



MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

What's inside?

1. Message from Emily
2. Sympathies
2. Holy Week Services
3. Lenten Lunch Services
3. Tech Team THANKS
3. Camp Sunday
4. Staying Connected
5. Puzzle Book Sale
5. Big Shred
6. McClure Place
7. Back page

"I cannot remember the books I've read any more than the meals I have eaten; even so, they have made me." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Can you believe I'm in my second month with you as a minister of worship at McClure? Worship in a church family is a little like supper. We don't remember every service, but by participating, we grow, we are sustained. Like supper, worship isn't the most important thing we do at McClure, but our hope is that in worship, we find the energy and inspiration to do the important things.

The "kitchen crew" at McClure has many people in addition to Rev. Debra and me. The worship committee and worship arts people ensure we have everything we need, banners, grapes. They surround us with the colours of the seasons and our handmade banners and hangings. We have a dedicated office team who communicate and create digital documents of our prayers and messages. We have a bible study group who help to open up and ground our interpretation of the scriptures. We have tech people and a v-mix crew who ensure that we are able to live-stream, connect with our partners in Radville and Carlyle, create videos of our services with sound, lights, and a slide show. We have music!

At McClure, our music leaders, singers, and musicians always strive to uplift the message of God's love, so that as we listen and sing, we can feel that loving presence in the room. We have greeters, and readers, and candle lighters, and the angels who make and serve coffee.

If these things are our "meal", even more important are the family members around the table; all of us who come together to pray, to hear the Word, to sing, and to seek God. Worshippers at McClure are in our worship centre on Sunday, in Radville and in Carlyle. We have those who watch live, and those who worship later in the week by watching our recordings. Our expression of worship includes hundreds of souls stretched across time and space. Imagine that! Our family table is long, and there is space for everyone.

At McClure, we each bring ourselves to worship and when we do, God is with us. It is my honour to worship together with you all. May our time in worship nourish us, ground us, remind us that we belong, and give us sustenance for the journey of life.

~Emily

Did you Know?

Budget Approved at Congregational Meeting

On Sunday February 25, a congregational meeting was held to discuss the budget for 2024. It was a well attended meeting with much meaningful discussion. (There were about 75 people in attendance). The budget was passed. A big thank you goes out to all our financial advisors, for their hard work to prepare the budget, and to our tech team for connecting us. Now the work begins to make 2024 a fantastic church year.

IN LOVING SYMPATHY

Holding you gently in prayer...

All who have experienced grief & loss in its many forms

- ♥ Beth Johnston on the death of her sister-in-law June McKenzie.
- ♥ Angie Bugg and family on the death of her aunt June McKenzie
- ♥ Sandi Hamp and family on the death of her aunt June McKenzie
- ♥ Family and friends of Joyce Kopelchuk.



HOLY Week



March 24th – 31st

Palm Sunday Service – March 24th – 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday & the Passion Service -



March 28th – 7:00pm

For people who wish to attend only Good Friday services, they are encouraged to check with other United Churches in the city.

E A S T E R

Sunrise Service – March 31st – 6:15 am

Wildwood Park on the hill behind Bishop Pocock School (227 Avondale Road)
Coffee and muffins back at the church after the service.

Easter Sunday – March 31st – 10:00 am



A volunteer is needed to coordinate a breakfast at the church after the Sunrise service. If someone would like to volunteer or consider taking this on when a Worship team member asks, that would be great.



LENTEN LUNCHES ARE BACK

We are once again offering Lenten lunches each Thursday in Lent with volunteers offering a short reflection. The lunches are scheduled from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

There are four Lenten lunches in March ending on Maundy Thursday, March 28.

You may wish to attend all or just some of the lunches. A light lunch will be served and will include dessert and coffee or tea. The price is \$12.00. If you have any dietary issues, please advise the office and we will try to accommodate them. In order that we may advise the kitchen of numbers, you will need to phone the office to let us know if you are planning to attend by **Tuesday morning of each week**. You may pay in advance or when you arrive on Thursday. If you choose to you may bring your own lunch. Hope that you can join us.

Thank you to Volunteers

I am pleased to announce that we have a full slate of volunteers for the lunches this year.

