

## Upcoming Special Events

**Master's in Music**  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Silent Auction – Gala Kickoff**  
Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>

**Silent Auction**  
Friday – Saturday Apr 28-29<sup>th</sup>

**Master's in Music**  
Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>

**Toronto Blue Jays vs. Seattle Mariners**  
Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>

**IN MEMORIAM**  
Jean Cartwright Gwen Galbraith Al Giles  
June Ramsay

## Worship at Collier

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Palm Sunday  
Communion

**April 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Good Friday Service, 10:30am

**April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Easter Sunday  
7:00am Sunrise Service – Heritage Park  
10:30am Service

## LOCAL FUND INCOME & EXPENSES (Feb 28th)

*\*Pre-Authorized Remittance, an option which can be started, changed or cancelled at any time.*

May we be thankful for God's great abundance!

	2017	2016
<b>Local</b>		
Envelope Givings	30,971	41,971
PAR	18,296	21,510
Open Plate	1,400	729
Other	5,070	3,569
Collier Mission Fund	2,724	2,857
UCC Mission & Service	2,222	1,632
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>60,683</b>	<b>72,267</b>
Expenses to Aug 31	83,269	74,349
Collier Mission Fund	-	-
UCC Mission & Service	-	800
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>83,269</b>	<b>75,149</b>
Local Operating Balance		
as of Feb 28	-22,586	-2,882

## The 22nd Annual Silent Auction is Coming

Thursday, April 27  
Friday April 28 & Saturday April 29

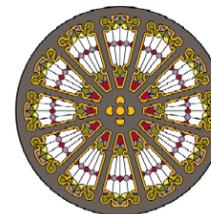


- Personal services (i.e. baking, meals, cleaning, dinners) and restaurant gift certificates always a hit!
- New or gently-used toys, games and DVDs for the Kids' Bid Room
- Valued \$20 or more
- No used electrical or electronic items please

Items should be marked "Silent Auction" or "Kids' Bids" and left at the front desk.

If you have larger items/furniture please call Kathy Michael (705-722-1688) for pick up of these items or John and Betty Hunter 705-728-2939 for certificates and services. Thanks!

or email [pkmichael@sympatico.ca](mailto:pkmichael@sympatico.ca) or [johnbettyhunter@yahoo.com](mailto:johnbettyhunter@yahoo.com)



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### MINISTER'S REFLECTION:

#### A SEASON OF HOPE

When I was a boy, we would go on road trips as a family in the summertime. On long trips, such as one we took to the Maritime Provinces, we would listen to different tapes (yes, I'm dating myself), alternating the different musical tastes of our family. It was on that particular east coast trip, if I recall correctly, that we listened to a lot of Simon and Garfunkel, which at the time my dad was really enjoying. One of the songs, "A Hazy Shade of Winter", includes these lines:

'Hang on to your hopes, my friend...Look around, the grass is high, the fields are ripe, it's the springtime of my life.

'I always thought of that as a very hopeful, forward looking song!

This has been a long winter in Barrie. Like many of you, I'm absolutely ready for spring: the sunshine, the smells, the colours, the mild air and the chance to enjoy my favourite outdoor activities. I will savour every minute of it!

Spring has always been a sign of hope. It seems, fitting for those of us in the Northern hemisphere that Easter is celebrated in the spring: we have the newness of life that comes from a warming of the weather to remind us of the resurrection hope given by Jesus.

I feel that for Collier, spring is always a hopeful time, and this year in particular. I'm really looking forward to upcoming events like concerts and the Silent Auction.

I'm very enthusiastic about our upcoming capital campaign (approved almost unanimously at the Annual Congregational Meeting, in case you missed it).

# LINK Newsletter

And I'm very excited about welcoming Rev. Hewitt Holmes to our staff team and to our church-family at Collier, beginning in May.

We all need seasons of hope in our lives and we need seasons of hope for our churches. May God bless us with a long and inspirational season of hope this spring and Easter, individually and together.

