

“The Spirit”

North Kildonan United Church

September 2025

There's beauty all around us ...

You may see it in the sunset,
Dewey grass, and sunrise too,
Lovely gardens, forests, twilight,
And bright stars through skies so blue.



Showers of rain and gorgeous flowers,
Orchards, meadows, fruitful fields,
But the beauty that's the greatest
Is the kind the good life yields.

Loving kindness, tender mercy,
Christ-like homes so rich and rare,
Thoughtfulness which always blesses,
From the heart of those who care.

These, plus friendship, sweet, enduring,
Overflowing from your life,
Make a paradise of beauty
Here amid this world of strife.

-J.T. Bolding



Welcome to North Kildonan United Church

We certainly hope that everyone had a wonderful, restful summer and are eager to get back to the work of the church. The summer was without doubt, interesting and a little scary with all the wildfires and smoke that draped our city and province.

With this calamity, many citizens of the province were evacuated and were forced to make their temporary home in Winnipeg and Ontario. With limited articles brought from home, the generous citizens of Winnipeg stepped up to help and support our temporary citizens. Thank You to those in our community of faith who helped with the many needs of our visitors.

Church committees have once again met and activities and events planned. Kid Konnection Sunday School will begin on September 7 and we invite children and youth to join us (and bring a friend).

Other programs starting up are the Men's Fellowship Club, United Church Women, Bible study, choir, and more. Many activities and events are planned for the upcoming months. This information is available in the weekly Church News, *The Spirit* newsletter, and the NKUC website.

Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. with coffee and conversation following the service. We'd love to meet you as we journey together.

North Kildonan United - a Community of Faith in Action

Thank you to those who participated in leading the summer services while Rev. Susan was away. These included: Rev. Don Johnson, Gay Todd, Peter Latimer, Rev. Jeff Cook, the UCW and thanks to Rev. Don Schau who provided pastoral care. Attendance was wonderful and we were pleased to welcome many guests from our neighbouring churches.

Thank you is also extended to the ushers, greeters, hospitality committee, readers, bakers, candle lighters, counters, Joanne, Heinz, Peter, Wilma and Sheila. And thank you to all who attended and made our summer services meaningful and enjoyable.



On June 9th, a lively group of women from North Kildonan United met for lunch and fellowship at Lee's Restaurant (Royal Canadian Legion, East St. Paul). We enjoyed a delicious lunch, a movie game and a scavenger hunt (in our handbags) complete with prizes. A lovely afternoon of fun and fellowship. Join us September 15 for our first UCW meeting.

North Kildonan United's Pictorial Directory for 2025 was published and distributed this spring. Many thanks to those who prepared/scheduled/edited the information. We all look like the beautiful people we are!

We are pleased to provide an events calendar to remind you of our many exciting upcoming activities.

EVENTS CALENDAR

September 7	Kid Konnection Sunday school and youth group begins
September 14	Welcome Back Open House and Lunch - NKUC - Blessing of backpacks and bags
September 15	UCW Meeting - 1:30 p.m.
September 28	Orange Shirt Day
October 4	Pet Blessing - 1:30 p.m. NKUC
October 5	World Wide Communion - Blessing of the stuffies
October 5, 12, 19	Thanksgiving Food Collection for 1JustCity
October 6-November 16	Stewardship Campaign
October 12	Thanksgiving Sunday
October 18	Quiz Nite - Royal Canadian Legion Branch 215, East St. Paul
October 19	Stone Soup Lunch
October 26	All are invited to wear Hallowe'en costumes
November 8	Christmas Bazaar - 10 a.m. to noon - North Kildonan UCW sponsored
November 9	Service of Peace and Remembrance - Tea to follow
November 30	First Sunday in Advent
November	Morden's Chocolates fundraiser
November	FundScrip fundraiser

*****Check the Church Weekly News for updates, new scheduled activities and more.**

News from the Pews...



*Dorothy & Bob Franklin are pleased to have 3 grandchildren graduate from high school this year: Noah Lewicki, River East Collegiate, Nicholas Lewicki, Kildonan-East Collegiate and Neela Subramaniam, Collège Churchill High School.

*Barb Wiebe is pleased to announce the birth of her great-great grandson, Mason Michael Gray, born on June 14. We are thankful to God for his safe delivery. Welcome to the family!



