

SUNDAES ON THURSDAY

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Continuing the tradition started over 30 years ago by McFarland United Church of Christ to generate support for community outreach and missions, "Sundaes on Thursday" returned to McFarland's Arnold Larson Park. After a hiatus in 2020 due to COVID, McFarland UCC hosted "Sundaes on Thursday" again in 2021.

Lingering challenges of the pandemic altered this summer's Sundaes on Thursday events. First, the number of dates were reduced from the usual six to eight Thursdays to only three dates: 7/29, 8/5, and 8/12. Next, in prior years McFarland UCC served Schoep's ice cream with fudge and caramel toppings from Culvers, and had root beer available for root beer floats. To minimize health risks with serving ice cream and root beer, the decision was made to go only with individual ice cream cups from Schoep's and not serve root beer. Chocolate sundae and vanilla ice cream cups were available for purchase for \$0.50. Finally, Sundaes on Thursday usually included music from local individuals and groups in the past. The decision was made to not have musicians for the three Sundaes on Thursday events this summer. Instead, there was a boom box and a variety of lawn games available for all to enjoy.

A total of 126 individuals attended the three Sundaes on Thursday events generating \$190.25. All proceeds from Sundaes on Thursday are dispersed annually to community organizations. This year, the McFarland Community Food Pantry and McFarland Youth Center each received a contribution of \$100 to support their organization.

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