

## Upcoming Special Events

**Master's in Music  
Pagan's Folly Unplugged**  
March 18<sup>th</sup> @3pm

**Spring Vendor's Market**  
March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 2pm

**Huronia Symphony**  
April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

**Master's in Music  
Big Band Jazz**  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 3pm

**Silent Auction – Gala Kickoff**  
Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>

**Silent Auction**  
Friday – Saturday Apr 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

**Huronia Symphony**  
May 13 @ 3:30pm

**Master's in Music**  
Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>

**Master's in Music  
A Touch of Brass**  
June 3 @ 3pm

### LIBRARY USE SURVEY

With Collier's former Library space now in use primarily for the children and youth program, we are wondering what to do with our collection of books and are seeking your input. Please answer the following questions by checking the statement in each question that applies most and return this slip to either William Haughton, Hewitt Holmes or the Church Office. Thanks in advance.

1. Is it important to you that?
  - a) Collier have a dedicated space for library books
  - b) Collier have books available in a non-dedicated space
  - c) Neither (meaning it is not important to me)
2. How likely are you to use a church library for reading or borrowing books?
  - a) Very likely
  - b) Somewhat likely
  - c) Not likely at all

### IN MEMORIAM

John Laking, Mildred Elliott, Vivian Sedgwick, Grace Mason, Jean Knox, Sandra McNee



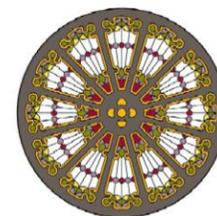
Christmas Eve pageant 2017



Enjoying the Chili Cook-off February 3<sup>d</sup>



Guide and Scout parade on Paden Powell Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018



**COLLIER**  
—CENTRED—  
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### COORDINATING MINISTER

*See the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint when such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage—  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age?*

These lines, penned by John Newton, form the second stanza of one of my favourite hymns: ``Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken``. Over the last few years, I've decided to commit to memory some of my favourite hymns. I'm blessed with a pretty good memory, but this discipline has taken some considerable time and effort. I've made the commitment to doing so for a couple of reasons. For one, whenever these hymns are occasionally sung in worship, I wanted to be able to sing them out in the midst of the congregation and enjoy the experience without looking at the hymnbook.

For another, I thought it would be a good spiritual practice for me to be able to sing some hymns personally as private devotion to God. As it turns out, I have enjoyed these benefits.

## LINK Newsletter

Some years ago, when I was a student, I visited a `high` Anglican church one Sunday. That congregation was using the traditional *Book of Common Prayer* service, which I personally find difficult to follow. However, I was amazed and touched to see so many members of that church who recited the liturgy and the prayers by heart—a practice clearly developed over lifetimes of faithfulness and worship. While that style of worship isn't my personal taste, I appreciate the beauty of such repeated and scripted worship, which allows the worshipper to take its words to heart over time.

At Collier, we have some repeated elements of worship, such as our closing song ``Go Now in Peace,`` which many have memorized and for that reason have enjoyed them all the more.

Memorization is out of fashion in educational circles. However, for both children and adults, I believe it can be a useful part of learning. I would encourage you to pick a hymn or a prayer or a maybe a scripture passage and commit it to memory. Take it in small chunks and be patient with yourself. Over time, you will take to heart some meaningful words which will help you connect with God, whether you are among God's people or out on your own. May God's peace and blessing be with you.

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Collier Choir School sings February 25<sup>th</sup>

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## MINISTER OF LEARNING & GROWING IN FAITH

*"Behold, I will do a new thing" (Isaiah 43:19)*

On the glorious sunny day in March, I write this link article about God's new thing in change. If there is a word I would use to describe this period of the United Church of Canada, it would be **change**. Change is simply to make or become different. Change is the law of life. As we all know change is a natural part of life. Few find change very difficult. Some find it much easier than others and cope with it much better as well. This is a changing church that is always trying to understand God's new thing. We are a people of change.

The United Church of Canada seems to have change in its DNA, as it continues to work toward the full implementation of Remit 1. A remit is a vote by communities and presbyteries to change the Basis of Union. In July this year the Church will finally decide on Remit 1, which will enable the Church to have a three court conciliar governance system: communities of faith, regions and the denominational council instead of our present four. According to the Boundaries Commission final report our community of faith will be in Region 10 with another 159 communities of faith. We are a Church of change always trying to understand God's new thing.

At Collier, our Learning and Growing in Faith area is surely experiencing change. The change of having less children and teens than some time ago, resulting in fewer little ones in worship and in Collier's Kids. The change of having less volunteers than in previous years. The change of working with a new curriculum, Godly play, which is going extraordinarily well. So, in the midst of such change, we pray that the Spirit will give us the courage to know that the Church of today will not be the Church of yesterday, for that is what change really means. We are a program area that is always trying to understand God's new thing.



"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything" says George Bernard

Shaw. Over the last months the congregation has surely demonstrated that progress is an important part of its desire to be faithful to God's call to perceive the new thing that God is doing in our midst. Our mind, as

a congregation continues to change toward this new thing that God is doing in our time.

