



MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

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The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

— Wendell Berry, *The Selected Poems of Wendell Berry*

In the biblical Hebrew language, the word that we translate as “wilderness” is midbar (מִדְבָּר). Midbar has the same root as mouth or speaking. A translation for wilderness I like is “place of speaking” or “place of divine speech.”

Even as our ancestors struggled in the wilderness, we remember this season, that when they did not know where to go, God was their guide.

When they couldn't find food, God fed them.

When they had no purpose, God gave them the commandments.

Though difficult, the wilderness is a sacred place, because it's where our people hear the voice of God.

In his poem, *The Peace of Wild Things*, Wendell Berry describes an inner struggle and how in the wilderness, he is able to put those burdens down for a time and rest.

This season, as we journey together into the wilderness, may we too leave behind all that is no longer serving us or the world.

May God be our guide.

May we find rest, peace, and freedom in the words that God is speaking to us.

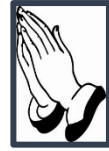
~Emily

IN LOVING SYMPATHY

Holding you gently in prayer...

All who have experienced grief & loss in its many forms

Family and friends of Lynne Corrigan
Gerry Bull in the death of his wife Shelley Bull and daughter Meagan
Friends of Shelley Bull
Family and friends of Leora and Jim McKinney



NEWS FROM THE MCCLURE CHURCH BOARD

We are in the season of Lent, a time of intentional reflection and preparation for the joy of Easter.

We have recently had the Congregational Budget Meeting, and now look forward, with good intentions, to provide for our church, our building, and work in the wider community, while living our Mission Statement.

McClure United Church, as a Christian community of faith, participates in the worship of God, in study and in services to others. The people, enabled by the Spirit of God, reflect God's love by their attitudes and actions.

At the Congregational Meeting, our deficit budget situation was discussed. There was a suggestion that a "Task Force" group might be formed to enable McClure people to come together and think about new ideas for fundraising. This idea was then brought forward at the February 24 Board meeting where 3 key points were agreed upon and will be discussed at the March meeting.

We are thrilled to announce that Terry Linsley has agreed to be McClure United Church's Co-Chair Elect. Terry's warm personality, experience with Camp Tapawingo, family history with the McClure Church, and involvement with McClure Players will provide wonderful leadership to our Church Board. Terry's nomination to the Co-Chair position will be June 7 at the Annual General Meeting.

McClure's own Meghan Drabble has accepted the position of Youth Minister for the Saskatoon and Area Youth Group, beginning March 1. Congratulations, Meghan!

Stewardship facilitated a rental rate fee structure that was supported at the January 27th Board Meeting. Congregational Care arranged for the Food Safety Course on February 14th.

The Outreach committee is in discussions about how to best refurbish the Nursery.

The McClure Players, serving under Outreach, are presenting the Musical – *Nonsense* on March 5, 6, & 7. This is a Dessert Theatre, with rush seating. We welcome Cast members from the wider community as they share their roles in this hilarious comedy. "Thank you" to all from our congregation, and the community, who have supported this production.

PIE Day will be celebrated at McClure United Church on Friday, March 13 – 10 am until noon. We thank Angela Glasel and Eden Polischuk for making the arrangements for this event.

The Worship Committee will be busy throughout Lent, planning meaningful services and preparing McClure for Easter.

"This Lenten season, let us take intentional steps toward kindness and love in all we do" – Karen Kingsbury

Joy McFarlane-Burton, Co-Chair of MUC Board

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday Service – March 29th – 10:00 am
communion

Maundy Thursday April 2nd – 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service April 3rd – 11:00 am



Easter Sunrise Service – April 5th – 6:30 am at Donna Berkmaier Park

Donna Berkmaier Park is a 5-minute drive from the church east on Taylor Street. The parking area is left at Slimmon Road. This area is easily accessible and there is a spot to view the sunrise.

Please join us for a light Breakfast back at the church after the service.

Easter Sunday – April 5th – 10:00 am.





BOOK and PUZZLE SALE

Saturday, April 25, 2026

8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Multipurpose Room: Books, Audio Books

Sanctuary: PUZZLES, Board Games, Records, DVDs, CDs

We encourage everyone to bring their own bags
As always, we rely on donations to make this a successful sale.



Books/puzzles, etc. may be dropped off at the church April 19 – Noon April 24.

Please do not bring them early as we don't have any storage. If this is an issue, contact one of the names listed below.

PLEASE NO: textbooks, National Geographic, atlases, dictionaries, computer books, Reader's Digest, encyclopedias of any kind or magazines.

PLEASE NO: books that are tattered, missing pages/covers, moldy/mildew smelling.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available April 5 and 12 at church. We appreciate your help. This is an important fundraiser for the church.

If you are unsure of what we prefer in way of donations please contact one of the following: Carol Claypool at 306-664-2285 or cclpool@sasktel.net Terry Clark at 306-227-7008 or terryclark@gmail.com Diane Hogg at 306-343-1647 or dianeh@shaw.ca Eden at mcclureucprograms@gmail.com



Food Bank Donation Barrel Update

The barrel has been moved into the office and donation access will be restricted to office hours. On Sundays, a basket will be available at the front of the sanctuary before and after the service for food items.

