

“The Spirit”

North Kildonan United Church

September 2023

Welcome back!

North Kildonan United Church invites everyone to our worship services, programs and activities planned for the upcoming year. Sunday school, youth group, men's club, United Church Women, Bible study, choir and many other groups will be starting up. Be sure to check the calendar in this newsletter, the weekly Church News and the website to keep informed. Our Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. with coffee and fellowship following the service.

We are a friendly and welcoming community of faith!



Welcome Rev. Susan Reed....

On Sunday August 6 our first worship service was held under the leadership of Rev. Susan Reed. Her warm and welcoming manner is most appreciated and we look forward to getting to know her and her getting to know our wonderful community of Faith.

Welcome Susan!



North Kildonan United continued to offer worship services during the month of July while our minister was on holiday. The services were conducted by Peter Latimer, Gay Todd, Sheron Miller and the UCW, and Rev. Don McKay. We were also blessed to have Joanne providing beautiful music, Heinz and Peter on tech duties and our hospitality committee serving coffee and refreshments.

Attendance was good and we were pleased to welcome many members from neighbouring churches participating in “Churchorama.” These folks travel to different churches during the weeks their own churches are closed. We were so happy to see them at NKUC and get to know them during our coffee and conversation after worship. The services in July were very well prepared and most enjoyable. We’re fortunate to have lay people who are willing and very able to conduct worship services. Thank you to all who helped and supported these services.

News from the Pews



Our sympathies are extended to:

- *The Bertouille family on the passing of daughter-in-law Patti.
- *The Boyce family on the passing of Felicia.
- *Family and friends of Marcel Yaskiw, passed away in June.

Marcel and Joan were long time active members of NKUC.

*Family of Ruth Douglas, long time member of NKUC who was our organist and choir director for many years.

*Family and friends of Paul Campbell. Rev. Campbell conducted a worship service at NKUC last summer and was active in all aspects of the United Church.

*Shirley Davie on the passing of her sister Nancy.

*Get well wishes to Verla Verrier, Marion Kosheluk, Betty Hamilton, Jean Cunningham, Marion Molter, Phyllis Dyck, Betty Nazarevich.



Congratulations to Ron & Sheila Fortier as they welcome their first grandchild, Ari Baron, born to their son, Rick & his wife, Kris.



We were saddened to learn that the West-End Drop In (formerly St Matthews Maryland Community Ministry) has closed their doors and will not be renewing their lease. In March, the building was broken into and vandalized quite badly. The kitchen which was used to provide lunches and other meals is unusable as is other spaces used for the clients of the area. The West End Drop in moved to West Broadway Community Services on a temporary basis but now must search for a new location. Congregations have been asked to notify 1JustCity if they know of any potential space that could be used to house this most important program.

If you would like information about our church activities or pastoral care, you are welcome to contact our minister Rev. Susan Reed or the church office admin Wilma at 204-667-7408 or nkuc@mymts.net

Our name tag boxes are located at the back of the sanctuary. Please remember to wear a name tag as this is a good way for newcomers to ask questions, and a good way for everyone to get to know each other.



Back to School....Collection of School Supplies

The Outreach Committee invites the community of faith of NKUC to help with collecting school supplies for Harvest Manitoba. Collection boxes will be available **August 27, September 3 and September 10th in the Narthex.**

Items could include:

Loose leaf paper	Rulers	Crayons
Pencils	Pencil crayons	Erasers
Glue Sticks	Kleenex	Calculators
Pencil cases	Geometry sets	
Notebooks/exercise books	Washable Markers	
Fun items: colouring books, stickers, flash cards		
Monetary donations accepted - envelopes provided.		

*Any questions, please contact your Outreach committee:
Nancy, Teresa, Shirley C., Sheron.*



Our Kid Konnection Sunday School is looking for teachers to provide Christian Education for our children. Singles or teams are welcome with support available. Providing Christian education to children is one of the most rewarding tasks anyone can pursue. The children are eager and receptive to learn and the simplest message, be it Noah's ark or the Good Samaritan, taught with love and caring, will stay with them always.

Contact Grant McMillan, Sean Lindsay, or any board member if you are interested or have questions. We look forward to having you join our team.



For security purposes, our church doors are locked 10 minutes after the start of the worship service. However, if you find yourself late, please feel free to ring the doorbell to the right of the back door. **Don't worry; the bell does not ring in the sanctuary, only in the Narthex.** We will be happy to open the doors and invite you to worship with us.



