



MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER, 2023

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Caring for the Spirit of the Children

My kids grew up going to church but it wasn't exactly an every Sunday kind of thing. When they were very little my husband and I had to find childcare Sunday mornings because we both needed to be on the road.

When we moved into Saskatoon the boys traveled with me to St. Martin's United Church. During the first service they played video games in my office and during the second service they attended Bible Adventures or Sunday school. The boys also took part in VBS and Family Camp. They could sing the "Lord's My Shepherd" to the tune of the "Happy Wanderer" with the best of them.

The boys also participated in a variety of community sports. Isaac was into Baseball and Matthew, Soccer. It was a challenge to maintain our Sunday morning Church attendance given the commitment teams required. We had to tell coaches that we would not be attending practices on Sunday mornings and we might not be available for weekend tournaments. Some coaches looked at us a bit funny but respected our family's choices. We missed some practices, but we managed all tournaments. Even as a single mom, with the help of my parents, the boys managed to have loads of fun and maintain an active lifestyle.

When my work life changed, and I was blessed to join you in ministry here at McClure, things shifted for the boys again. Matthew attended Rainbow Village and Isaac the youth group. When pumping gas at Co-op began to take over Isaac's time, Matthew lost his ride. The boys rarely attend worship now, except for Christmas Eve.

I tell you these things because I know how hard it is to make church attendance a priority, but I want to encourage you to try because this is what I have seen in my own family.

When the boy's grandmother died suddenly in 2015, Isaac came here to McClure the very next Sunday. He knew that when storms hit, he needed community, a safe place to ask questions and to grieve. Last week, a "skip the dishes" driver ask my son, Matthew, if he had a few extra dollars because he was really struggling. Matthew didn't say a thing, he just went to his room and found a few dollars to give the man.

When life served up grief, Isaac didn't go to his baseball coach or to his physics teacher. When someone came to Matthew in need, I don't think he tapped into something his soccer coach said or his French teacher taught.

I'm not telling you these things because I'm some fabulous parent, because I am definitely not. But I want to encourage you to think about the spiritual part of your kids lives. I want you to think about giving your kids a community that can hold them in the storms of life. And about connecting them to people who share your values of generosity, compassion, and kindness.

If you can get here, in person, fabulous! If you can connect on line, that is good too. If Sunday morning doesn't work, please let me know how I can support you as you care for your children's spirit, at home. Whatever is possible, please know you and your family are loved and are held in your church's heart. Together we are God's people.

Home Coming Sunday – September 17 – 10am

Bouncy Castle – snacks – Crafts

Grade 2 Bible presentation

Blessing of our Students

Blessings,
Debra

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES

Holding you gently in prayer...

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

Holly Keeler on the death of her mother Joan Keeler
Eden Polischuck on the death of her grandma Joan Keeler
Elin and Iver Sletmoen on the death of Elin's sister Gayla Derges
Bonnie and Boyd Godfrey on the death of Bonnie's sister Donna Olson
Elaine Nutbrown on the death of her daughter Shelley Babineau



CELEBRATIONS

MARRIAGES:

July 1 - Arthur Harry James Wilson and Vivien Marie Schmidt

August 19 - Travis John Morpak and Juliet Nyokabi Gaithuru



CREATION BANNER

The season of creation was recently added to the church calendar year and is represented by the color orange. A second banner was hung at the end of the Creation season last year. As with the other banner, this banner is also open to interpretation by the observer.

The **top** of the wall hanging has the sun in it, representing sunrise or sunset.

The **middle** section has the tree of life. The tree of life has been represented by the world's religious, philosophical, and mythological traditions.

There are several references to the tree of life in the Bible the last one being in Revelations 22:14; Blessed are those who wash their robes so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter in by the gates.

The **branches** are decorated to represent the four seasons, starting with snow on the left.

The **bottom** of the wall hanging represents the layers of the earth.



