

Upcoming Special Events

Collier's Table
Saturday October 21st

Master's in Music
October 29th @ 3pm
Griddle Pickers

November 12th @ 2pm
Orillia Brass Band

Christmas Fair
Saturday November 18th

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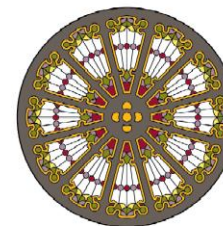
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COORDINATING MINISTER

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! (2 Corinthians 6:1-2)

Carpe Diem, seize the day, is a famous phrase coined by the Roman poet Horace. “Seize the day and trust little in tomorrow” he wrote centuries ago.

We are often reminded in our faith-lives to wait with trust in God to act. This is good advice. Sometimes we want to try and force an issue but need to learn patience.

At other times, in contrast, we need to act. No one, for example, would ever find themselves in relationships or with jobs unless they had taken some initiative. Action is especially right when we have been called by God to take it. In such times, we are called to step out in faith.

In the 2nd Letter to the Corinthians, Paul urged: “now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation!” Paul was telling the Christians in Corinth that their collective ministry was a pressing matter. The Messiah had come at long last and his followers were given the mission of spreading his news and carrying on his work.

While God continues to work on a schedule that is not our own, and is far beyond us, the urgency remains. We live in the midst of lives and families and

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communities and cultures that are failing and which God wants to redeem. God has given us good news and important work, and there is no time like the present, no time to lose.

We have good and important ministry to do at Collier Street United Church. We have been called to worship God, to learn and grow in our faith, to build community among one another, to serve those in need around us and to reach out and share the good news. God has set this work before us precisely because it is important and because in God's inexpressible wisdom, we're the ones for the job. That means we're called to make sure we're helping the rubber to meet the road. Let us offer our best efforts to God in love and with thanksgiving.

Horace, the Roman poet, held an Epicurean worldview. Epicureans felt that we have to make the most of today and get the most enjoyment out of the present because there's really nothing else we can count on.

For the Christian, that worldview is half-correct. Our God calls us to seize the day and to make the most of the opportunities that are right before our eyes. However, God also invites us not to look forward with hopelessness or despair but rather to trust Him with tomorrow. With God's help, we can do it!

Will



Mabel Peyer, Robin Milani and Laurie Lloyd receive a John Graves Simcoe award in recognition of Collier's Refugee Sponsorship

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MINISTER OF LEARNING & GROWING IN FAITH

This is my first piece as Minister of Learning and Growing in Faith for the Newsletter. I want to begin by saying thanks for the warm welcome extended to me in late April when I arrived in Barrie to share in Team with Will and you the people of Collier Street United Church. Your words, cards, letters, emails, phone calls, meals and conversations have enriched my Spirit and blessed my soul immensely since May 1. Thanks to those who have made my transition and stay in Barrie and at Collier so life giving. I am indeed privileged to share in this sacred ministry.

Ministry is the continued work of God in Christ by the WHOLE people of God for the good of all and the glorification of the Holy Mystery (1 Peter 2:12 and Ephesians 4:11). Collier has a long history of ministry among God's people in Barrie and beyond. Our ministry has been one centered on people - enabling ALL to experience an abundant life (Jn. 10:10).

Over the four months, I have participated in some of our ministry opportunities where we offered support, sustenance and service to the holistic development of children, teens and others. The summer had me heavily involved in Camp Awesome. I was able to share in visitation to our sick and shut-in members/adherents with Larry Murray and Joyce Moore. Of course, I attended many meetings of the Church, locally and at the Head Office. In September, we began a new Sunday School (Collier's Kids) program called Godly play. It has gone very well over the last two weeks.

I am ever grateful to the many volunteers who make the life of ministry happen at Collier. Thanks to those who were involved in the renewal of M5 and the former library. I wish to specially mention, Tom George for making the new shelves in M5, John Boer and John Hunter for painting. Thanks to the Bryan and Vickie our office staff for the support of the ministry of learning and growing in faith. Thanks to all the volunteers for Collier's Kids. Thanks for your ministry among God's people.

As I conclude, we are reminded that our ministry is long term and not seasonal like the *winter, spring, summer* and *fall*. These seasons go by so quickly unlike our ministry that stays with us for a long time. As we evolve, it is my hope and desire as minister of Learning and Growing in faith to use all the available gifts to continue the work of celebrating God's greatness, seeking always to build a community where **ALL** are welcomed, cherished, affirmed, encouraged, and celebrated.