We look to the next few months knowing that change will continue. We look to the change that will come from a meeting with parents to talk about ways we can encourage more little ones to be a part of our community of faith. We look to the change that our teens hang out bring twice per month. We look to the change that will happen through a new once per month adult ministry for the 35-55 age group called B&B. We look to the change that will continue to happen in the Learning and Growing in Faith area hoping it will be named by the Board in April as a missional priority for 2018-2023.

So together we work toward bringing into our time and space God's new thing, knowing we are not alone, that the Spirit is with us, doing its marvelous work of change and transformation for all of God's creation. **"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek"** said Barak Obama.

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Hewitt HOLMES, March 2018

### Music Committee Update

As many of you know, the Music Outreach Program, otherwise known as "Collier Street Music," has been in a state of growth since the Music Committee began its creation approximately one year ago. This program seeks to provide a modern twist on the tradition of music education and programming in the church by opening it up to the community-at-large, thereby working towards Collier's mission of outreach, and also providing an additional reason for new and young families to consider Collier Street United Church. Additionally, this allows for all of the funding of this program to come from the community, rather than the congregational tithings.

With the continual growth of the Music Outreach Program, the Music Committee entered a state of self-revisioning for Fall of 2017. After agreeing upon large infrastructural changes to the committee to better serve a growing program, it was agreed that the Committee's membership would dissolve to make way for a Music Committee 2.0 to step in and continue the work which the Music Committee 1.0 had so finely begun. On

Sunday, November 26, 2017 the 1.0 and 2.0 Committees broke bread together in a potluck blessed by The Rev. Hewitt Holmes. We took the time to celebrate all of the hardwork, initiative, and growth which had been overseen by 1.0 and all of the exciting work on the horizon for 2.0.

The members of 1.0 require a great deal of thanks and gratitude for all of their dedication to the Music Committee: Lesley Colquhoun, Colleen Dearham, Sharon Crossley, Eleanor Honey, Sharon Saint, Ina Smith, Anne Snell, Barb Wenzel and all of the many people who have served on this committee in the past. Additional thanks to the pastoral leadership of The Rev. William Haughton who provided guidance and recommendations along the way.

We welcome now to the 2.0 Music Committee's executive leadership: Derryl Johnston (Chair), Anne Snell (Secretary), Deborah Tennant (Membership-At-Large Representative), Sarah Svendsen (Music Director) and Rita Arendz (Collier Street Brass Ensemble Director/Arts Informant).

This executive will be spending the Spring of 2018 organizing the management system for the various leadership roles required to run our Music Outreach Program. Additional roles filled by membership-at-large are: Education Co-ordinator (Mary Boddy) and Live Performance Managers (Sharon Saint and Ina Smith). A warm welcome and thanks is offered to these people for their volunteered commitment to this cause.

As we move into the future, we are still looking to fill some positions.

The executive requires a Community Business Representative and the Membership-at-large requires a Marketing Representative, as well as a Fundraising Representative. Also, please note that this group works through the church and for the church. Financials are handled by our church bookkeeper, Valerie, and we function in the same fashion as any other outreach group in the church.

The Music Committee 2.0 looks forward to sharing in God's plans and work at Collier Street United Church.

Sarah Svendsen  
Music Director

## UCW

Collier Street UCW is alive and well and we have been busy! Along with making monetary donations, here are some of the projects that we have covered over the past year with our fundraising activities:

Paid for the installation of a much needed exhaust fan in the kitchen. This has proved to be a welcome relief to all who have worked in the kitchen at special events!

Contributed funds to update and replace the old Christmas decorations that adorn the sanctuary each year - watch for some new trees next year!

Paid for the painting and revitalization of the gymnasium! It is amazing what a fresh coat of paint and the repair of the doors leading to the vestibule has made - please make sure to take notice the next time you are in there for coffee.

### The next fundraiser will be:

We are holding our

#### 3rd. Annual Spring Vendor Marketplace Saturday March 24th, from 9:30 am. - 2:00 pm.

Please come wander through the 25 plus booths of local Artisans and Vendors from Beauty Products, Jewellery, Tupperware, Clothing, Baking, Home Made Crafts, Photography, Barn Board Art and so much more. Spread the word, bring a friend and spoil yourself!

This will be followed by the AA Spring Round Up on Saturday April 21st.

We are always available to host special functions and funeral receptions.

Thank you once again for the support of the entire congregation in helping where required and especially to all of the ladies who have taken up the lead in organizing many of these events.

Susan Storrington

### COLLIER'S TABLE

Collier is once again welcoming members of our community who are living with poverty to join us for a meal at Collier's Table on Saturday, June 9th and your help is needed! Donations of dessert, salads and fruit, as well as your help to host dinner are needed. Sign-up sheets are posted outside M5. Please consider what you can do to help this event - everyone is welcome and your assistance will make this a success and extends our Collier welcome to community members! If you are unable to attend, your cash donation towards our meal is most appreciated. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact me. Thank you in advance.

Lianne Patterson, Collier's Table Coordinator