AMY MCCLURE HOUSE

As many of you know, we have a group of volunteers that help serve breakfast at 7:30 each morning. This is our opportunity to let those who once were active in our church know that we care about them. We can always use more volunteers, as some of our volunteers have holidays planned in the new year.

If this is something that you feel called to do, we would love to have you join us. You would not be on your own until you are comfortable in doing so.

Let me warn you, once you have a chance to spend time with the wonderful folks at Amy's you will be hooked. If you are interested, please call Carol Claypool at 306-664-2285 or email at cclpool@sasktel.net.

SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT!

Summer 2023 is slowly fading; it is time to regenerate and review interests. One of our most soul giving pleasures is singing so why not consider lending your voice to the many sacred music pieces in the McClure Music Library?

A beautiful hymn in our Voices United titled "In the Bulb There is a Flower" is more poignant as we send our sympathies to our forever faithful choir members, Elin who lost her sister and Elaine who has lost her daughter. We pray they both find peace as we begin a new season of sacred music.

"Joyful Voices, Sanctuary Choir, McClure Choir, The Choir" are all names that our wonderful singers like to use.

With that in mind, Elin and Shirley feel privileged to lead this group in song and worship with Debra.

***Choir practice begins Wednesday September 6, 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.**

McClure Place Choristers are a group of singers comprised of residents from the Tower who offer a few coffee party programs during the year. This group loves to sing, and they offer much joy and fun to the residents or friends who enjoy coming to their presentations. As the Choristers already have an invite to the Newcomer's tea happening in October they will resume practicing late September.

Chorister Practice begins Sept 21 or Sept 28 in the Sanctuary (TBA)

??? Do we have or know anyone interested in leading a Handbell Choir?

??? Do we have Handbells? YES!

??? Do we have Handbell Music? YES!



Finally, a big thank you is extended to the McClure Congregation who sang one of their top ten choices for hymns each Sunday and became the "Top Ten Choir" during the summer. The "pop up" choir was a huge success and we thank those who "popped in" one early Sunday morning.

We truly have Something to Sing About!



Sacred Sounds is a

contemporary music group seeking new members to experience both sacred and secular forms of music. To achieve our goals we are inviting singers, drummers, guitar players and any other instrumentalists to join us for a unique experience which we would then offer to the congregation once a month. We have enjoyed this group for years under the leadership of Tamara Ferguson and Celeste Delahey and we're thankful for their musical direction. For more information, please contact tamaraferguson@hotmail.com
A start-up date TBA!

McClure's Photo Directory 2023

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who volunteer to be hosts for our August shoot. It was very successful and now we gear up for the last two weeks of September.

Please Book your appointment to save the volunteers from having to phone you.

Dates:

Sept 19-23 Tuesday – Saturday

Sept 26-30 Tuesday – Saturday

Times:
weekdays 1:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Saturdays 9:30am – 4:30 pm

HOW TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT

1.ONLINE:

The link to your booking page is on the site

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...

Big Smile

- ♥ **There is absolutely no obligation to purchase photos**
- ♥ **Every family that gets their photo taken will automatically receive a directory for free**

Help Needed!

Are you looking for a volunteer position that would fit your time schedule? We are looking for another **volunteer to help in the church office on Sundays**. If we get another person then it would probably be only once a month or so. This is a very flexible schedule. You will be required to help in the office before, and after the services. Your job would not require any typing, filing or computer work. You would be there to help answer any questions or direct people to the right person and also occasionally take names for tickets, envelopes, etc. A smile and a willing hand goes a long way. If this is something that you would like to do, please contact **Carol Claypool at 306-664-2285** or via email at cclaypool@sasktel.net. Please call if you have questions.

