



# STAYING CONNECTED

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

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May 31, 2026

## A WORD FROM PASTOR JON

*God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. – Genesis 1:31*

The story of creation in the first chapter of Genesis has been described as the overflow of God's love and delight. God's abundant goodness and overwhelming delight overflows into the object of His love that He has created. When I read the repeated refrain in the creation story, 'and God saw that it was good', I imagine God's heart filling with joy, more each day, as He creates and then fills His creation with life. And God's heart must have swelled at the creation of humanity in His own image. After this, God sees all that He has made, the heavens and the earth, and all of the living things that fill them which God loves, and is purely delighted—it was very good.

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This idea of creation as the expanding of God's love has been very meaningful to me recently. Having a newborn baby in our house has given me an experience of the pure delight of new life. Sometimes I hold Juniper and just stare in wonder at the incredible child that she is. I don't think this is a rational thing—I think she, like any child, is inherently delightful because God loves His creation. So I am convinced that the overwhelming joy we feel when we hold our newborn baby is just a small taste of the joy and delight that God has in each one of us, and in everything that He has created.

And this gift of love is a gift that overflows. We have been so blessed to share our delight with this congregation. God has created us to share in His delight for His creation, and this is exactly how it feels to bring our children to McIvor every Sunday. People have been so happy to share in our joy that we have for new life.

Beyond this, we have felt God's love and provision given through this church. I am so thankful to have had parental leave so that we could receive our child well. We were overwhelmed by the abundance of meals and gifts that we received (I don't think I've ever eaten so well). So I see the love and care we have received from this church as the love of God incarnated in the ordinary deeds of these people. **This is a powerful testimony of what the Church can be: God's love overflowing with joy, celebrating and nourishing life as the object of delight.**

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support. We are so thankful to belong to this church community!



*Welcome back Pastor Jon!*



# 3rd Annual McIvor HOBBY & CAR SHOW

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