Sydney Lewicki on behalf of the North Kildonan United Church Youth Sunday School group delivered 34 pounds of drink tabs to an organization called *Strength in Numbers*. The group collects drink tabs for recycling and the funds are used to purchase wheelchairs. The 34 pounds of tabs translates to 51000 tabs. The collection bin is in the Narthex. Please continue to save your drink tabs!!

Tabs for Wheelchairs - Kyrie's Story



Kyrie is 6 years old and in grade 1 at Happy Thought School in East Selkirk. She has an older brother Everett who is 14 years old and a puppy named Noni. She was born prematurely at 30 weeks and weighed 3 lbs. 9 oz. Kyrie suffered a brain injury at birth which led to a cerebral palsy diagnosis when she was about 15 months old. She spent the first 8 weeks in the NICU where she had the best care while they waited for her to be strong enough to go home. Kyrie's cerebral palsy affects all four of her limbs. She does not sit, stand or walk independently and very much enjoys her time in her stander and walker. Her speech is also affected and she uses a combination of words, signs and an iPad to chat with her family and peers. She also loves driving her adapted power wheelchair.

Kyrie will be presented with her very specialized wheelchair in 2024.



Our thoughts and prayers are with all people who have been affected and challenged by wildfires in Canada, many areas in Europe and Hawaii.



A Message fromClayton Gording

Dear friends: I am writing to you today on behalf of the Committee of Stewards with an update of our financial status and the outlook for the remainder of 2023 and beyond. First, let me assure you that NKUC is financially stable with some cash reserves. However, we have noticed a trend since the beginning of 2023 to the end of July.

The following is a brief recap:

- *Weekly offering is down 1.2% from 2022*
- *Fundraising revenue is down 13.9% (no garage sale in 2023)*
- *Rental income is down 4.7% (due to the loss of one of our regular renters)*
- *Total operational expenses have increased 7.5% (this does not include one-time expenses related to the hiring of our new minister).*

As you can see, our income is declining while costs continue to increase. We watch our expenses very closely, but with few exceptions, they are fixed costs that we have no control over. We were fortunate that the weather last winter was milder making our snow removal costs lower than 2022. We need to generate \$3244.00 in revenue every week to meet our expenses.

Our fundraising income is used to supplement our overall revenue stream. We are also making every effort to offer our facility for rent and ask the congregation to keep this in mind as our facility is ideal for music recitals, showers, meetings etc. In the final analysis, the burden really falls back on the shoulders of all of us, as members of this wonderful congregation.

We have a very special and precious family at North Kildonan United and we must make every effort to preserve it for generations to come. To that end, we are asking that you consider this special appeal for contributions. If you are behind on your annual pledge over the summer months, we would ask that you make that current; and further, consider making an additional donation ensuring 2023 ends without a deficit.

This program will carry through to the end of 2023. When donating in support of this request, please mark your envelope "Special Appeal" as it will help us track our progress and allow us to provide you with regular feedback.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

*Blessings,
Clayton Gording – Chair
Committee of Stewards*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sept. 10..... Kid Konnection Sunday School starts
Welcome back to our Choir
- Sept. 17..... Welcome back summer vacationers! The service will include a blessing of school bags, sport bags, knitting bags, and any other bags that the faith community might use in their fall and wintertime activities. We will also have an opportunity to catch up with one another over a delicious luncheon, courtesy of the Hospitality Committee.
- Sept. 24..... Orange Shirt Day
- Oct. 1..... World Wide Communion - 10 a.m. worship service
- Oct. 1..... Covenanting Service between Rev. Susan Reed and North Kildonan United - 7 p.m.
- Oct. 14..... Pet Blessing - 1 p.m. NKUC garden
- Oct. 15-Nov. 19..... Annual Stewardship Campaign
- Oct. 28..... Quiz Night at North Kildonan Community Club - 7 p.m.

Other Events Planned - Watch the Church News for dates and details

September/November..... Meat Sales

November FundScrip

November Morden's Chocolate Sale

****Editor's Note:** We are always looking for pictures, poems and stories about our church family. Please feel free to submit articles to Sheron at sheronmiller01@gmail.com or call the church office at 204-667-7408. Thank you to the following who contributed to this newsletter

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