MCCLURE BOARD NEWS



McClure Church Board

Michael Gorniak and Heather Muirhead-co chairs
Gaylene Gorniak - ministry and personnel,
Maureen Sinclair- worship,
Bryan Hamp - property,
Ed Tymchatyn - stewardship
Elaine Niebergall-treasurer,
Sandy Hoenecke-observer and recorder,
Naomi Yuen- congregational care
(Naomi is missing from the photo)
Debra Berg, Minister

Welcome Back Everyone

The McClure Church Board would like to welcome everyone back to church life! We hope everyone had a time of relaxation and renewal this summer! We are all excited about new opportunities coming our way this Fall!

As you may know, the Church Board is made up of a representative from each of the committees. We discuss finances, projects, worship opportunities, ministry and personnel possibilities, property concerns and much more. Our work is challenging but motivated by positivity for this great church community of ours.

Coming fully back from Covid, has also been a challenge. But a new year is upon us. We begin with hope, optimism and good wishes to all. **Let's step up, volunteer, come to events, praise our wonderful staff and ministers, and thoroughly enjoy this beautiful place we call home to our McClure community of faith.**

AND THE SURVEY SAYS....

Looking back to the spring, the McClure Church Board invited your responses and feedback about the Rural Connect experience. If you were a person who attended church in person or on-line, your opinion was requested. Responses from Carlyle and Radville, our Rural Connect partners, were also elicited. We appreciated everyone who responded to the survey! The Worship Committee and the Board then set out to review the results of the survey. Here is a short summary of some of the information we found.

Of those who participated in the survey, approximately 80% were positive about our Rural Connect partnership. Many responded (including our partners), that this partnership was a life-line, and that our leadership made us all feel like a larger community of faith.

There were some folks expressing their ideas of possible drawbacks of our partnership. Mentioned repeatedly was less McClure involvement in the worship experience. We will work on making some changes to help with these concerns. Some changes you might notice (most going back to pre-Covid days) will be McClure folks making announcements, and lighting the peace candle. We may begin a rotation with our Rural Connect partners with the saying of prayers and reading scripture. And hopefully children's time will make a return to our services.

Of course, with more jobs for McClure folks in the worship service, the need for volunteers will be increased. We look forward to sign up sheets being filled with enthusiastic helpers to perform these duties. An exciting year of Rural Connect and worship lies ahead.

Keep in mind the words to our Sung Offertory:
"What can I do? What can I bring?
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share."

Worship Tech Team

Thank you so much to those faithful few who did not get a break through the summer but made sure all of us were able to worship with good sound and via live stream.

Thanks also to those who have volunteered recently!
A few more volunteers would make sound management even easier.

Call Debra if you can help.

MCCLURE BOARD NEWS

Projector Replacement

On July 27, 2023, the Board called a special meeting to discuss replacement of the projectors given they were starting to fail. Prior to this meeting, the Worship Committee passed a motion to spend up to \$25,000 from the Memorial and Bequest ("M&B") Fund for projector replacement but the Stewardship Committee recommended further discussion of this matter given our looming capital fund deficiency.

Julie Jones attended the meeting to provide additional information to the Board with regards to the status of 2023 capital projects. It was brought to the attention of the Board that the resurfacing of the asphalt came in \$10,000 under budget, a budgeted amount of \$10,000 for window and door replacement was not required this year, and there was still \$5,000 in the capital budget for contingencies. It was also brought to the attention of the Board that the roof repairs for the drainage issue on the east and south areas of the building received a quote of \$68,000, with only \$25,000 included in the 2023 capital budget.

The roof assessment itself came in over budget and further work is being done to determine the specifics of the recommended repairs. It is unlikely this project will be started in 2023, but once it is started in a future year, there is the ability to undertake the project in modules rather than doing it all at once.

If projectors were purchased and installed in August, Adam Brookman could assist with the installation and therefore achieve some cost savings.

Given the above information, combined with the fact there was over \$40,000 in the M&B Fund and \$5,000 was already included in the capital budget for projector replacement in 2023, the Board passed a motion to use up to \$20,000 of M&B funds for the replacement of projectors for the enhancement of worship.