*Safe travels to Kara McMillan who will be traveling and working in Spain. Take care and keep in touch.



*Get well wishes to Betty Hamilton, Lindsay Enns and Myrle Gard.

*Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Bob and Dorothy Franklin as they mourn the loss of brother-in-law, Dave Fraser.

*Sympathies are extended to the Shmigelsky family on the loss of husband, father and grandfather Bob and to Doreen Sims mourning the loss of her nephew, Michael Sims.

*Our sympathies and prayers are extended to Mary Armstrong on the passing of her husband Rev. Alan Armstrong. Rev. Armstrong served as minister at North Kildonan United Church from 1984-86. Alan was ordained by the Conference of Manitoba in Brandon in 1970 and officially retired in June 2002.

Thank You - "I would like to express my sincere thanks to my many friends at NKUC for their support and prayers during my most recent health issue and the unfortunate loss of my nephew Michael." -Doreen Sims

Here is a picture of Christine, Amla (9), Daniel (12), and Noa (11). Christine is the granddaughter of Dorothy (Dodi) and Keith (passed) Sinclair, long time members of NKUC. Christine and her family were living in Tel Aviv for many years.



Following the passing of her husband, she decided to move back to Canada. On August 17th, the family (and the family dog) landed in Kelowna B.C. The children have fond memories of spending time with their grandparents, Keith and Dodi and are excited to be back in Canada, looking forward to going to school.

Although Dodi now lives out of town, she still keeps in touch with her church family of NKUC. She is grateful for our prayers and continued support for her family. We

extend our thanks to God for bringing her family safely to Canada and continue to pray for a smooth transition in their new surroundings.



Keep in Mind ...

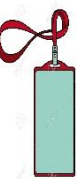
KID KONNECTION SUNDAY SCHOOL – NKUC is happy to provide Sunday school for all aged children and youth. Although our classes are small, the children and youth are eager and receptive to learn how God can work in their lives. Providing Christian education to youth is one of the most rewarding tasks anyone can pursue. Many of the familiar Bible stories, taught with love and caring, will stay with them always. We are looking for teachers to provide Christian education for our children. If you are interested, please contact Grant McMillan or any board member. Support and resources are always available.



TOONIE SUNDAY - The first Sunday of every month is Toonie Sunday. Our toonies support the Canadian Foodgrains Bank – a partnership of 15 Canadian churches and church-based agencies working together to end global hunger. World hunger is a growing problem and you can be part of the solution by adding your loonies and toonies to our Toonie pot. Donations of any amount are welcome.

SAVE YOUR TABS - Please continue to save your drink tabs. Drink tabs can be placed in the bin located in the narthex. Thank you.

NAME TAGS - Don't forget to wear your name tags as this is a great way to get to know one another. If you have any questions, our Board members now have blue name tags and are ready to assist.



SECURITY – For security purposes, our church doors are locked 10 minutes after the start of the worship service. If you happen to be late, ring the bell to the right of the door. Don't worry, the bell does not ring in the sanctuary, only in the Narthex.

CHURCH NEWS – Please contact our church office if you are interested in receiving weekly church news bulletins, our newsletter *The Spirit* or special news bulletins of upcoming events. More information can be found on our website: www.nkuc.ca or phone 204-667-7408.

ELEVATOR – The elevator must be on the mezzanine floor (narthex) at the end of each event/day. If it remains on the top floor or the basement, it will not function and will require a service call which is very costly.



Thank you to the congregation, friends and guests who generously supported NKUC during the summer months. As we prepare to offer programs and activities, we ask you to prayerfully continue donations to the church as you are able. Here are options for donating to NKUC:

- Sign up for pre-authorized monthly donations
- Mail in a donation to 174 Pentland St. R2G 2S3
- Donate through envelope giving at the Sunday services
- Etransfer at treasurer.nkuc@mymts.net



This will ensure we remain in a strong financial position AND all donations are tax receipted.

The Annual Christmas Bazaar, sponsored by the UCW will be held on Saturday, November 8th and we are looking for donations of baking, deli items and crafts. This is a good time to think about and get started on any items you would like to donate. Our bazaars have been successful because of the wonderful support from our community of faith. If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Donna Price or Sheron Miller. Thank you.



Editor's Note: Do you have a story, poem or pictures taken at one of our events that would interest our readers? Please feel free to send them to sheronmiller01@gmail.com.