



MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER MAY 2026

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*"Something inside of me can feel happy and sad at the same time.
Is that when you know that you have a soul?"*

~Candice Hanes Age 10

On my first day in the office at McClure, Rev. Debra wrote Beth Johnson's name on a post it and stuck it to my desk. Beth, a charter member of McClure, happened to be in the hospital and I went to see her. Beth recovered and came home and back to church and bible study. Through Beth and Denis and many others, I began to learn the story of McClure United, how your church began, about the ministry that is still thriving, and most of all, about the faithfulness of the people here.

On the weekend my departure from McClure was announced, surrounded by the love of her family and prayers of her community, Beth drew near to the end and yesterday, we held her celebration of life. Beth's grandchildren and great grandchild filled the second row of the sanctuary. They participated in the service. It was a beautiful tribute to our beloved Beth.

After the funeral, as always, I walked through the church gathering bits of this and that among the chairs. I found a card in the grandchildren's section. On one side it said, "Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul!" On the other, a quote from a little girl, "*Something inside of me can feel happy and sad at the same time. Is that when you know that you have a soul?*" For me, this was a symbol of Beth's faithfulness flowing down through the generations.

I feel sad because Beth has now gone from among us. I feel happy that she was one of the Saints who walked with me during my time here. So, it is with our whole community. There is sadness as I prepare to answer my next ministry call, but my heart is also filled with happiness for the time we have had together, and I promise to carry all you have taught me to the next place.

I do believe that little Candice is right about the soul. Somewhere between our sadness and our happiness, we find the things that we care about most, the people who matter to us, and the part of ourselves that connects to others on this journey of life.

May God bless and keep you, and your loved ones this season,
~Emily



IN LOVING SYMPATHY

Holding you gently in prayer...

All who have experienced grief & loss in its many forms



Cooper Muirhead and Priscila Esquivel on the death of Cooper's Stepmom Karen Story

Cailey and Jesse McCulloch, Kieran and Callum on the death of Cailey's Stepmom Karen Story and Grandma Karen Story

Dennis Johnson on the death of his wife Beth Johnson

Angie and Jim Bugg on the death of Angie's Mom Beth Johnson

Sandi and Bryan Hamp on the death of Sandi's Mom Beth Johnson

Karen Mallory and Heather Johnson on the death of their Mom Beth Johnson

Joan Nuttall on the death of her husband Wes Nuttall

NEWS FROM THE MCCLURE CHURCH BOARD



Spring crocuses ... is there any surer sign that spring has come to Saskatchewan?
We used to pick crocuses and take them to my Grandma – she loved that their velvety mauve petals brightened up her kitchen each spring.

Following the service on April 19, Ministry and Personnel Chair – Gaylene Gorniak – read a letter from Reverend Emily Carr, announcing that she will be leaving McClure in June, as she has accepted a full-time position at Mayfair United Church in Saskatoon. We are so happy for Rev. Emily as she makes the change in Ministry, but we will miss her very much. Thank you for the comfort, hope, and truth that you have shared so faithfully. Wishing you joy in all that comes next.

On April 26, the McClure Church Board hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Tea, following the service, to thank and celebrate the many volunteers that contribute to the success of McClure United Church services, events, and the day-to-day operation of our church. Prizes and keepsake items were generously donated, music was enjoyed, speakers shared their thoughts on volunteerism, and refreshments were provided. It was a wonderful time of thankfulness and recognition for our volunteers.
“Appreciation is a wonderful thing: It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well” – Voltaire

On May 10 the Saskatoon United Church Cluster are supporting the Saskatoon Food Bank by holding a “Fill the Bins”. We hope you will bring non-perishable food items to the church that morning as a donation.

The Task Force is now recruiting those who are willing to advise and/or form policy. Four people have accepted, and another 4 or 5 people are needed.

We continue to be blessed with many renters who find McClure facilities suitable for meetings, gatherings, and events.

Reminders –

- May 31 - McClure Place Foundation/McClure Place Association AGMs following the church service
- June 7 – McClure United Church AGM following the church service

“At last the snow has left us, cleaned the earth for crocuses, luxurious as silky hair...”

– Marion McReady

Enjoy the May days of Saskatchewan,
Joy McFarlane-Burton, Co-Chair McClure Church Board



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Amy's Volunteers *urgently needed for the summer*



Amy McClure House is a care facility that is attached to McClure United Church.

We urgently require more volunteers **to serve breakfast**. Please consider this important ministry. You will be trained and will not be on your own until you are comfortable doing so.