News from a "Newbie"

Way back in May, the first **Living Skies Regional Council** of the United Church of Canada (since Covid) took place in Prince Albert. Now I've been attending McClure church for about 36 years, but I don't know a thing about the national church, so I "volunteered" to go. As a "newbie" to this gathering, I imagined it would be a dry-kind of churchy informational meeting. But I was very pleasantly surprised.

I met people from all across the province with different concerns in their community of faith. Just to name a few of these concerns, I talked with a fellow with only five people at his church gatherings, a woman who was afraid to talk about affirming issues within her church, and a representative from the United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine Israel. (I had never heard of that!)

My eyes were opened to all the committees and groups that are hard at work for the United Church of Canada. Groups like the Rural Ministry Network, The Refugee Advisory Group, Western Intercultural Network, Affirming Task Group, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and the Regina Native Outreach Ministry.

As well as listening to the words of some of these important groups, we were asked to prepare to make a couple of important decisions. Firstly, we learned that the structure of the church changed in 2019. Formerly titled, Saskatchewan Conference, the gathering's new name was changed to Living Skies Regional Council.

We needed to decide together to make Living Skies an affirming ministry. This was passed unanimously.

The second church decision (new word for me... **remit**) is more complicated and will take some conversations together with our home church communities. It involves the **establishment of an autonomous National Indigenous organization** within the United Church of Canada.

We were invited to attend a wonderful Pow Wow in Prince Albert, where we witnessed the joy and pride of the Indigenous dancers and speakers.

Later we had a very moving presentation by former chief of the **Cowesses First Nation, Cadmus Delorme**.

Cadmus spoke of his upbringing, his involvement in politics, becoming chief and dealing with the discovery of unmarked graves from the Marieval Indian Residential School.

His words were so very uplifting, yet challenging for us, as we think about our history and our future.

McClure Church Board has the year ahead to listen and study this remit, make a decision and vote for this national church change. There will be an information session for us to attend later in the church year.

Besides all this serious and meaningful discussion, the Living Skies Regional Council was a lot of **fun too**- plenty of singing, new ideas for participation in services, and creative thoughts to promote church.

There was even a light-hearted sermon comparing a good fit with God, to wearing the right kind of underwear!!

Maybe being a "newbie" wasn't so bad!!

Heather Muirhead co chair.

STAYING CONNECTED

FAMILY MINISTRY

In the Spring Newsletter I talked about a new resource to help Parents nurture the spiritual life of their children. In the Spring I talked about **Milestone Moments**. Milestone moments are short, 5min. moments that encourage a thoughtful conversation, a word about God, a possible act of service and a prayer.

The first Moment, of many, will be posted on our website the first week of September. It will invite you and your family to have a conversation about those first few days of school. A new Moment will be posted each month.

Keep an eye on the website. For more information contact Debra.

Still under construction:

1. After 8 - Parent connect – once a month zoom call to talk about issues of parenting.
2. Pamper your marriage. We will cook for you and your partner and provide a speaker on topics relevant to relationship care.

What do you think? Have you got other ideas?

Get in touch with Debra if you have questions or ideas. debra.b@shaw.ca

Home Coming Sunday – September 17

McClure Church is excited for the Fall and we want to make sure everyone feels the joy of being church family together.

Bouncy Castle – healthy snacks – crafting.

Blessing our students

Grade 2 Bibles

Fun for everyone!

It is a **TRADITION**

**Grade 2 Bibles –
September 17**

Did you have someone in Grade two for the 2022-2023 school year and/or do you have someone ready to go in Grade 2 for 2023-2024?

We need to know because we would love to gift them with their very own Bible.

Call Debra at 306-373-1753 or email debra.b@shaw.ca



FAMILY MINISTRY

We are so **excited to have Eden Polischuk** back to provide a fun and creative ministry for kids Sunday mornings.

Please join Eden Sunday at 10am.

If you have any questions, please call Debra.