I want to thank Sheila Krueger, Elin Sletmoen, Maureen Sinclair, Joan Brown, Jim Kells and Heather Muirhead for joining me in providing leadership for the reflection this year. You have made the time so special. I also want to thank Charlene Racz and Carolyn Drabble for helping with the registration and Elin Sletmoen and Shirley Blackburn for sharing their musical talents at the piano. And last but not least, I want to thank the kitchen for providing the wonderful meals. You are all appreciated and have made my job so much easier. Carol Claypool

birds
sunshine
leaves
butterflies
bugs
trees
grass
flowers
birds
butterflies
sunshine
leaves
bugs
flowers
grass
trees



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?



Worship Tech Team

On behalf of the entire McClure Church family,
I want to thank our tech team.

We all know how wonderful tech is when it works and how frustrating it is when something goes wrong. I am so grateful to our volunteer team that spend hours creating a worship experience that looks effortless.

Thankful for
you

Thank you to those who program the computer so that our cameras are pointed in the correct direction– **Tamara Ferguson, Natasha Burlingquette and Celeste Bodnaryk.**

To our sound tech guys **Joel Reid and Jim Bugg** who are working with extremely old equipment but who, most days, make us all sound wonderful.

To **Gary Walker and Gordon Cobb** who flip the switches so the cameras go the right direction during worship.

To **Juliet & Travis Morpak** who are in the process of learning how the whole thing works.

To **Norm Sampson** who is a great consultant and help. And finally, a huge thank you to **Adam Brookman** who understands the whole system and is here to fix, operate and organize.

I hope you all know how appreciated you are and how your ministry is a gift to your church family.

Debra

STAYING CONNECTED

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.

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.

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.

A new "moment" has been posted.

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

Women and Men's Gathering

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

March 16 – 8:00 am

Next gatherings:
Apr 20 – May 25 – June 15



Lenten Conversations – via zoom

Wednesday mornings at 10am – 11am during Lent.

Resource is Kate Bowler's book Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day.

Kate's book is recommended but not necessary to participate.

Come to one or come to them all.

Link information available on the Church website and by emailing Debra at debra.b@shaw.ca

A HEART FULL OF THANKS

We thank all the folks who made contributions to the **Plant a Heart for Refugees Project**. The hearts look delightful outside our doors. At the time of writing this note, over \$2600 has been donated with another week still to go. This money will go to the Refugee Committee, as they continue to work towards helping those refugees who we have sponsored now and into the future. Well Done McClure!

**HEADS
UP!**

Please start setting aside Books and Puzzles for **April 27 sale.**
contact:

Sandy Hoenecke 306-374-5012 (rhoenecke@sasktel.net)
Marlene Kells 306-374-0238 (marlenekells@sasktel.net)

- Upcoming Book, Puzzle, CDs Sale
- Volunteer Sign-up sheets available April 7, 14, & 21.
- (2-3 hr. shifts for set up, sorting, cashiers, take down)
- Please consider helping as our success depends on you!
 - Sandy Hoenecke 306-374-5012 (rhoenecke@sasktel.net)
 - Marlene Kells 306-374-0238 (marlenekells@sasktel.net)



MCCLURE PLAYERS PRODUCTION OF **MARY POPPINS** IS COMPLETELY SOLD OUT!



SCAM ALERT - please do not buy tickets from anyone unless you know them personally or they have the physical paper tickets in hand when you pay. There have been a number of people on Facebook, even on the McClure Players page, making up profiles and trying to scam people out of their money. There is no way for anyone to email you tickets or transfer tickets electronically. If someone wants to sell their tickets, they can call the ticket coordinator to arrange to pick up their tickets and then meet the buyer to sell the tickets in person. Be safe, please! It is always a good idea to meet in a public place, for example, Saskatoon Police Service has parking spots specifically for meeting people to exchange goods.

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!

"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, 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.



SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF MCCLURE PLACE ASSOCIATION

The Nominations Committee for McClure Place Association (and McClure Place Foundation) is looking for individuals who would like to serve on the Board of Directors of the Association (and Foundation). In brief, the Board comprises of 12 members, more than 50% of whom are to be Members or Adherents of McClure United Church. At present, for the 2024-25 Board year (starting as of the June AGM), there are two vacancies to be filled. It is the Board's hope that we might attract someone with a background and/or interest in financial matters to serve on the Finance & Audit committee. We also hope to attract someone with a health care and/or social work background, but anyone is welcome to consider service on the Board. If you are interested in serving and perhaps want a bit more information about the Board and its work, please contact Jim Kells, Board Chair (Tel: 306-229-8629; Email: Jim.Kells@usask.ca).



