

# McCLURE

## UNITED CHURCH

Welcome to McClure United Church! We hope you find McClure a welcoming and friendly place in which to worship God, grow in faith, and make new friends.

This information brochure will give you some idea of the life of our church and hopefully answer some of the questions you might have. The Church staff is always able to answer any questions or concerns you may have, either in person, over the phone, or through email! We look forward to getting to know you!

### SUNDAY SERVICE

**10 am** Morning Worship  
Nursery Available  
Rainbow Village

(4 years old to Grade 6 – Kids 3 and under can come with supervision)

\*Note: Currently looking for a Youth Leader for 10am service. Kyle Feader is the City Wide Youth Leader – Meetings every week in the evenings – see website for monthly schedule !\*

Infa-red Hearing Devices Available

Large Print Bulletins Available

Wheel Chair Availble – Wheel Chair Accessible Building

Van Service Available – with a Wheelchair lift to and from worship

Gender Neutral Washrooms Available

**11 am** Coffee and Fellowship in our dining room!

*We strive to be a Fragrance-Free and Nut-Free Church to alleviate Allergies\**

**CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION:**

4025 Taylor St. East, Saskatoon, SK, S7H 5N7

Phone: (306) 373-1753

Website:

Email: [mcclureunitedchurch@shaw.ca](mailto:mcclureunitedchurch@shaw.ca)

[www.mcclureunitedchurch.org](http://www.mcclureunitedchurch.org)

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday – Thursday from 9am-3pm with an hour closed from 12-1pm for lunch

**MINISTERIAL STAFF:**

Reverend Debra Berg – (306) 373-1753 ext. 9896

[debra.b@shaw.ca](mailto:debra.b@shaw.ca)

Reverend Emily Carr – Part Time Minister – Will Start on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

Shirley Blackburn

Coordinator and Choir Director

Elin Sletmoen

Pianist

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

Sheila Krueger

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## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND SUPPORT**

McClure also holds special services throughout the year. These would include All Saints Day, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday Services. In the past we have also held a city wide, overnight Easter Vigil for youth!

**CHAPEL:** McClure has a small chapel available for those who wish to come and spend some time in prayer and meditation. This chapel is available any time our building is unlocked (8am-7pm most weekdays)

### **ROBERT JH MCCLELLAN**

**MEMORIAL LIBRARY:** We are fortunate to have a good library with many books for both adults and children to borrow. There are helpful resources here for bible study, grief, addictions, family relationships, and more.

**CONFIRMATION:** Faith exploration classes are offered every year from January through April for youth and adults of all ages in preparation for a commitment of faith. Please contact our office and/or our minister(s) to register!

**DISCUSSION GROUPS:** We have several adult faith discussion groups available at different times in the year. Please follow our newsletter and social media for information.

**RECORDED SERVICES:** All of our services are live streamed each week! The link can be found in our weekly emails, our website, and on YouTube. Within 30 minutes after the services, a recording of the weekly worship can be found on our YouTube page under "Live." Here is the link for our YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@McClureUnitedChurch/streams>



## KIDS ACTIVITIES

**NURSERY:** For children 3 years old or younger, there is a nursery available where an adult may choose to take the child. It is equipped with toys, a change table, books, and there is a speaker so that the church service can be heard. It is located just to the right as you exit the sanctuary, opposite to the washrooms.



**CHILDREN'S' MINISTRY:** Rainbow Village is a program run by Eden Polischuk at the 10am service. Kids ages 4 to grade 6 are welcome to join for a story, crafts, and activities after the first full hymn of the worship service! Sometimes there are even snacks, yum!



Regular attendees should fill out a registration form and return it to the office for safety reasons, visitors do not need to sign anything!

Please note that children ages 2 to 3 can attend rainbow village if they bring their grown-up with them!

**FAMILY FUN:** McClure hosts different events throughout the year focused on families and creating community! Our Outreach committee hosts a family dance every fall and we often hire a summer employee to be a community engagement coordinator! Keep your eye on our calendar to find out when these events are happening!