A Big McClure Thank you

Thanks to **Cailey McCulloch** for her efforts to tidy and organize the nursery after the walls were painted. Cailey sorted through toys and got rid of some of our well-worn items. Thanks Cailey

Nursery

Our Nursery is currently out of order to a "Glycol" leak. The nursery has been painted and the toys have been culled over the summer so it is ready to go when the we get the all clear.

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.**

There will be some soft toys available in the lobby for little ones while our Nursery is repaired.

Please communicate your needs to Debra.

Women and Men's Gathering

These two gatherings provide opportunities for deep connection, interesting conversation and loads of fun. **Thank you to all who took on leadership roles in the past season.**

A new season begins September 16th 8am.

Next gatherings:

Oct 21 -Nov 18 -Dec(?) -Jan 20 -Feb 24 -Mar 16 -Apr 20 -May 25 -June 15

YOUTH NEWS

McClure is hiring a Youth Leader. We are looking for someone who will offer a fun Sunday morning experience for our youth and who will create opportunities for McClure youth to connect with each other and the Church. Deadline for applications is September 25, 2023. Email applications to debra.b@shaw.ca or drop a copy off at the church office.

Job Description:

Title: Youth Leader

Responsible for: youth grades 9 – 12

Main Goal: to engage youth to strengthen and explore their faith

General Summary: The youth leader will oversee and facilitate the teaching of the curriculum in such a way that lives are changed and growth is seen in youth. This will include preparation of classroom and social activities and ensuring all necessary supplies and arrangements are made for learning, social and service opportunities. The leader will care for youth and encourage them in their walk as disciples.

Roles, Responsibilities and Tasks:

- lead youth in learning and discussion each Sunday
- plan social activities and/or service opportunities once every 2 months
- maintain confidentiality, unless youth is in danger
- participate in activities and events that develop leadership skills
- reach out to youth we have not seen in a while
- be in communication with ministerial staff on curriculum and events
- find a suitable replacement in the event the youth leader will not be present on Sunday

Schedule and commitment: each Sunday morning early September to late May plus social events throughout the year.

Saskatoon United Churches Youth Ministry

Youth - Grades 6-12

Fun activities + Social connection + Faith conversation.

Meet once a week with other youth from across the city.

Schedule Each Month

- 1st week - Tuesday – 7-9pm – St. Martin's
- 2nd week - THURSDAY – 7-9pm – Mayfair
- 3rd week - Tuesday 7-9pm – McClure
- 4th week – Tuesday 7-9pm – St. Paul's

Questions:

Please contact the new Saskatoon Youth Coordinator:

Kyle Feader 306-361-2759

kyle@yxeyouthunited.ca

Bring some \$ for OUTSaskatoon and participate in this Disney Trivia night!

Doors open at 6:30pm

Trivia starts at 7pm

- Free snacks and drinks!
- Come by yourself or with a team of up to 6 people, ages 10+
- 2 rounds of trivia with a 15-minute intermission in between!
- Dress up because we have a costume contest, with a prize for the most voted costume!
- We also have a prize for best decorated table!
We have some limited craft supplies to use and/or else bring your own décor!

Come early and set yourself up for a magical win!

And of course, TOP 3 scoring trivia teams get a prize as well!

Prizes are donated from local business



A Summer(y)

June – 10th Pride Family BBQ – An event hosted by all Saskatoon Affirming Ministries – we had over 200 people attend and ran out of hotdogs within the first 20 minutes!

June - Youth Retreat – We had 7 Youth in attendance for this overnight event! Prayers were said, thoughtful discussions were shared, and a few crushing rounds of playing Mario Kart took place

June – Pride Parade – McClure United walked with our Banner with the rest of the Saskatoon Affirming Ministries in the City-Wide Pride Parade. – We gave out 200 bubbles and lollipops!

