

## Upcoming Special Events

### Collier Men's Breakfast

Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>

Guest Speaker Rev. Tom Lowry – Barrie Police Services  
Chaplain

### Collier's Closet and Table

Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>

### Christmas Fair

Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>

### IN MEMORIAM

Barb Provan Marion Williams Marion Bell  
Sandra Mikulski Carol Toich

## Worship at Collier

### September 18th

Adult Ministries – Jesus Walk Sing

### September 25<sup>th</sup>

UCW Recognition

### October 2nd

World Communion Sunday

### October 9th

Thanksgiving Sunday

### October 16th

Guest Speaker Charles Hopkin

### October 23rd

Handicapable Sunday

### November 6th

Remembrance Sunday

### November 13<sup>th</sup>

Stewardship Sunday  
Orillia Silver Band

### November 20th

180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Rev. Bill Fritz

### November 27th

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Communion

## LOCAL FUND INCOME & EXPENSES (Aug 31st)

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

May we be thankful for God's great abundance!

	2016	2015
<b>Local</b>		
Envelope Givings	83,436	157,601
PAR	138,564	87,883
Open Plate	3,466	2,855
Other	47,527	72,042
Collier Mission Fund	9,978	25,226
UCC Mission & Service	6,693	9,770
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>289,664</b>	<b>355,376</b>
Expenses to Aug 31	310,448	312,520
Collier Mission Fund	13,700	20,600
UCC Mission & Service	5,750	9,655
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>329,898</b>	<b>342,775</b>
Local Operating Balance as of Aug 31	-40,234	12,601



**COLLIER**  
—CENTRED—

*with God • in Barrie • on You*

It's late one evening and I have to submit something for the LINK. Unfortunately, my laptop is giving me a hard time and I don't know how to fix it right now. So, my only alternative is to send something from my phone - type it out with my thumbs while looking at a very small screen. Isn't technology amazing?

Technology can be both a blessing and a curse - it allows us to do things we once couldn't have imagined, yet it also creates massive expectations of what's possible (and how quickly). Such expectations are often unrealistic and burdensome.

How should churches interpret, respond to and make use of technology? Some embrace technology full on - their Sunday school classrooms have computers while worshipper's text their questions during the sermon in order to have them projected onto the screen for a Q & A session later in the service. Others see technology as a costly medium the church can't afford and argue that the church should resist technology as a counter-cultural statement. Others feel lost.

I don't know which technologies the church should use or not. We at Collier have a modern website, A/V technology in the sanctuary and make video recordings of our services, among other things. Maybe in the future we might have projection screens in the sanctuary or debit/credit machines in the office, or something we haven't yet imagined - who knows?

In my view, we need to use the means available to us to share the good news without becoming beholden to a technology "arms race". Christians have always thought the story of Jesus was worth spreading by any and all means possible.

# LINK Newsletter

Five hundred years ago, in Europe, the printing press fueled the Protestant Reformation, an amazing spiritual awakening. Today, most of us sense, anecdotally, that congregations embracing technology often have younger crowds and a higher ceiling for growth.

Yet, technology isn't a guaranteed recipe for success. So, what should we do? The most important thing we can do is cultivate a clear sense of purpose as a congregation. We need to know why we are here as well as why we do anything and everything we do. It is a clear sense of purpose which can make effective almost any strategy. As one expert comments, "people don't love *what* you do, they love *why* you do it."

So, why do we do it?

I'm typing on my phone, late at night, with the hope that "the amazing love of God, in Jesus" might be an answer that inspires us towards possibilities we have yet to even imagine!

