

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

New Members & Palm Sunday
April 14th with liturgical colour being red

Good Friday @ 10:30
April 19th with no liturgical colours

Pentecost Sunday
June 9th

Asian Heritage Month
The United Church of Canada celebrates Asian Heritage in the month of May

IN MEMORIAM

Paul Michael Jim Lamont
Bud Moore Albert Naylor
Roberta Roberts Allan Bell

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Collier Church Capital Campaign officially launched September 22, 2017 and to date we have received pledges from 73 Collier families for a total of **\$417,975.00**. We have 10 families that use the monthly par system, while other families pay by cheque, monthly, quarterly or annually. We have also received several "onetime" donations. Whatever method is used is truly appreciated.

Should you wish to donate to the capital campaign or would like more information please connect with one of the committee members:

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The funds are held in a Trustee's account. We started with a balance of \$6,546.49 (which belongs to the Trustees).

	Debits	Credits	Balance
Opening Balance- Apr 28/2017			\$6546.49
Pledges Collected May 2017-February 28, 2019		\$273,733.40	
Interest Earned May 2017-Feb 28, 2019		\$1171.85	
Cheques & Debits. May 2017-Feb 28, 2019	\$59,153.69		
Service Charge May 2017- Feb 28, 2019 31/2018	\$219.85		
Balance February 28, 2019			\$222,078.20



DONATE

Collier Street United Church now accepts debit and credit cards.

We also accept online donations on our website!



COLLIER'S LINK NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



On February 24, the congregation met to talk about how we were stewards in 2018 and looked at the Vision, Mission Statements, Core Values and a 2019 budget. The meeting happened in the hall after brief worship. It was a good one. The mood was great. The Spirit was present among our Collier family.

On March 1, the congregation welcomed Marilyn Reesor as Music Director. We were happy to share cake with her after worship in the hall. Marilyn comes with many gifts that will enable our Collier family to continue to worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

On March 7, the Church started the Lenten journey. This happened without any fanfare. As it should, because the Lenten journey is one of turning and returning to God in Christ ways of love, life and liberty. It is an opportunity for spiritual growth in order to engage in communal transformation.

For 40 days excluding Sundays, which are considered "mini-Easters," followers of Christ's ways will draw from the spiritual well of prayer. "Prayer is where the action" is said John Wesley. *Prayer is conversation, communication and communion with God through Christ.* This is a two-way street. We talk with God and God response to us. Prayer reminds us that we are not alone.

Over the 6 weeks, we will gather in the sanctuary each Tuesdays at 12 noon under the theme "Waters of Life" for 30 minutes of worship. The service will be conducted by ministers from different denominations in Barrie. We will use the Psalms and Gospels to help us practice the spiritual discipline of prayer. To follow the way of Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem to face the cross.

As we approach April 26, which is the last Tuesday of lent, we are reminded that Lent is not a time of boasting of one's prayer life. It is surely not a time of trying to earn God's favour or to seek an increase in God's love as well. For we know very well that God's love for us couldn't be any greater than it already is. "Prayer doesn't change the purpose of God. But prayer does change the action of God" mentioned Chuck Smith.

Lent is a journey. Prayer is a great resource to aid us on the journey, making the path fruitful and us faithful followers of love, compassion and mercy, shaping a better and more beautiful community and world. The journey continues...

Hewitt Holmes



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Scout Week -Capital Campaign - Collier's Kids and 10+ - Donate

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SESSION COMMITTEE

We held our first meeting of 2019 on March 4 with 20 of our 25 members present. Thank you all for making our meeting a productive one. We look forward to visiting with our members, taking along the Link with its helpful information as we go. If you are in need of a visit please feel free to contact the church or your Visitor to request one. We visit 4 times per year, prior to our Communion times in April, June, October and December. Our next **Communion Sunday is April 7, 2019.**

Sharon Crossley

GIRL GUIDE AND BOY SCOUT WEEK



MUSIC MINISTRY



Hello to everyone at Collier Street United Church! I would like to thank you for your warm welcome (replete with cake!) and offers of support as I begin this musical journey at your church. In case you have not heard, my name is Marilyn and many of you know me as Ruth Reesor's daughter. Ruth was a member of your choir for many years and I was incredibly grateful to hear many kind words of concern for her during my first days here.

I began work here as the Music Director on March 1st and have only been present for two Sunday services. I can't tell you how impressive your choir has been, particularly

as they learned brand new anthems, sight unseen, to sing for your service only three days after our rehearsal!

I look forward to leading and developing your music ministry here at Collier. I hope to focus on a blend of traditional hymns and contemporary songs of various genres, and invite everyone to consider either joining the choir or offering their musical talent for our service music. If you are interested in participating in the music ministry or have a particular piece of music you enjoy, please contact me at music@collierunited.ca.

Thank you again for your support and I hope to meet and speak with you soon.

Marilyn Reesor



UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Collier Street United Church Women are thriving and growing and always looking for new members. If you are interested, please contact Susan Storing @ 705-737-5436 or Mabel Peyer @ 705-252-8468.

The Amicae group led by Susan meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month at 7:00pm. and Wo He Lo led by Mabel meets on the 2nd Monday of the Month at 2:00pm. So no excuse not to find a time that fits your busy schedule!

We always enjoy each other's company when we get together. Whether we are discussing ongoing and future fundraising projects, or having special speakers, or a presentation on a special theme, we are among friends who take part in fun, friendship and fellowship.

It is also nice to hear that Unity still meets periodically. Please show your appreciation to these ladies for all that they have done over the years with the UCW.

Watch for more information in the next Link regarding our latest projects, our special donations and fundraisers that we have lovingly worked toward this year to benefit the everyday life of our church.

A very special group where everyone is welcome! Thank you. **Susan Storing**

**2019
LENTEN SERIES
& LUNCH**

THEME - "Waters of Life"

when/with

MARCH 12 - **HEWITT HOLMES**
MARCH 19 - **TOM LOWRY**
MARCH 26 - **JENNIFER WAGER**
APRIL 02 - **SUSAN EAGLE**
APRIL 09 - **DAVID WARREN**
APRIL 16 - **ANN GREGOR**

12 PM – 12:30PM SERVICE

12:35 PM – 1PM LUNCH

We thank our volunteers for the usual support of our luncheons.

LEARNING AND GROWING IN FAITH

Godly Play – will continue – winter/spring schedule is being used by volunteers. A meeting of volunteers will take place before summer.

Camp Awesome – July 22-26, 2019. We are hoping to collaborate with Trinity Anglican. Monday to Thursday will be full days and Friday is half day.

A team will be asked to review and interview applicants for the **New Children and Youth Ministries Director** position. See online for details. The person will be working 12-14 hours per week.

10+ HANGOUT!



We are Collier's Youth.

We love to hangout for a time of fellowship, food, fun and spiritual nature twice per month.

We play games and talk about how we can live out our spiritual calling in community through social actions.

Come, hangout with us!

April 13 & 27 May 11 & 25 June 8 & 22.

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OUR CORE VALUES:

Connection Community Creativity
Inclusion Love Transformation Hope