

Upcoming Events & Happenings:

The **bulletin** will be posted Sunday.
(www.nkuc.ca).

Unified Board Mtg – Aug 4 @ 7pm

Committee of Stewards Mtg –
Aug 9 following the service.

Kildonan Care Service – Aug 13 @
10:30 am. Volunteers welcome.

NKUC Weekly News

Summer Sabbath Series – The Inventions of Summer
Toonie Sunday

Scripture Readings for August 2, 2026

Lectionary includes *Genesis 32: 22-31; Matthew 14: 13-21*
Focus Scripture: *Psalms 113*

Scripture Readings for August 9, 2026

Lectionary includes *Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28; Matthew 14: 22-33*
Focus Scripture: *Colossians 3: 12-17*

Thank you to the following for their participation in the August 2nd Sunday Service:

Worship Leader – Rev. Susan Reed **Music** – Joanne Diplock
Candle Lighter & Scripture Reader – Heidi McIlwain
Greeter – Gay Todd **Usher** – Kelly Lindbergh-Nord
Sound & PowerPoint – Heinz Goetz
Counters – Scotty McLaren & Barrie McPherson

**CARING AND SHARING**

Please keep the following in your prayers: Betty Hamilton, Jen Babcock, Betty Clark, Shirley Davie, Benjamin (Shirley Codd's grandson), and the Goetz family as Heinz's younger brother undergoes cancer treatments.



As Rev. Susan is still having some difficulty accessing her work email, she asks you please use her new email address for now:
revsusanreed@gmail.com

*August Worship Series - You are invited to join us for worship in August as we explore various things associated with summer. For the first four weeks, we'll be following a worship series which invites us into a slower pace and focuses on four "Inventions of Summer" - Sunflowers, String Beans, Mosquitoes, and Fireflies. The final Sunday in August will be our 2nd Annual Campfire Sunday (held right in the sanctuary! More details to come...) We're looking forward to these next few weeks and hope you'll join us for them. Feel free to bring a friend!

*The next few worship services will include some poetry, and we are looking for readers. If you especially enjoy reading poetry out loud and might be willing to do so during the service on Aug. 9, 16, or 23, please contact Rev. Susan.

**SAVE THE DATE! Friday, October 16, 2026 @ 7pm
NKUC Quiz Night**

Tickets available soon. More details to come.

We are also looking for donations from both individuals and companies, to be raffled off in the silent auction. If you can donate or know of a company that might, we will gratefully accept them.

Prairie to Pine and the World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle:
The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle enables us to journey through every region of the world affirming our solidarity with Christians all over the world. Lord, hear our prayer...please keep the work of the communities of Killarney, Manitou-La Riviere, Ninette and Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Principe in your prayers this week.



Ron & Bea Hutchinson
- August 3

Teresa Miller & Kris Richardson - August 4

Marie Ann & Richard Reeves - August 5

The T'BJIGGN group is once again hosting Church-o-rama this summer. **North Kildonan has services every week throughout the summer months.** However, if you wish to visit other churches, passports will be available for you to have signed when you visit. (All services at 10:00 am unless otherwise marked)

- Aug 2 – **NKUC**, Transcona Mem. UC
- Aug 9 – Transcona Memorial UC
- Aug 16 – **NKUC**
- Aug 23 – Immanuel UC (10:45 am)
- Aug 30 – John Black Mem UC (10:45 am)
- Sep 6 – Grey Street UC

"On behalf of those with chemical sensitivities and asthma, we would like to thank you for keeping North Kildonan United Church a **scent-free zone** by **refraining from the use of perfumes and colognes.**"

Offering:**PAR: General Fund** \$1644.00**M&S:** \$122.88**MCP:** \$35.00**July 26th Offering:****General Fund:**\$465.00**M&S:** \$35.00**MCP:** \$15.00**Rental:** \$75.00

Rev. Susan will be leading worship at the Kildonan Personal Care Centre on Thursday, August 13 at 10:30 am. Members of the congregation are welcome to join her to help with worship and mostly to visit with the residents. As visitor parking is very limited, we'll meet at the church just before 10:00 am to carpool over. Thank you.

YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS 2026

Threads of Identity

A ribbon skirt-making program in Saskatoon is helping Indigenous women and girls reconnect with culture, community, and identity.

In Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Mamohkamatowin Spiritual Community Inc. is helping Indigenous people reconnect with culture and community through a ribbon skirt-making program. Supported by Mission and Service, the program provides Indigenous participants living in Saskatoon's core neighbourhoods with the materials, tools, and teachings needed to create their own ribbon skirts at no cost.

For many Indigenous women and girls, a ribbon skirt is more than a garment. It is an expression of identity, culture, and belonging, worn during ceremonies, celebrations, and other cultural and spiritual gatherings. For people living on low incomes, the cost of making or purchasing a ribbon skirt can place that expression of identity out of reach.

Participants learn how to use a sewing machine while making a skirt that reflects their own style and story. Alongside the practical sewing skills, they also receive teachings from an Elder, creating opportunities to deepen their understanding of the cultural and spiritual significance of ribbon skirts.

With support from Mission and Service, the program first started in 2024. Since then, community support has made it possible to purchase sewing machines and tables, so participants have the tools they need to learn. Our support through Mission and Service helps provide fabric, ribbon, and other materials for each skirt, ensuring that cost to participants does not become a barrier.

The impact has been evident and ongoing. The women who completed the first sessions wear their ribbon skirts with great pride, knowing they had made them with their own hands while learning traditional teachings and connecting with community.

Programs like this reflect our commitment to supporting Indigenous leadership, strengthening community, and creating opportunities for people to reconnect with culture in meaningful ways. By combining practical skills with cultural teachings, Mamohkamatowin Spiritual Community Inc. is helping participants build confidence, celebrate their identities, and carry their traditions forward.

Our gifts through Mission and Service help support Indigenous-led ministries and community programs like this one. Together, we can help ensure more people have opportunities to learn, connect with culture, and participate fully in the traditions and communities that are meaningful to them. Let's give generously.

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