July 28th – Little Mermaid Double Feature – Several members of the broader community attended this event. Our evening show had a Crab Walk Race, a treat fishing pond activity, and several rounds of Go-Fish!

July 30th-August 6th – Prairie Harm Reduction (PHR) Collection Week – Folks from the congregation helped PHR with items for their walk-in center and their family outreach center. The folks from PHR were particularly excited about all the new and gently used toys they received to set up their new kids sitting area.

August – 13th – Muffins and Mini Golf – A few lovely ladies from the congregation made muffins to share as we joined fellowship and a 10 hole mini golf course in our Multi-Purpose room.

August 16th – Ecological Presentation with Elizabeth – Several people from Amy McClure House, the McClure Place Tower, and the community joined for an interactive presentation about local plants and pollinators.

August 27th – Sundae Sunday – I scream, you scream, we all scream for Ice-Cream! Eden was joined by Kyle, the local Youth Minister for city, served ice cream! Folks got together after worship to join in a sweet treat and a chat! Sprinkles makes everything better!

August 29th – Family Games Night

I had a fabulous time as the administrator and summer events employee this summer! I worked on several projects this summer, including discussing designs for our painted Rainbow and updating our website.

It is always wonderful to get time to visit more with members of our congregation and people from our broader community! Truly, a highlight of my year, is seeing the joy that comes from putting on these events.

While this job entails making popcorn and painting clown golf obstacles, I do take this work seriously. I grew up with a single mom household, where money was tight and finding child care was challenging. Traveling? Forget it.

During the summers, my siblings and I would go to the library almost every day to rejoice in the air conditioning, read, and participate in the free programs put on for kids and youth. I bring these memories of free, accessible activities to my approach in event planning. All our events were free this summer to participate in, but folks were able to donate to a local charity as they were able in lieu of an admission fee.

I contacted Heather Muirhead, head of our Outreach Committee and co-chair of the board, early in the summer for advice on what local charity McClure was wanting to support. It felt like a fitting touch, when Heather suggested that I collect money for the Baby Steps Program run through Egadz; a program dedicated to providing mothers in need with housing, parental classes, and supports.

As of Sunday, August 27th, 2023 we have raised \$637.37 for Baby Steps from our Movie Night, our Mini Golf + Muffin day, our Ecology Presentation, and the Sundae Sunday!

Our Last event takes place on the Tuesday, August 29, 2023, so more will be added to this total.

Between this money and our Prairie Harm Reduction Collection Day, I am overwhelmed with how generous our community is. Your compassion does not go unnoticed and it is beyond appreciated.

Special thanks to Faith Development, Ministry & Personnel, and to all of you lovely people for having me back this year! I'm so incredibly blessed to be given the opportunity again.

Eden Polischuk

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Come on Down to... **THE HARVEST JAMBOREE DANCE**

You are all invited to the Harvest Jamboree McClure Family Dance,

Friday October 13, at 7:00-9:00 pm.

Come for fun and a good cause. All profits for Refugee projects.

Themed baskets will be available for silent auction bidding. (See below for details). It's a harvest dance for ALL ages, so get with the theme and wear a cowboy hat, or boots or a piece of straw!!! It will all be a boot scootin' good time!!

-KIDS AND YOUTH ARE FREE!!!! (Round 'em up pardner!)

-Adults \$10 -Families- \$10 (Or make a donation indicating for refugees) Tickets will be available soon.

-Kids door prizes

-Fish pond, photo booth, dance prizes, concession

(We need volunteers to help out! Volunteer at the office and we'll call you!!!!)

-Anybody want to lead us in a skirt swishing good dance number??

-Wanna donate a door prize or a dance prize? Let us know.

-Rope up all your little doggies for a hot time in the old town tonight!!

- Questions or to volunteer contact Heather @hl.muirhead@shaw.ca



BASKETS FOR CHURCH FAMILY DANCE

As part of the October 13th family dance activities, we are asking people (individuals or groups) to put on their thinking caps and have fun creating themed baskets to be part of a silent auction at the dance.