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**22<sup>ND</sup> Annual SILENT AUCTION**

THURSDAY, APR 27 <sup>TH</sup>	4:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
FRIDAY, APR 28 <sup>TH</sup>	11:00 AM TO 9:00 PM
SATURDAY, APR 29 <sup>TH</sup>	9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Used Book Sale
- Children's Bid Room
- Pie & Ice Cream Fri & Sat

### DINE & BID

**GALA DINNER** | Thursday, April 27 - 6:00 PM  
\$35 per person

**LUNCH** | Friday, April 28 11:00 AM-1:00 PM  
Soup and Sandwiches \$8.00 per person

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PASTA** | Friday, April 28 5:00PM -7:00PM  
Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Beverage  
\$10.00 for Adults, \$6.00 for Children & Teens

**HOMEMADE PIE & ICE CREAM**  
Served - Friday all day & Saturday until 1:00 PM

### 100's OF ITEMS TO BID ON, INCLUDING:

- Furniture
- Antiques
- Gift Certificates
- Framed Art
- China & Crystal
- Sporting Goods...and more

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## The Quarterly LINK Newsletter of Collier Street United Church

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As usual, things have been quite busy in the Music Department since Christmas. After a nice two week rest following Christmas Eve, the choir has returned to regular rehearsals on Thursdays from 7-9 pm. We have picked up another couple of singers, and will be welcome to more after Easter.

Children and youth music program participation has been steadily growing. We now have 10 members in Collier Street Choir School. The Choir School sang for the first time in church a number of weeks ago, and did wonderfully. This program meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm for children ages 4-11 in the church auditorium. No pre-registration is necessary and it is open to church members as well as children in the greater Barrie area. Our Choral Scholar Program also continues to be successful, with two non-church member high school students learning, helping and leading at the intermediate level. We also have a couple of Collier's own youth preparing to audition for this program. As always, these programs are open to anyone in the community and are considering part of our community outreach. Please be in touch for more info ([music@collierunited.ca](mailto:music@collierunited.ca)).

We have a number of concerts coming up in the next few months, and I encourage you to check out some of them. They are all free-will offering and take place in the sanctuary

#### Concert Listing:

Sunday, April 2 at 3 pm: Vlad Soloviev, pianist

Sunday April 9: our morning service will be hosted by brass ensemble *A Little Wind Music's "Brit-10-ish"* followed by a 2 pm concert by the ensemble

Sunday, May 7 at 3 pm: Sarah Shelley, Soprano

Sunday May 28 at 3 pm: come hear some fun Irish and Scottish music at a Ceilidh-styled concert by members of Pagan's Folly and Grand resonance

Sunday, June 4 at 3 PM: Sheriff Herald: Jam Collector, woodwind and piano jazz duo

The music committee recently hosted Collier's annual Pancake Supper. This event was very successful, serving approximately 120 people. The funds gained from this event will go towards supporting the Music Outreach Program. As this program continues to grow, the music committee is looking for volunteers to be on

an ancillary list for occasional help with different events, such as the Pancake Supper, putting up posters, and baking cookies. This would not involve any meetings, simply an occasional call. If this is something in which you might be interested, please be in touch!

Finally, thank you to all of our volunteers and helpers. We are coming into a high season for our musicians and their hard work and dedication are hugely appreciated.

Wishing you a joyful Eastertide,  
Sarah Svendsen

#### **COLLIER REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP**

The Collier Refugee Sponsorship committee has been working and meeting monthly, preparing to support our Syrian refugee family. We are matched with a family from Homs, Syria. Enas (36) is a single mother with three school aged children; Fatima (13), Khaled (11) and Qusai (6). They are currently living in Saudi Arabia and we have been communicating and building a relationship with them via email, photos and Skype.

Our most recent communications with Enas have been about the school system in general and more specifically about English as a Second Language classes. Enas writes "I look forward to meet you and recognize the wonderful people who will help in the school of my children. Make education a priority means a lot to me, I believe that tomorrow's future is starts in the classrooms. Love, peace and blessings for you."

