

Upcoming Special Events

**Master's in Music
"A Touch of Brass"**
June 3rd at 3pm

Collier's Table
Saturday June 9th

Sunday School Wrap up
Sunday June 24th

VBS
Monday July 16th – Friday July 20th



Don and Chris Jay receive certificates from Mayor Jeff Lehman in honour of Don's 90th birthday and their 65th wedding anniversary



Crafts and goodies being sold at the Christmas Bazaar

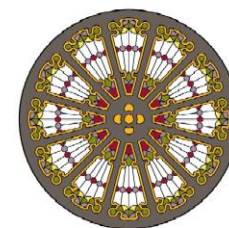
IN MEMORIAM
Audrey MacMillan
Ron Smith



Silent Auction Pasta Dinner Volunteers



"Pagan's Folly" March 18th



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COORDINATING MINISTER

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Jesus, the Messiah.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

The Apostle Paul closed his first letter to the church in Thessalonika with some words of encouragement and parting instructions. Among those, "Give thanks in all circumstances".

Being thankful is one of the best things we can do to live whole, healthy lives. If we fail to be thankful, we will never have enough of anything, no matter what it is. One of the reasons excess is such a problem in our world is we often fail to be thankful and instead seek to satisfy our appetites ever further. However, when we are thankful, we will always appreciate and make the most of what we have, experience and enjoy.

As I prepare to leave my role at Collier in just a few weeks, I would like to take one more opportunity to say "thank you". I am appreciative to the many in our congregation who have supported me with their service, their encouragement, their kind deeds and their prayers. I will continue to cherish the generosity I have experienced in the last 6 years and the many wonderful relationships that have been built. The gifts and the givers I have come to know are far too many to list.

I would also like to thank my colleague, Hewitt Holmes, as well as all my coworkers past and present. I have enjoyed your friendship and support and coming to work with you every day.

LINK Newsletter

I believe I have grown in my faith and maturity these last few years. I have learned to trust and hope in God more fully. As I thank you all for walking beside me on this journey, I close with the encouragement that I trust and hope that God will be at work in Collier in awesome ways in the months and years ahead. May God bless you richly.

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Collier Choir School rehearsing



Baden Powell Sunday

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FROM HEWITT'S DESK

"What I love about Collier?"
Beloved!

Well, spring has finally arrived and I'm sure many of you are looking forward to the season.

By the time you receive this issue of the News Link, I will be away on holiday in Jamaica visiting family and friends.

Well, can you believe it, it has been 1 year since I joined the ministry team at Collier. So, I want to use this article to talk about some of the things I love about serving among and with you at Collier.

Firstly, I love that we have children and youth in our congregation. Godly play is making a difference in our children and adults. The 10+ hang outs (gatherings) continue to grow.

Secondly, I love that we have capable and Godly people who are always ready to give time, treasure and talents. The recent Silent Auction was another living testimony of unselfish commitment to the ministry and mission of the Church.

Thirdly, I love that we have people who come to worship to celebrate God and live with respect in creation through actions of love and justice. The music and adult choir are an inspiration and encouragement for many. The support we offer to those who use our space is enriching.

Fourthly, I love that we have deep desire to serve our community in Barrie and beyond. The keen preparation for the arrival of our Refugee family speaks to our willingness to have open hands that offer help and hope.

Fifthly, I love that we have a team ministry approach to our leadership of God's people. The ever changing reality

of our congregation and the ever present analysis of the issues, tell us we have something great at Collier.

Well, as we journey into this season and the summer, I invite us to find time to chat with our friends and family on what we love about Collier and how we will continue to use our many gifts to ensure that our vision and mission priorities make a difference in community as we **listen, laugh, love and learn together.**

The journey continues.

Hewitt Holmes
Minister of Learning and Growing in Faith- May 2018



UCW Vendor's Market

UCW

Well, another busy "year" at the church is almost at an end.

The ladies of Collier's UCW Units have had a wonderful time together and in serving others. Our meetings are always full of fun and fellowship! We have spent the time doing crafts, sharing our personal stories and the Amicae Unit had our own Barb Wenzel as a guest speaker telling us about her 50 year career as a physiotherapist working with children - very inspirational!

Once again, we have hosted several AA banquets, funeral receptions and special events including a special tribute to Don and Chris Jay on the event of Don's 90th. Birthday and Don and Chris' 65th. Wedding Anniversary! We were pleased as well to offer the November Bazaar as well as the Vendor Marketplace once again. With the support and assistance of many in the congregation, the UCW is pleased to advise that we have once again been able to present a \$10,000.00 cheque to

the Official Board to assist with the operation of "our" church!

Looking forward to a break over the summer months but we are always available to host funeral and special receptions.

Thank you to all for your continued support.

Submitted by Susan Storrington

COLLIER BOOTC ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

On behalf of BOOTC, I would like to express our gratitude to Rev. Houghton and all members of Collier United Church for your support and participation in BOOTC since November 1998. Not only do you host this program every Saturday and Sunday night from mid-November to the end of April but many of you are active volunteers on one of eight different teams that make up Collier BOOTC. This program provides all guests with a safe and warm place to stay as well as a hot meal while they are experiencing difficult times. This would not be possible without the assistance of 240 volunteers who are either members on four different shifts, meal makers or they assist with the laundry. Without your support, this program would not be possible. We would be amiss if we did not mention the ongoing support that we receive from the custodial staff at Collier.

BOOTC welcomed 6711 guests this season which is an increase of 17.22% from last year. We would not be able to run this program without each and every one of our dedicated and dependable volunteers. As a member of the Collier team, I am truly grateful for your ongoing support. You are Barrie Out of the Cold.

Carol Forget
(Coordinator for BOOTC)



Barrie Out Of The Cold volunteers at Collier

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

LOOKING FORWARD CAMPAIGN UPDATE

5 Year Pledge Total: **\$404,380.00**

We are almost two-thirds through our year of meetings. The committee has met with many in the church family over the past months - thank you to everyone we've met with and to those who have made a pledge to the Campaign - we're climbing our way up the steeple!!!!

The most 'awkward' part of the project is asking if someone would like to meet with us to hear about the Campaign. It would truly help if people who are interested in learning more about the Looking Forward Campaign reached out to someone on the campaign committee. If you would like more information, please contact:

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