Ideas for themes are limitless- maybe, music, children's craft supplies, tea/coffee, quilted/knitted items, honey, books, - let your imagination run wild!



Baskets can be dropped off at the church office starting on September 19th with a deadline of October 10th at 3:30.

Please attach the following to each themed basket:

- title of your basket
- list of items in your basket
- name of people involved in creating your basket
- see-through covering of your basket.

Baskets handed in before the deadline will be set out for viewing on Sunday mornings before and after the worship service (bidding only at the dance). We are excited to see your creations!

Thank you for your contribution to this project. McClure Outreach

Questions? Contact Sharon -rswiens@gmail.com

MCCLURE PLACE ASSOCIATION INC

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF MCCLURE PLACE ASSOCIATION INC AUGUST 13, 2023



This newsletter item simply conveys a brief update on what is taking place with the Board of McClure Place Association Inc. (MPAI).

The Board of MPAI comprises a maximum of 12 members and a minimum of seven members as per the MPAI bylaws. A simple majority of the members is required to be members or adherents of McClure United Church. This year, the 10 members from last year's Board were all able and willing to continue on the Board, and we added one new member at the June 4 AGM, Mark Eggleston. Our current Board complement includes: Kristi Baxter, Jim Bugg, Bryan Bilokreli, Lori Chartier, Mark Eggleston, Jim Gillis, Jim Kells, Cara Martens, Shannon Menon, Greg Morrison and Doug Thomson. With one vacancy to achieve the full complement of 12 members, the Board welcomes anyone interested in serving on the Board to contact Jim Kells as Chair of the Nominations Committee (and Board Chair) at their earliest convenience (Jim.Kells@usask.ca). The Board would appreciate having all Board positions filled!!

As Chair, my sense is that the past two years have been rather busy insofar as we had three major projects ongoing, all of which are either completed or in the twilight stages. The heating system for the building (the so-called boiler project, which serves all of the Tower, Amy McClure House and the Church) has been upgraded with new boilers and a fully-flushed heat delivery system, the fire alarm upgrade throughout the Tower has been completed, and the development of an operational plan for the period following the expiration of the 35-yr agreement with the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation has been concluded. Unfortunately, we do have an ongoing legal issue to resolve as a result of the boiler project, and we are yet in the early stages of implementing the post-SHC operational plan.

Two very successful events held late in the last Board year were the Big Shred (May 6) and the Pig Roast (June 23). The Big Shred was organized by Les Ferguson, with delivery assisted by a team of volunteers as well as the Shred It company, who generously donated both equipment and staff. The event raised over \$11,000 in support of Amy McClure House. Thanks to all of the patrons that brought their materials for shredding. The Pig Roast was organized by Lisa White, Executive Director of McClure Place Association and several of her staff members. About 130 people attended the roast and enjoyed an absolutely wonderful Saskatchewan evening, which was complemented by an hour of a musical trio. I might add that as many of the Board members who could attend did enjoy a very nice evening of dinner at Mano's Restaurant just before Christmas (December 14). The conversation was lively throughout!

Some of the focus for the upcoming year, now just beginning, is continued work on the reactivation of the McClure Place Foundation, the development of several policy documents to assist in guiding our operations, a review of the 5-yr capital reserve plan, an assessment of the new provincial legislation regarding Life Interest Lease properties and, hopefully, a strategic planning exercise related to our ongoing and future operations. Already underway is a plan to take over the operation and maintenance of the McClure van, with the Church continuing to have Sunday access, and to take responsibility for room bookings and related arrangements in the Church. Invariably, more work items will arise as the year progresses.