Our ministry continues. Shalom!
Hewitt

AN HONOUR FROM THE DAVID BUSBY STREET CENTRE

Dear William and the Congregation of Collier Street United Church, We hope this email finds you well.

We are thrilled to inform you that Collier Street United Church has been chosen as the recipient of our 2017 David Busby Street Centre Community Service Award. This award is being presented to Collier Street United Church for demonstrating true community spirit in always welcoming the David Busby Centre when hosting our special events, for being long standing hosts of the Barrie Out of the Cold program and for always seeking new ways to support the most vulnerable citizens in our community.

You will be in good company the evening of the gala as additional awards will be presented during the evening program. All award winners will be contacted by our volunteer writer to create an award winner profile for our event Tribute Journal.

We would be honoured if someone from your organization would accept this award which will be presented at our Street Light Gala on October 20th, 2017. You will be provided with tickets to the event for your representative and a guest, additional tickets can be purchased at a cost of \$100 per ticket. Everyone is welcome! If anyone from your congregation, family or friends would like to attend the event please have them contact Nathan Sykes (nathan@busbycentre.ca) or call 705-828-3477. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you Sara Peddle, Executive Director,
David Busby Street Centre

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Hello Collier,

I came across the following the other day:

Romans 12:1-2

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

This got me thinking: It's the start of a new season and so it's also the start of a new space for our growth and renewal as Christians. So, with this, the concept for me this season is "space."

As Music Director, my job is to ensure that the music selections are as varied in Christian message, musical aesthetic, and emotional direction as possible. The purpose of this is to provide varied spaces for each of us to interact with God. Some of us need meditative, repetitive choruses alternating with prayer, others need hymns holding reminders of our Christian identity, others feel moved by something jazzier, while others need a deeply poetic text. We are all correct.

Moving past the concept of space as it relates to genre, let us now reflect on it as it relates to the past, present and future. I have a graph on my bulletin board in my office that was given to me in a course while I was doing my church music diploma. It is called the "Theory of different levels of history". This is something that I like to use when examining the era and perceived "new-ness" or "favourite-ness" of the hymns on the meta- and micro-scales (an individual Sunday vs. 6-month chunks of service planning). The 3 historical spaces it categorizes are as follows:

1. *Ephemeral history*: This is rapidly expiring and keeping with modern times. An example of this would be our use of Taizé chant 2-4 times per year, or the occasional use or learning of one of the hymns from the United Church's relatively-new hymnal, "More Voices".

2. *Conjunctural history*: this category has staying power but wouldn't necessarily be identity forming. Examples of these for Collier would include some of the more modern hymns which have been repeated enough to feel comfortable, or some of the hymns introduced to us as adults (for example, hymn #820 "Make a Joyful Noise [All the Earth]").
3. *Structural history*: These are identity-forming hymns. From the perspective of an individual they were most likely learned in childhood and from the perspective of the congregation they usually have the highest percentage of use compared to the other two categories (annually, I try to maintain the minimum percentage of 60 skewing toward 70 for this category). An example for Collier would be "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah".¹

The co-existence of these three categories is very important to the growth and sustainment of the Christian. Number 1 keeps us current and aware, while number 2 keeps us growing, and number 3 keeps us nourished and connected. All of these are important aspects of our Christian journey, and while ratios between these three areas can change from Sunday to Sunday, our broader Christian Journey could not be complete without all of them.

So, as we embark on another new year of music together, let's practice the acknowledgment of spaces and knowing that what God loves to see us experience through music is not just comfort, identity, safety and devotional faith, but also growth, self-reflection, risk and doubt. It is by having the capacity to honestly move in and out of these spaces that we can thereby have broader access to our renewals and transformations as Christians.

As always, I look forward to our journey of musical worship together.

Sarah

¹ Key concepts taken from a model for the interpretation of history in Edward Schillebeeckx, *Jesus, An Experiment in Christology*, Harper Collins, 1989.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Welcome to another "year" in the life of Collier. Our three UCW units have resumed their monthly gatherings and are looking forward to upcoming events and fundraisers at Collier. Planning is in the works for the AA Gratitude Dinner on September 30th as well as the Christmas Bazaar on November 18th. Watch for more information in the weekly bulletins.

Come out and join one of our groups and get to know your fellow women of Collier who enjoy meeting and serving together for friendship and special functions. We love to work and serve in many areas of church life. Ladies, know that though there are too many of you to name here, I and everyone in the congregation thank you for your many, many contributions.

