drabble (Gr. 12) from Walter Murray Collegiate  
Mady Kreutzwieser (Gr.12) from Aden Bowman Collegiate  
Annalise Reinhard (Gr. 12) from Walter Murray Collegiate

Congratulations to all those who are graduating this year.

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

The Administrative Assistant, Claudia Manning, is no longer in the Church office. We are so pleased to have Eden Polischuk, helping out in the office through the summer. Due to the changes, our church office may not run as usual.

Thank you for your patience and kindness as we navigate these changes together.

### OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed to the public on Mondays and Fridays!

Office Hours Tuesday to Thursday are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The office is closed from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

Over the summer there will be times when everyone is on vacation but messages will still be checked.

Details regarding adjusted office hours will be announced at Sunday Worship, posted on the office door, as well as on Facebook and the Weekly Emails.

Wishing everyone a safe and fun summer!



### Debra will be on vacation

July 8 through to August 7th.

The worship committee has done a wonderful job finding great folks to provide worship leadership each Sunday while Debra is away.

If there is a **Pastoral Emergency** you are asked to call the office as we have some wonderful ministry friends providing care and the office will be able to direct you to the "on call" person.



**Thank you** to everyone who responded to the request for help with the prayer shawl ministry. We have had generous donations of beautiful prayer shawls and should be nicely stocked for the summer.

## Hopefully we will have another Craft Sale later this fall!



So, if you are a crafty person, we would appreciate your efforts! Think about it and perhaps we can show off your talent!

Craft items such as knitted, crocheted, hand made cards, quilted or whatever you choose would be much appreciated.

**Have a great summer!**

## McClure's Photo Directory 2023

August 22-26 Tuesday – Saturday

Sept 19-23 Tuesday – Saturday

Sept 26-30 Tuesday – Saturday

Times:

1:30 pm – 9:30 pm weekdays

9:30am – 4:30 pm Saturdays



*Big  
Smile*

### HOW TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT

#### 1.ONLINE:

The link to your booking page is on the site [www.ipcphoto.ca](http://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**



### SUMMER GREETERS

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**

## STAYING CONNECTED

### Family Ministry

Parents have the most influence upon the spiritual life of their child(ren). The church is further down the list of influence but we can help parents and other people, who have the care of children, with ideas and tools for this important work.

Some ideas we are working on:

1. **Milestone moments** – short 2min moments that encourage a thoughtful conversation, a word about God, a possible act of service and a prayer.
  - Starting a new school year, we will have a moment for that.
  - Getting your first cell phone, we will have a moment for that.
  - Taking your child to the doctor, we will have a moment for that.
2. **After 8 - Parent connect** – once a month zoom call to talk about issues of parenting.
3. **Pamper your marriage.** We will cook for you and your partner and provide a speaker on topics relevant to relationship care.
- 4.

What do you think? Have you got other ideas?

Get in touch with Debra if you have questions or ideas. [debra.b@shaw.ca](mailto:debra.b@shaw.ca)



### YOUTH NEWS

We are looking to hire an individual to connect and lead our High School Youth here at McClure. We need a Sunday morning leader with fun and creative ideas to help nurture questions and provide opportunities for youth to grow in their understanding of God. Watch the Facebook page and the September newsletter for more information.

### Opportunities to Serve

The sound system is fixed!! The bass speaker that was fading in and out is gone and a new one is in its place and it works beautifully. If you can flip a few buttons the Sound Booth folks have a job for you. The more help the easier the work. Contact Jim Bugg or Debra Berg 306-373-1753 for more information.

### Women and Men's Gathering

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These groups will resume in the Fall. These two gatherings provide opportunities for deep connection, interesting conversation and loads of fun. New participants are always welcome. Thank you to all who took on leadership roles this past season.



### 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!!!



# 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 Vaughn  
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

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# MCCLURE PLACE RESIDENTS

## McClure Place Happenings -May 2022

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

Summer is here and it is so nice to sit at the front of the building and chat with our neighbour residents. It is also so good to look off my balcony and see the green grass and leafed out trees. We have had a busy June and looking at the list of events many include food.

On May 30 the Saskatoon Community Brass Band played to a very appreciative crowd. Then we had the famous Potato Bake on May 31. It is always so delicious to get our smashed potato with all the various toppings. My favourite is the Chilli.

We had a very successful Cinnamon Bun Sale to raise money for Van maintenance. Thanks to Betty Anne Nagus and other volunteers who created these delicious Cinnamon Buns. It not only made money for a good cause but they were delicious too. There was an ice cream social on June 8th. All we had to do was bring a bowl and spoon and we got ice cream and toppings as well. Donation went to the Activities Committee.

All the gardens have been planted and are looking gorgeous, especially at the front of the building. In addition, this year we have a Butterfly, Bees and Hummingbird Garden by "The Link" where flowers that these species love were planted. The raised gardens at the back are already producing produce some which is being shared with the rest of the residents.

The McClure Place Choristers had their wind-up lunch for the season at Mr.Ribs. We plan to get together late in August to start practicing again. Our Commonwealth program was well received and we got to sing "God Save the King" for the first time.

A big crowd attended the Book Launch of Isobel Jones' book "The Prairie In Me". It talks about her experiences growing up and her life living on the farm near Watrous. Her daughter, Teresa organized the event and Isobel read 3 excerpts from her book. Everyone enjoyed the reading and signed up for an online version of the entire book. I can't wait to read it all.

On June 14th we had a Hot Dog Lunch outside on the front lawn. Why do hot dogs always fast better outside? We had to contend with a very high wind and my napkin kept trying to escape but I caught it. We are looking forward to a Pig Roast on June 23. This will be something new for us and it always good to try new things.

Our Summer Students, Donilee and Jorden have been keeping us active since they arrived. They have so much energy and are planning new things for us to try. The latest was a water fight on the front lawn with water pistols and balloons. It was FUN to watch it from my 9th floor balcony. Folks were soaked and cold by the time it was done but they had a great time. I was not wet.

Have a great Summer,  
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](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

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306-373-1753 or [mcclureunitedchurch@shaw.ca](mailto: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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### September Newsletter Deadline:

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**



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