Volunteers serve breakfast at Amy's at 8:00 each morning. Usually, we are done by 9:30 at the latest. We try to slot you in once a week if that works for you. The wonderful folks at Amy's would love to see you.

If you are interested, please call Carol Claypool at 306-664-2285 or email at cclpool@sasktel.net.

Look forward to hearing from you!



Sunday Coffee Volunteers

Summer is Coming - Coffee Volunteers Needed!

With summer cottages opening and vacations coming up, we would really appreciate any help with

serving & making Sunday Morning coffee at 9:00 am.

No experience required. Instruction provided. Come meet a new friend or visit with an old one! Congregational Care Committee



MEALS ON WHEELS

McClure delivers Meals on Wheels to shut-ins every Friday.

Meals are picked up at Preston Care Home across from Market Mall. They are picked up at 11:15 a.m. and it typically takes about one hour to deliver.

Right now, the volunteers are delivering about once a month. More volunteers would mean you would deliver less often. We would have you go with someone for the first time or two to find out how the process works.

If this is something that you feel you would be interested in, please call Carol Claypool at 306-664-2285 or email at cclpool@sasktel.net.

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SASKATOON FOOD BANK
& LEARNING CENTRE

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Mother's Day Baking Potluck and Recipe Swap

On Sunday May 10th is Mother's Day! Let's honour the wonderful women in our lives with a Baking Potluck and Recipe Swap! Do you have a family recipe close to your heart? Come share your recipe and have a chance to remember your loved one!

Baking will be shared after worship on Sunday, May 10th in the Sanctuary. Ideally, we would have 12-24 portion sizes, we may cut items into smaller pieces for easier sampling!



Interested?

1. Sign up on our sheets in the church foyer or the church office to bring your sweet or savoury treat!
2. Email a copy of your recipe to Eden at mcclureucprograms@gmail.com and she will print out recipe cards for folks to take home! You can also drop off a hand written copy of your recipe at the church office.
3. On Sunday, May 10th drop off your baked goodies in the Multi-purpose room between 9:30-9:50am! If you would like, you can bring a photo or a memento of your loved one to place next to your baked good!



Dig In to Help

On Sunday April 27, the Executive Director of Crocus Coop, Corinne Anthony, attended our church service to receive our donations of \$1690.00. Corinne thanked McClure for all our support as the Coop tries to recover from a fire last summer that claimed many of their tools for work programs

Well done McClure!



Volunteer Appreciation Tea.

On Sunday April 26 about 100 people attended the Volunteer Appreciation Tea, after church. Joyce Lenz entertained us, there were some prizes and a short program highlighting all the volunteers we have here at McClure.

Thanks to everyone who attended and to the McClure Church Board for serving at this event.



McClure Book and Puzzle Sale

A big thank you to all the volunteers and donors who helped in any way with the Book and Puzzle Sale on April 25th. Thanks to Arron in the office for her help with many aspects of the sale and a special thank you to Sandy Hoenecke who guided us through our first sale and for organizing the puzzles. You were a huge help to us.

Thanks also to all who came to the sale and purchased books, puzzles, Cd's, records and/or Dvd's. You were certainly appreciated. Despite the snowy weather which made it difficult for all, we were able to raise \$7,013. Not quite as much as last year, but a significant amount. McClure you are awesome.

Yours in appreciation,

The 2026 organizing committee, Diane Hogg, Terry Clark, Carol Claypool and Eden Polischuk.

Ministry with Children – Rainbow Village Sunday Morning.

Eden Polischuk is our beloved Rainbow Village leader.

Eden has a B.Ed. degree and a heart for kiddos. Thank you for trusting us to teach and learn with your children.

Nursery

The nursery is closed for renovations. Please remember babies and toddlers are very welcome in the worship space and the chapel is available for your convenience when needed

Art Together Time

Is finished for the Season and we will resume our art time in the fall.



Men's Saturday Gathering

McClure men and friends also gather on Saturday mornings once a month.

Please join us!

Next gathering

May 23 - 8:00 am

Next gathering: **June 20**

Women's Saturday Morning Gathering

McClure women and friends are invited to a Saturday Morning gathering which provides opportunities for deep connection, interesting conversation and loads of fun.

Next Gathering May 23 @8am

Save the date!

INTERGENERATIONAL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

At McClure - join us for a parking lot party!

Friday, May 29 at 6 pm

Come out and roast some hotdogs, do some crafts, and sing some songs around the fire!