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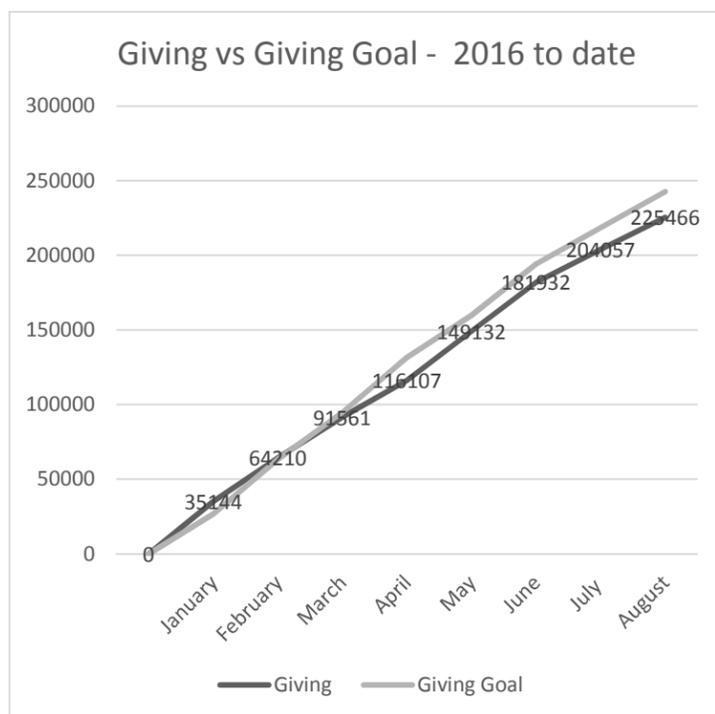
## COLLIER'S 180<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



*Rev. Dr. Bill Fritz*

2016 marks Collier's 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will celebrate this occasion on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Our Speaker that day will be Rev. Dr. Bill Fritz, Collier's Senior Minister from 1972-96. Since "retiring" from Collier, Bill has pastored in Florida and

at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church in Toronto. He has also earned a Doctor of Ministry degree. He and Joan now live in Uxbridge, where Bill continues to be active in interim ministry.



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## MUSIC

Hello and happy fall!

Things have been very busy in the music department over the summer. Hymns are selected until Advent and I'm already picking Christmas music! But, I suppose most people are still upset about how early Halloween decoration are out, so I'll stop talking about Christmas.

### Website Music Tab

With the help of our Government grant sponsored summer intern, we now have a fabulous "Music" tab on the website available for your perusal. We also had three wonderful concerts over the summer with our "Masters in Music" concert series, which takes place the first Sunday of every month at 3:00 PM. We are hoping that as this becomes more solidified in people's minds, our attendance will only keep increasing! Upcoming concerts in the fall include soprano Lyndsay Promane and jazz guitarist Patrick O'Reilly. For more information please go to [www.collierunited.ca/concerts](http://www.collierunited.ca/concerts) and also, help us out, and follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/MastersInMusicBarrie](http://www.facebook.com/MastersInMusicBarrie).

### Special Concerts

In addition to our "Masters In Music" concert series, Collier will also be holding some larger concerts this year. The first of these is to kick off our 180th anniversary "week" and features the Orillia Silver Band playing pieces of historical significance. The concert is at 2 pm on Sunday November 13. The band will also be joining us for our morning service, so be sure to come out and sing some "Great Hymns of the Faith" that morning with us. Also, 3 pm, Saturday, December 10 will be our second annual Christmas Concert and Sing-A-Long, with our very own Choir and Toronto's Metropolitan Silver Band, and homemade Christmas cookies!

### Choir

This fall marks both the start and the continuation of some exciting programming for the music department. Choir resumes September 8th at 7:00 PM, and, as always, all are welcome (late comers and self-proclaimed "poor singers" alike). And with this I would like to tell a little story about hymns. You see, hymns are written in a vocal range most favoured by females. The range for the male is actually in a relatively awkward spot on your standard church hymn. I say this from personal experience as I used to think that my father was tone-deaf until, one day, I heard him sing

Johnny Cash perfectly in tune. It turned out he was a bass trying to sing tenor! And this is all to say gentlemen - the choir needs basses! So, just because you may think you can't sing, doesn't mean it's so - the world could be stacked against you and you could have a wonderful singing voice yet to be discovered. So, I repeat: choir meets every Thursday from 7-9 pm and ALL are welcome. Many of us do not read music and we get along swimmingly.

In addition to our choir program, we will be continuing our choral scholar program but it has been grown and altered to better suit our needs. Offered to youth ages 12 and up, this program offers training in leadership, teamwork, professionalism and musicianship skills. A three-tiered system, students audition and are placed at the levels of "junior," "intermediate" or "senior" with the expectation of singing up through the ranks as their levels progress. All levels and experiences are welcome. Remuneration ranges from volunteer hours, to private coaching's, to a chance to be awarded a scholarship from the Collier Street United Church congregation at the end of each semester. Choral Scholars work alongside the senior choir on Thursdays 7-9 pm and Sundays 9:30-11:30 am.