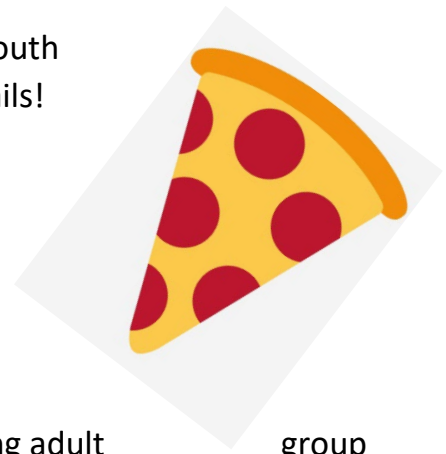
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** This is a week long day camp program for children (Kindergarten to Grade 5) that we have during the summer! Children get to learn more about the bible, make friends, play games, and eat snacks! Before and after care can be offered for children! Bursaries can be given to accommodate children from low income households.

## Youth and Young Adult Activities

**YOUTH GROUP:** McClure is in the process of building our youth group program! This will be for youth grades 7 to 12 and will meet during the weekly worship services.

Kyle Feader is the city wide youth leader and he hosts youth nights every week, see schedule on our website for details!

Some past city wide events have been movie nights, sleepovers, board game nights, craft nights, picnics, and more! Email Kyle at [kyle@yxeyouthunited.ca](mailto:kyle@yxeyouthunited.ca) for more information!



**YOUNG ADULT GROUP:** In the past, McClure had a young adult group that met once a month for lunch and fellowship. This program is no longer being organized but we hope to offer it again soon!

## MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

- **CHOIR:** meets every Wednesday from 7:30-9:00pm at the church. They sing regularly at the 10am service each Sunday.
- **MCCLURE PLACE CHORISTERS:** residents of McClure Place that sing once a month during the church service. Practice is at 10:30am on Thursdays in the Sanctuary.
- **PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? SING?:** If you are interested in offering your musical talents during Sunday worship and/or during a special service, please contact Shirley Blackburn at (306) 374-9751



## **ADULT GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST (MONTHLY):** The first Sunday of every month is the Men's Breakfast in our Dining Hall! Breakfast is \$10 and is prepared by the McClure Place kitchen! Pre-register to secure your spot!

**MEN'S GATHERING GROUP (MONTHLY):** Meets one Saturday every month at 8am for fellowship and faith discussions!

**WOMEN'S GATHERING GROUP (MONTHLY):** Meets one Saturday every month at 8am for fellowship and faith discussions. Note: we do not have an organizer for a Women's breakfast group at this time, but volunteers are welcome to create one!

**QUILTING GUILD (WEEKLY):** Every Thursday from 1:30-3:30pm in our Craft Room! This group brings their own sewing machines and creates quilts and sewing projects. Some work on their own projects while others create items to sell for Outreach fundraisers. New Members always welcome, limited storage available for material.

**FIT AFTER FIFTY (WEEKLY):** Most Mondays and Thursdays from 4-5pm in our Multi-Purpose Room! This is a free exercise class and a good way to stay healthy!



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**AMY MCCLURE HOUSE BREAKFAST:** Assisting in serving breakfast to the residents of Amy McClure House every morning.

**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOST :** Makes and serves coffee on Sunday mornings for after the worship service. Sign up sheets are in the dining room on Sunday mornings.

**HOSPITALITY GROUP:** Provide funeral/memorial receptions at the church. Help to set up, serve, and clean up for these events

**KNITTING PRAYER SHAWLS:** Knit and donate prayer shawls that are given to people who are sick and/or are in need within the community. Patterns for the shawls can be found on our bulletin boards.

**REFUGEE ASSISTANCE GROUP:** Help sponsor and organize for refugees to safely come to Saskatoon. Ensure refugees have resources once they arrive.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** Help deliver meals and/or groceries to people who are unable immobile.