As always, the Board appreciates the leadership provided by MPAI's Executive Director, Lisa White, and all of the other staff members who make McClure Tower and Amy McClure House a great place to live.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Kells, Chair of MPAI

MCCLURE PLACE RESIDENTS

McClure Place Happenings

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

Welcome to the summer of 2023 at McClure Place and what a busy summer we have had full of good food, great company and wonderful activities. We have had Ice cream socials with yummy toppings, hamburger lunches with games to play, special suppers and brunches and water fights. Much of this activity has been due to the work of our summer students Jorden and Donilee.

The McClure Place Choristers hosted a Canada Day Celebration where they sang the National Anthem of some of the Commonwealth Countries as well as some of the "unofficial anthems". They ended by singing "God Save the King" for the first time for many of us.

Goodies followed (of course!). We had a Craft Show where folks showed off their talents to the rest of us.

We celebrated two 90th Birthdays at McClure, Dale Morrison and Jean Warner.

Isobel Jones celebrated her 94th this year and she also read stories of her life while growing up to a packed house. It is all in book form and there is a copy of Isobel's book in our library called "The Prairie in Me".

Our Executive Director, Lisa has been busy keeping wet this summer. She occupied the dunk tank at one of the Hamburger Lunches and she was a very active player along with other members of the staff against the residents for the water fights. We have had our usual

Movie nights with popcorn and a Pyjamas Brunch and S'mores Nights with a metal fire pit on the front lawn. There has been trips out to The Berry Barn and to Crossmount south of the city where there is housing as well as an orchard and winery. I am sure samples were enjoyed.

Elaine, one of our talented hairdressers gave a painting class which a number of us attended. We got to paint a chickadee and I went with my eleven-year-old grandson whose chickadee turned out way better than my attempt. He can't wait to do it again.

Elizabeth Bekolay, a biologist, came to talk to us about habitat loss, ecology and bees. She was impressed with our bee, butterfly and hummingbird garden located next to the Link. It was very interesting learning about all the different bees we have in Saskatchewan and their different habitat needs.

There was a summer splash for the Students Send Off; that is everyone got wet again. We really need to give them thanks for a wonderful summer and all the activities that they planned. Thanks go to our two students, Jared and Nick, who looked after the grounds. They all remarked about the wonderful sense of community and belonging that we have here at McClure Place. A great example of this is all the garden produce that is be shared right now.

Fall will soon be here and we will be enjoying more inside activities. Thanks to all those who have helped with everything and will continue to make McClure Place a great place to live.

Happy Fall, Darlene Goodwillie

LINE DANCING at McClure

will start again
September 12, 2023
Tuesday
2:00 - 3:00 pm
In the
Multipurpose Room

Instructor is Fran Burgess
Beginners are welcome

Line Dancing is good exercise, fun and challenges the mind.
Cost is \$10.00 per month



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3 September Long Weekend 10 AM Sunday Worship	4	5 7pm Outreach Committee 7-9PM City Wide Youth Group at St. Martin's United Church	6	7	8	9
10 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10 AM Sunday Worship - Rural Connect Returns 	11 4PM Fit After Fifty—Forever in Motion	12 7pm Property Committee 7-9PM City Wide Youth Group at Mayfair United Church	13	14 4PM Forever in Motion	15 7-9PM Disney Trivia for OUT Saskatoon 	16 8AM Women's Gathering Group 8AM Men's Gathering Group
17 Home Coming 10 AM Sunday Worship Blessing of Backpacks,, Giving of Grade 2 Bibles, and Rainbow Village 11 AM Bouncy Castle and Fun! 	18 4PM Fit After Fifty—Forever in Motion	19 7-9PM City Wide Youth Group at McClure Silent Auction Basket Donation accepted at Church Office 	20	21 4PM Forever In Motion 	22	23
24 10:00AM Sunday Worship with Rainbow Village ~Newsletter Deadline~	25 4PM Fit After Fifty—Forever in Motion Deadline for Youth Leader Applications	26 7pm Board Meeting 7-9PM City Wide Youth Group at St. Paul's United	27 10 AM Congregational Care Meeting	28 4PM Forever in Motion 	29	30
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