### New Choir School

Finally, we are excited to announce a completely new program offered to congregants and the community at large. "Collier Street Choir School" is a free choir school for children aged 6-11, Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm. This is a group music education class in which children learn music theory and history through fun and games, while also participating in traditional choral training. Children practice and learn skills of basic note and rhythm reading, leadership and sharing, deductive reasoning and emotional awareness. While the core curriculum is secular, the children learn a wide range of musical styles (both secular and sacred) and perform in church once a month. Registration is required.

All in all, it's looking to be a fun year! If you have any questions about the programming or just want to tell me your favourite hymn, pop me an email at [ssvensen@collierunited.ca](mailto:ssvensen@collierunited.ca).

Enjoy those pumpkin spiced lattes while I'm already drinking eggnog, and remember: humming is just "sleep-singing". Wake up those mouths and throw some lyrical prayers in there!

Sarah Svendsen, Music Director

## SUMMER STUDENT

This summer at Collier, we had the privilege of hiring a summer student through the Canada Summer Jobs program. Kaitlyn Deavitt was a blessing to our team. Kaitlyn assisted our Music Director with many projects and initiatives that had been planned for the summer months. In addition to this, Kaitlyn was an excellent support to our Minister of Learning and Growing in Faith as they planned for the fall semester, organized Vacation Bible School and also taught the Sunday school throughout the summer to provide respite for our regular volunteers. We hope to see Kaitlyn again in our church as she has been a blessing!



MP Alex Nuttall, Kaitlyn Deavitt and Sarah Svendsen

Kaitlyn has been such a blessing to our Children and Youth program throughout the summer that we have invited her to remain on our team for the fall and winter semesters. We are pleased to have Kaitlyn as a leader each Sunday as this will provide continuity for the students as well as the volunteers. Our volunteers have been serving the students for many years and to have Kaitlyn there regularly, provides relief from some of the teaching responsibilities. We hope that this will encourage others to volunteer as the workload is lightened with Kaitlyn on the team. The commitment and dedication of Kaitlyn's role will be rewarded with an honorarium.



Concert-goers at September's Masters in Music mingle and enjoy refreshments after the show. Approximately 80 enjoyed a program by Collier's Sarah Svendsen.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

This summer we hosted an absolutely fabulous Vacation Bible School at Collier through partnership with Living Waters Presbytery. Our theme this year was "Creating Community" the activities that the children participated in fostered fellowship as well as a sense of responsibility for the community around them. The photo image reflects the team after they had made four loaves of bread into sandwiches for the David Busby Street Centre in downtown Barrie. The t-shirts are also a reflection of our "building community" theme as they wore the t-shirts with the Collier logo on it throughout the entire week. We felt like a community and shared in community together. What a blessing!



VBS camp 2016

The Annual Barrie Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be **Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:25AM**, at the South Shore Community Centre. Speaker Janet Epp Buckingham, is professor of Law at Trinity Western University. Tickets, \$16 in advance, can be purchased from Lory Cameron, 705-726-1289.

#### **COLLIER REFUGEE COMMITTEE**

The Collier Refugee Sponsorship committee continues to work towards sponsoring a Syrian Refugee Family. We have been encouraged and inspired by those who have supported our fundraising ventures - the Pancake Supper and Silent Auction Luncheon- and by the donations so generously given by church and community members.

In addition to raising \$33,796.00, our committee members have diligently gathered information and resources relating to the family's needs: interpreters and translators, English as a Second Language, housing and furnishings, employment, education and childcare, health and dental care, daily living needs such as food and clothing, transportation and orientation to our community.

The United Church of Canada, Our Sponsorship Agreement Holder, emails the profiles of Syrian refugee families from its Blended Visa Office Referral list. Our contact person's cell phone is always on the alert to receive the next allocation of names, reportedly due in October.