That said, I would like to acknowledge two of our women. Ruby Cox was recognized by the Collier UCW for her many years of service, including a long stint as President. Ruby's dedication and faithfulness have been an inspiration to so many of us. Also, Terry Oram received a Leading Woman, Leading Girls award, presented by MPP Ann Hoggarth for her remarkable volunteer service, not only to the UCW but to Collier Street United Church as a whole.

Please contact me, Susan Storning, at 705-737-5436 to learn more about Collier's UCW or different ways to get involved and get to know the ladies of the church. You won't regret it!

Susan



Congratulations to all the Leading Women & Leading Girls and Thank You to all the wonderful people who nominated them!



Guest speaker Jean Miso at Fellowship lunch Sept. 20th

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Hello friends, we hope you have had a good summer.

September 20th, Jean Miso from Mississauga was our speaker. Jean just retired from teaching in June. She has visited Veterans across Canada and has written four books and written a song for each book. She has been honoured for this work and has sung at Vimy Ridge and other celebrations of our war heroes. She sang one of her songs for us. She gives all of her funds from these projects back to the work for Veterans. We are very fortunate to have Jean for our first meeting of the fall season.

October 18th, our speaker will be Doug Fraser. Doug will be speaking on the Halifax Explosion. Doug is a maritimer and is very knowledgeable on this subject. Spread the word and invite your friends to these two events.

Please be sure to get your Luncheon tickets at the front desk at one of the two Sunday's prior to each event. \$12.00 per person. Looking forward to seeing all of you. Blessings, Chris and Don Jay

L.I.F.E. GROUP

We encourage you to join us for time to consider how our faith grows and directs our path through life experiences. We use "Seasons of the Spirit" as our study guide. It supports and explains the context of our scriptures as it applies to our exploratory journey. Feel

free to phone Leona Appleby at 705-726-1884 or ask Rev. Will or Rev. Hewitt about the material and our group as we Live In Faith Everyday



LIFE Group members Jane, Leona, Mable and Colleen display their study guides with pride!

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.

Thank you to everyone for surprising me with a cake after worship on September 3rd to mark my 5th Anniversary at Collier, and for staying to enjoy a piece with me. It was a special day and your thoughtfulness was much appreciated.

In love,
Will



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

Campaign Goals by Year and Income

Year	Campaign \$ Goal
Year 1 (2017-2018)	\$200,000.00
Year 2 (2018-2019)	\$200,000.00
Year 3 (2019-2020)	\$200,000.00
Year 4 (2020-2021)	\$200,000.00
Year 5 (2021-2022)	\$200,000.00
Total	\$1,000,000.00

Pledges Rec'd to Date	Remaining to Goal	\$ Received To Date
\$50,350.00	\$149,650.00	\$25,525.57
\$50,350.00	\$149,650.00	\$25,525.57
\$50,350.00	\$149,650.00	\$25,525.57
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\$251,750.00	\$748,250.00	\$127,627.83

Spending/Investment Goals by Year

Year	Campaign \$ Goal
Year 1 (2017-2018)	\$200,000.00
Year 2 (2018-2019)	\$200,000.00
Year 3 (2019-2020)	\$200,000.00
Year 4 (2020-2021)	\$200,000.00
Year 5 (2021-2022)	\$200,000.00
Total	\$1,000,000.00

Capital Repairs	Children & Youth	AV Technology	Organ Fund
\$130,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$110,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
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\$100,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
\$0.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$130,000.00
\$450,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$150,000.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF!

In February our congregation voted to run a capital campaign with a goal to raise \$200,000 per year for 5 years. A committee consisting of Jean Cooke, Laurie Crosson, Stephen Manuel, Donna Martin, Phil Neale, Marg Valad and Brian Young have developed and rolled out a campaign strategy based on this goal.

We've been meeting with some congregants over the past few months. Through these meetings we are a quarter of the way to meeting our 5 year goal. Watch the bulletin for regular updates!

Moving forward every congregant is invited to meet with a committee member to discuss the 5 year strategy and plans. The purpose of the meeting is to talk about our Church - why we love it, why we chose Collier, our hope and aspirations for the future of our church. Yes - money will be discussed. No - there will be not be any pressure for a commitment. We appreciate that people give to their church in many ways - time, talent and treasure.

We appreciate that some people may choose to not meet – that's okay! You're invited to reach out to someone on the committee for information on how you can be part of achieving our Church's goal.

To connect with a member of the campaign committee please email collierunited@rogers.com or call 705-726-1511 and leave a message.