All ages welcome!

Bring your own lawnchair

Please RSVP to Cailey - cailey.mcculloch@gmail.com

MCCLURE PLACE

McClure Place Happenings

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

Our Easter Banquet was held on April 1st. The delicious meal of ham with all the trimmings was cooked and served by our capable kitchen staff. Entertainment by Maxine Moore and her accompanist Joan Jackson was very much enjoyed.

CARG Hearts: Volunteers are busy tracing, cutting, stuffing and sewing heart shaped pillows which will be given to individuals who have had heart surgery. The first step of the project begins at McClure Place where the tracing and cutting is done by volunteers, then materials are passed to another organization in the city for further progress.

Recent snowstorms make us long for spring! To help our volunteer Garden **Committee** make McClure Place beautiful donations at our front office of \$20 or more are eligible for a tax receipt.

Our March Charity for Multiple Sclerosis was very successful.

Our Hospitality Area downstairs is a busy place with booked presentations.

(1.) Bonnie Panamaroff, manager of Amy McClure House gave an excellent & informative presentation about their facility. The gathering was well attended and several questions were answered.

(2.) Lois Spizawka, a registered nurse who visits us monthly specializing in foot care appointments, showed slides and spoke about the importance of good foot care.

(3.) A person from Prairie Hospice spoke about many special qualities of their institution.

March was **Kidney Awareness** Month. Bonnie Decker led two presentations. The first was to learn a few facts about Dialysis and Chronic Kidney Disease which is very common. A few weeks later, during Organ Donation Week, a second presentation by the Kidney Foundation of Canada was given. A donor spoke about his experience of donating a kidney. The recipient of his kidney also spoke of her experience of receiving the kidney. This was a very moving presentation.

Residents will have noticed a beautifully crocheted afghan in the glass display cabinet of the main entrance to McClure Place. It was crocheted by Marjorie Helgert and donated to raise money for our Van Fund. Tickets will soon be circulated by members of the Activities Committee (\$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5). **You could win this beautiful afghan!!**

Celebration Day is on the 4th Tuesday of each month. We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries of the month with Cake & Coffee. Everyone is encouraged to come down to the Hospitality Room at 10:00am.

Eleanor Elliott



McClure Place Association Inc. Annual General Meeting

The annual general meetings for both McClure Place Association Inc. & McClure Place Foundation Inc. will take place on **Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.** (immediately following the church service). All members and adherents of McClure United Church are voting members of these two organizations (but anyone can attend the meetings). Please make plans to attend these important meetings for McClure Place, which is a key feature of the McClure outreach mission.

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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

Newsletter Format Options:

Our monthly newsletter is available at the church website & it's also emailed directly to everyone on the email list.

But, if you prefer to receive a paper copy **or** you need to update your email/contact info, please contact the office at:

306-373-1753 or mcclureunitedchurch@shaw.ca

Sheila Krueger – Editor

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

Please e-mail newsletter submissions directly
to eskrueger@sasktel.net

**May Newsletter Deadline:
May 24th, 2026**



Please note Debra is currently on Sabbatical Leave from February 1st to June 30, 2026.

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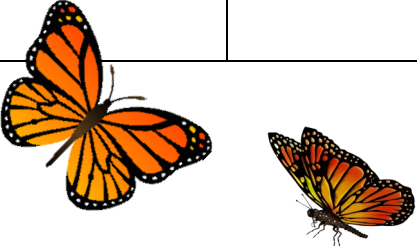
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		<p>“The constant happiness is curiosity.” — Alice Munro</p>				<p>1</p>	<p>2 9 AM Big Shred</p>
<p>3 Camp Sunday 8:30 AM Men’s Break- fast 10 AM Weekly worship Kids in Worship 11 AM Camp Tapawingo Hot Dog Sale 5:30 PM Spring Supper</p>	<p>4 13 4 PM Forever in Motion 7 PM Outreach Committee Meeting</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 10 AM Congregational Care Committee 7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>7 1:30 PM Quilting Group 3 PM Property Committee Meeting 4 PM Forever In Mo- tion 7 PM M&P Committee</p>	<p>8</p>		
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<p>24 Pentecost 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village 5 PM June Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>25 4 PM Forever in Motion</p>	<p>26 7 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>27 7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>28 1:30 PM Quilting Group 4 PM Forever In Motion</p>	<p>29 6 PM Intergenerational Family Fun Night</p>	<p>30</p>	
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