Future timelines are as usual uncertain. We are waiting as documents are processed and screenings completed. "In Kind" donations can be considered only after a confirmed arrival date has been received. At that time, a shopping list will be posted and your gently used donations will be gratefully considered.

The support of the congregation, community members and our partner churches and school is appreciated. Please refer to the most recent **church bulletin** for updates. For more information about the Collier Refugee Sponsorship please contact Robin Milani or Carol Warnica.

#### **FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY**

Our class is for adults with special needs. We meet every Sunday morning at 9:15am in the chapel. Bernie McLellan is our coordinator. We welcome new members, come and give us a try. Contact Bernie at (705) 733-8046 for more information

#### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

The Fundraising Committee, tasked by the congregation at the Annual General Meeting in February, has met twice at the writing of this update. The steering committee includes:

Jean Cook, Laurie Crosson (Co-Chair)  
John Hunter, Catherine Johnson  
Stephen Manuel (Co-chair), Donna Martin  
Phil Neale, Marg Valad and Brian Young

We're excited to be moving forward with the campaign - working on developing the theme and campaign story. Next steps will involve reaching out to congregants over the next couple of weeks, and announcing a kick-off event for May.



#### **BASEBALL OUTING**

BLUE JAYS VS. SEATTLE MARINERS  
**Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:07 PM** Section 130 only \$110 for return motor-coach trip and game ticket. Sign up at the church after service or through the week. A deposit of \$25 is required at time of registration. For more information contact Bernie McLellan at 705-733-8046.

#### **COLLIER MISSION COMMITTEE**

We are pleased to report that year to date your Collier Mission Committee has assisted the following organizations:

Effect Hope (Leprosy Mission Canada)	\$1,000
Elizabeth Fry Society	\$1,000
Georgian Native & Outreach Ministries	\$1,000
John Howard Society	\$1,000

Year to date, your committee has made donations of **\$4,000** on your behalf.

**Thank you** to the congregation for your generous support. We are looking for new members. **Please** consider joining us in this outreach to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Respectively submitted by: Larry Murray, Chair

#### **COLLIER UCW**

The members of Unity, Wo He Lo and Amicae were very pleased to cater for the Gwen Galbraith funeral March 4.

There was a private Celebration of Life and Reception on March 16 catered by the UCW women. At least 250 people came to honour this woman.

March 18<sup>th</sup> Amicae UCW members hosted the Collier Spring Marketplace. A variety of Vendors enthusiastically offered their items to many shoppers. The Collier Café was a special meeting place to visit with friends over coffee and a delicious homemade sweet.

Ongoing participation from UCW members provides stew and dessert for Out of the Cold once a month.

Upcoming events for the UCW ladies include a busy day for 2 funerals April 8 and the AA Spring Round-up April 22. Boxed lunch will be sold and the banquet features roast beef this year.

Extra help will be needed as the UCW manpower is aging, we just don't have enough members to fill all these jobs. Congregation participation is gratefully appreciated during these fundraising events.

#### **WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION GROUP**

Women's Thursday morning Bible Study and discussion group meets weekly on Thursday mornings. Gathering and fellowship time is 9:30 am and the study starts promptly at 10:00 am. Please consider joining us!

#### **COLLIER L.I.F.E. GROUPS**

L.I.F.E. means Living In Faith Everyday. This Bible Study Group brings the privilege of caring for one another, being listened to, and experiencing fun and fellowship. We have an opportunity to share our journey of Living In Faith Everyday.

Collier L.I.F.E. Groups meet Tuesday's at 9:45am. at Collier Church and Thursdays at 7:00am at Deb's Restaurant on Huronia Road.

Please contact Leona at 705-726-1884, Carol at 705-424-5408 or a member of the ministry staff at 705-726-1511.

New members and visitors are always welcome. Carol Duckworth and Leona Appleby