Refurbishment of the Nursery

The other project that our Outreach Committee is working on is the: **Refurbishment of the Nursery.** We have begun our discussions about: ceiling tiles, window blinds, shelving and bins, new toys etc.! We are very excited about the project, the planning, and the work ahead! (We may be asking members of the congregation to volunteer to assist with work jobs.)



AMY MCCLURE HOUSE

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!

OUTREACH

A Heartfelt Thank you

Happy Valentine's Day from Wildwood School

On February 13, Mr. Glines, the principal at Wildwood School, called and said the students had made a box of Valentines for us at McClure. They wanted to wish us well and thank us for our support of their breakfast program and for our white gift donations at Christmas time.

When the box was picked up, we realized that there was about 250 Valentines in the box, made by students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Some were very simple and some elaborate, but all were so sweet. So, the Valentines were offered to those at Amy's, McClure Place and in the sanctuary on Sunday Feb.15.

What a lovely surprise for all of us!! Thanks Wildwood!!



We Dig in to Help



Thank you, McClure, for your contributions to the Dig in to Help fund raising to help the Crocus Coop buy tools (shovels, rakes, hoes, and buckets) lost in their shed fire. For every \$20 donation we hang a little play shovel in the trees along our property. This will be an outward sign that McClure Church is a helping community of faith.

So far your wonderful donations have totalled many little shovels...\$1430.00!!!

The Crocus Coop is a centre that helps people with mental health disabilities. One of their programs is to help their clientele through their Transitional Employment program. Members have the opportunity to enter the workforce through activities such as snow removal, yard cleanup and window washing.



STAYING CONNECTED

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 open and well equipped. There is a TV for viewing
worship, loads of toys and a comfy rocker. Please remember
babies and toddlers are very welcome in the worship space and
the nursery is for your convenience when needed

Family Fun Night March 20, 2026. Easter time.

Our family fun night begins with a simple
supper, a brief worship (10min) then we have
some fun. . Come if you are single or a
double, younger or wiser.
Watch for sign up sheets in the lobby a
couple weeks before the event or email
Cailey – cailey.mcculloch@gmail.com
by noon March 18. Supper by donation.

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 - March 21 @8am

Next gatherings:
Apr 18 – May 16 - June 20

Men's Saturday Gathering

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

Please join us!

Next gathering

March 21 - 8:00 am

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Please note that on **Friday, March 13th**
there will be coffee and pies in the Church
Foyer from 10-12am as we learn more
about how to help out 2SLGBTQ+
community!

Come for good conversation about current
hardships and learn how to be the best ally
you can be!



Registration for Camp Tapawingo is
open. Help us spread the word.

Our own Terry and Mya were
invited on the CBC radio program

Blue Sky representing Camp Tapawingo chatting about
why summer camps are so important these days.
Go to the CBC radio site and search BLUE SKY episodes,
Feb 17.

MCCLURE PLACE

McClure Place Happenings

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

A Residents Association General meeting was held with Residents Council President Marshall Petrowicz presiding. After the business part of the meeting, residents were asked to write beefs or bouquets about living at McClure.

Many bouquets about living here were stated, including a very strong community involvement in our McClure home; it is well run and very clean.

Cultural Day was a big event! Our housekeeping staff had been busy cooking. Dressed in their ethnic clothes, participants from the Philippines, Bangladesh, Ukraine, Sudan and Iran filled the tables with their delicious ethnic food, and invited us to fill our plates.

Our manager, Lisa, was our capable emcee who later encouraged each worker to say a few words about their home country and their experiences in Canada; their comments were very interesting. Thank you to our faithful hard workers for their hospitality and generosity. The event was very well attended by residents which showed our appreciation for all that they do for us.

“Staying on your Feet”, a fall prevention and balance exercise program is a twelve-week course taught by physiotherapists funded by Saskatchewan Health Authority. Resident participants meet once a week in our activity room for a lecture and exercises pertaining to the weekly topic.

A combined celebration of a Valentine Party/Floor Curling Wind-up Party was held on February 13th at coffee time. A social time was enjoyed & Valentine cookies were served. The winning rink of curlers was presented with a trophy: The winners were Marshall & Shirley Petrowicz, Al & Marj Helgert, with spares Alf & Elsie Bisschop.

The Super Bowl Game was watched on our Big Screen TV & was well attended. Ukrainian food was prepared by our kitchen staff. Other events enjoyed on the Big Screen were the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra, as well as a few Olympic Sports.

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

**April Newsletter Deadline:
March 22nd 2026**

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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:

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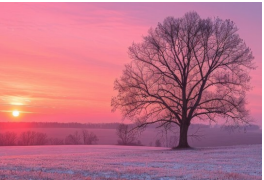

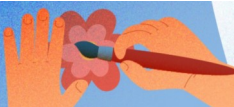




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village	2 8 AM McClure Players 4 PM Forever in Motion 7 PM McClure Players Dress Rehearsal	3 7 PM Outreach Committee Meeting	4 8 AM McClure Players 10 AM Congregational Care Committee Meeting 7 PM McClure Players Preview	5 <i>Nunsense</i> 8 AM McClure Players 9:15 AM Good News in the Morning 4 PM Forever in Motion	6 <i>Nunsense</i> 8 AM McClure Players 1 PM Art Together	7 <i>Nunsense</i> 8 AM McClure Players 	
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