**USHERS AND GREETERS:** Help to welcome everyone at the door(s) of our church on Sunday morning. Help people find seating and be available to answer questions for new comers. Sign up sheets are available on Sunday mornings and on our bulletin boards.

**TECH-BOOTH VOLUNTEERS:** Get training to help with the tech on Sunday mornings! This includes progressing the PowerPoint slides, controlling the volume of the microphones, and running the livestream on YouTube!

### **SPECIAL OCCASION VOLUNTEERS**

- **TICKET SELLERS:**
- **DONATE BASKETS/ PRIZES:**
- **RUN CONCESSION**
- **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**
- **DINNER THEATRE**
- **BOOK SALE/ CRAFT SALE VOLUNTEERS**



# HOW ELSE CAN I HELP?

- ▶ **WEAR YOUR NAMETAG:** Wearing a nametag helps everyone. They can be ordered at the church office and come in 3 types: pin, magnetic, and pocket.
- ▶ **USED STAMPS:** for the Canadian Bible Society. Please trim the stamps. There is a box on top of the literature rack in the main lobby to put them in.
- ▶ **USED EYEGLASSES:** are collected and restored for use in vision programs in other countries.
- ▶ **USED MAGAZINES:** are collected on the first Sunday of each month (Oct-June) for literacy programs here in Saskatoon.
- ▶ **FOOD BANK:** there is a barrel by the library for donations of food for the Saskatoon Food Bank.
- ▶ **FRIENDSHIP INN:** there is a container by the library for donations of pasta for Friendship Inn.

## STEWARDSHIP



McClure United Church is faithful in the support of projects within the congregation and in the local and global community. Members of the church family are given the opportunity of financially supporting the operating budget of the church, the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada, and the Capital Building fund. There is also a Memorial Fund for donations made in memory of a loved one.

### Contributions can be made in several ways:

- PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance – your contribution is deducted automatically from your bank account each month)
- Post-dated cheques
- Contribution envelopes
- Online at: [www.mcclureunitedchurch.org](http://www.mcclureunitedchurch.org)

In addition, there are three special appeals for Mission and Service at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

The generous and consistent financial contribution of our church family allows us to continue the work and witness of McClure United Church through our stewardship program each year.

PAR forms and contribution envelopes are available at the church office.

### Volunteering:

- ◆ It's a way of giving and receiving God's gifts.
- ◆ A "Time and Talent" survey is available year round and can be found on the desk in the foyer. This provides a wonderful opportunity to share special interests and talents with others.



# Committees of McClure United Church

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Works to encourage a strong sense of community within McClure and coordinates and enriches our pastoral care ministry.

## **FAITH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Provides opportunities for spiritual, educational, and personal development for people of all ages.
- ◆ Maintains the Robert J. McLellan Memorial Library

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Offers a caring hand to our church family, our community, our country, and our global neighbours.

## **MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Provides a two-way liaison support group for the ministerial staff and the congregation

## **PRESBYTERY COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Lay representatives attend Presbytery meetings on our behalf.

## **SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Acquires and maintains church equipment and facilities.

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Stewardship is the sharing of God's gifts with others in a thoughtful and caring way. To this end, the committee coordinates the time, talents and financial resources of the congregation.

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Works in co-operation with the ministerial staff and music personnel to make all services meaningful and worshipful.

## **LEGACY GIVING COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Keeps the congregation informed about the opportunities for making legacy gifts such as through wills and bequests and what ministries and mission activities such gifts have already enabled.

## **AFFIRMING COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Being an affirming ministry means that we are welcoming to all people regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, age, race, and economic status.

## **OTHER LIAISONS:**

### **McCLURE PLACE & AMY McCLURE HOUSE**

- ◆ A three-way liaison between McClure United Church, McClure Place, and Amy McClure House.

### **JOINT ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Working together with our covenant partner, Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Parish, offering both congregations opportunities to share in worship, study, outreach, fellowship and fun