McClure Place Happenings

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

February seems to have moved along quickly and suddenly it's time for our March contribution to the McClure newsletter!

Our indoor exercises (stretches, yoga, FIM) continue daily Monday to Friday, and mild weather has allowed for some walks outdoors. "Wellness Wednesday" mornings, we heard interesting speakers from YWCA, Heart Health, Prairie Hospice Society, Pink Tree Presentation and an urban polling demo.

The Floor Curling Tournament continues on Monday afternoons. The Saskatoon Blades Hockey Team will be hosting 'Seniors Night' on Friday, March 8th @ 7pm. The McClure Van sign-up is posted by the Recreation Office. The Blades are currently enjoying one of their best seasons in team history and sit atop the WHL standings as well as ranked the #1 team in Canada!!

Socially, many residents attended the Chinese New Year Buffet on February 11th, hosted by our kitchen staff, and watched Super Bowl Sunday on the BIG screen. Then on February 13th, Shrove Tuesday was celebrated with a Pancake Brunch, followed by entertainment.

On Valentine's Day, anonymous carnation flowers were delivered to/by residents, as well as a generous resident sent a carnation to every suite. Valentine cookies were enjoyed at coffee time.

Our winter term SSCL Class on Canadian History was completed the last week of February. A new class is available to residents, "The Eternal Quest: Exploring Journeys Beyond Mortality" will begin Wednesday, March 13th. Sign-up page is posted by Recreation Office.

Donations for "Telemiracle 48" (on TV Feb 24 & 25) were accepted this month.

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



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

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

Sheila Krueger – Editor
eskrueger@sasktel.net

April Newsletter Deadline:
March 24, 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



MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH

306-373-1753

www.mcclureunitedchurch.org
www.facebook.com/McClureUnitedChurchSktn/



4025 Taylor Street East
Saskatoon, SK S7H 5N7
Phone: (306) 373-1753
Email: mcclureunitedchurch@shaw.ca

Ministry Team

Rev. Debra Berg
Rev. Emily Carr

Office Administrator

Irene Lacoursiere

Administrative Assistant






Arron Bahry

Data Entry Clerk

Pam Turner

Music Coordinator

Shirley Blackburn
Pianist
Elin Sletmoen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.</i></p> <p><i>Rom 12:12</i></p>					1 7 PM Mary Poppins Dinner Theatre Rehearsal	2 1 PM Mary Poppins Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
3 Third Sunday of Lent 8 AM Men's Breakfast 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village	4 7 PM Mary Poppins Dinner Theatre Rehearsal	5 7 PM Outreach Committee Meeting (zoom)	6 10 AM Congregational Care Committee Meeting 10 AM Lenten Conversation 7 PM M&P Committee Meeting	7 *Mary Poppins 10 AM Choristers 10:30 AM Bible Studies 12 PM Lenten Lunch 6 PM Mary Poppins Dinner Theatre	8 6 PM Mary Poppins Dinner Theatre	9 6 PM Mary Poppins Dinner Theatre 
10 Fourth Sunday of Lent 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village 1:30 PM Mary Poppins Performance 7 PM Mary Poppins Performance	11 7:30 PM Women's Retreat Planning	12 3 PM Property Committee Meeting	13 10 AM Lenten Conversation 7:30 PM Choir Practice 	14 10 AM Choristers 10:30 AM Bible Studies 12 PM Lenten Lunch 1:30 PM Quilting Group 4 PM Forever in Motion	15	16 8 AM Men's Gathering 8 AM Women's Gathering
17 Fifth Sunday of Lent 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village 	18 4 PM Forever in Motion	19 1 PM Worship Committee Meeting	20 10 AM Lenten Conversation 7:30 PM Choir Practice	21 10 AM Choristers 10:30 AM Bible Studies 12 PM Lenten Lunch 1:30 PM Quilting Group 4 PM Forever in Motion 	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village	25 4 PM Forever in Motion	26 7 PM Board Meeting	27 10 AM Lenten Conversation 7 PM Trustees Meeting (zoom) 7:30 PM Choir Practice	28 *Maundy Thursday 10 AM Choristers 10:30 AM Bible Studies 12 PM Lenten Lunch 1:30 PM Quilting Group 4 PM Forever in Motion 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday and the Passion Service	29	30
31 Easter Sunday 6:15 AM Sunrise Service 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village						