We have sent an advocacy letter to representatives of the Federal government, highlighting what appears to be a breakdown of the system for matching refugee families with sponsors. Should you wish to support this initiative by personally emailing or writing the letter, it can be accessed via the link on Collier United's website: [www.collierunited.ca/outreach](http://www.collierunited.ca/outreach).

If you wish to join our dynamic committee members, please contact Carol or Robin for our meeting dates. We gather to share, update and learn about sponsoring a Syrian Refugee Family.

Carol Warnica: [carolwarnica@gmail.com](mailto:carolwarnica@gmail.com)

Robin Milani: [robin\\_milani@yahoo.ca](mailto:robin_milani@yahoo.ca)

#### **"From *Kristallnacht* to Liberation: Reminiscences of a Jewish World War II Veteran" Martin Maxwell**

Martin Maxwell was born and raised in Vienna, Austria. He and his 4 siblings lived through *Kristallnacht*, 'the night of broken glass'--November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1938--on which Jews across the German Reich were attacked. In December of that year, he and his younger sisters were evacuated (his sisters went to France--two later died in concentration camps while one survived and came to Canada after the war). Martin was evacuated to England. He later joined the RAF and landed in Normandy on the eve of D-Day. He was taken as a Prisoner of War at the Battle of Arnhem in September 1938. After the war, he continued in a military capacity as an investigator of war crimes, including those of Field Marshall von Runstedt. Martin lives in Toronto with his wife, Eleanor.



**Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 4:00 PM lecture  
Collier Street United Church**  
Refreshments to follow

#### **SENIOR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

Dear Friends, Welcome to the Fall Season 2016. Another season of happy, friendly get togethers over a delicious hot meal with good friends and conversation. A reminder of getting your tickets for the seniors luncheon - they may be purchased throughout the two weeks before the Luncheon from Vickie at the Office or at the front desk the two Sunday's prior to the luncheon dates. The cost is \$12.00

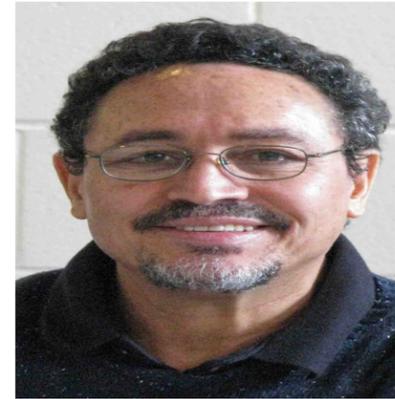
Wed. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Speaker, Al Cuzen on the 100th Anniversary of Barrie. A video presentation.

Wed. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Speaker, James C. Crawford on Youth Criminal System

Wed. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> Speaker, Suleyman Demiray. Base Chaplain at CFB Borden

We look forward to seeing you Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Blessings,  
Don and Chris Jay, Coordinators



*Charles Hopkin*

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome Charles Hopkin as our guest speaker. Charles was Born and raised in Tanzania of Jewish background, where he attended a Roman Catholic boarding school and later agricultural college (where he studied irrigation). He became a Christian in 1983 and has ministered around the word through YWAM (Youth with a Mission), as well as in a Juvenile Detention Centre, an orphanage and in schools. Charles has worked for Chosen People Ministries, a Messianic Jewish ministry, since 2008. He will be speaking on 'Jesus, the Jewish Messiah'.

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

It is time to start our fall plans but the weather says it is still summer. We would like you to join us for a visit or for the 13 week Lectionary series for this season, Creation to Advent, September 4 to November 20. If you are interested or have any questions please call us.

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

#### **COLLIER MISSION COMMITTEE**

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

African Community Technical Services  
Barrie Women & Children's Shelter  
Christian Blind Mission Canada  
Cruxifusion  
Effect Hope (Leprosy Mission Canada)  
Elizabeth Fry Society  
Georgian Native Outreach Ministry  
Ghana Rural Integrated Development  
Hospice Barrie  
John Howard Society  
Nkosinathi Fund  
North Simcoe Food Grains Bank  
Salvation Army Barrie  
Service in Mission Canada  
Explorer Project – Rebecca Kent  
Year to date, your committee has made donations of **\$13,700** on your behalf.

**Thank you** to the congregation for supporting this committee.

Respectively submitted by: Larry Murray, Chair

#### **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!