

Upcoming Special Events

AA Gratitude Banquet
October 6th

World Communion Day
October 7th

Seniors Luncheon
October 17th

Collier's Table
October 20th

Foodfest
October 25

UCW Christmas Fair
November 10th

IN MEMORIAM

Joyce Johns
David Rogers
Bernice Nickless

COLLIER REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

Collier welcomed our sponsored Syrian family at a recent church service. Enas, the mother of Fatima, Qusai and Kahled expressed, in English, her heartfelt appreciation for its help in bringing her family to its new home in Barrie. At the airport, Enas's first words were, "I can't believe it!" In communication with the Collier Refugee Sponsorship Committee for the past one and a half years, the family's arrival was a culmination of the faith, hope, prayers and the generous donations and support of our members and others in the community. Painswick United Church, St. Paul's Anglican in Midhurst, the YMCA's Immigrant Services, the students of Innisfil High School, and individuals who became involved have made a difference in the personal and spiritual lives of many.

Perhaps those of you who have been immigrants will relate to the challenges facing our Syrian newcomers....leaving a family behind, learning a new language, finding permanent lodging and furnishing it, registering for school, travelling by bus, connecting with a doctor, dentist, optometrist, accessing government supports, becoming financially independent, dealing with the unexpected and the list goes on. With the finding of a permanent address, the journey continues. The

children have been registered in school: Fatima in Grade 9, Kahled in Grade 8 and Qusai in Grade 3. The children and Enas will be taking English as a second language and socializing with other newcomers at the Y Welcome Centre. And we at Collier will continue to live, love and learn as we enter into the world of community with a different culture and faith.



Committee members gather to welcome Collier St. United Church's sponsored family - Photo by Don Kerr.



Carol Warnica introducing Enas, Fatima, Kahled & Qusai to the congregation.



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OFFICIAL BOARD LETTER

Dear Friends:

Effective July 1, 2018, Rev. Hewitt Holmes continued his pastoral relationship with Collier Street United Church in a new role as Minister of Worship, Congregational Care and Leadership. This change in pastoral relations for Rev. Holmes and for Collier was able to take place based on an existing United Church process, "How to Change the Terms of a Pastoral Relationship". Following is an outline of the process that facilitated this change for Collier:

1. Following receipt of the change in pastoral relations from Rev. William Haughton, a Ministry vacancy was created effective July 1, 2018.
2. Rev. Hewitt Holmes was informally approached by a few Collier members suggesting he take on a new ministry role at Collier, and Rev. Holmes agreed, advising officially he would be interested in a change in pastoral relations. A Team of Collier representatives (Dave Lord, Joyce Moore, Larry Murray [Official Board Chair] and Lianne Patterson [Official Board Secretary]) met with Rev. Holmes to review and discuss this potential change.
3. A draft job description entitled Minister of Worship, Congregational Care and Leadership was created.
4. A round table meeting was convened with a Presbytery representative (Rev. Susan Eagle), the Conference Personnel Minister (Rev. Todd McDonald), Rev. Holmes and the Collier representatives to discuss this potential change in pastoral relations. Presbytery's role is to review the new job description in order to ensure it aligns with the goals and needs of the local congregation. Conference's role is to ensure the individual selected is an appropriate and effective choice to fill the ministry vacancy. Over the course of two meetings, it was agreed to move forward with

finalizing the new job description and reviewing this change in pastoral relations for Rev. Holmes with Collier's Official Board.

5. At the May 22 meeting of Official Board, the new job description and a new call for Rev. Holmes were approved.

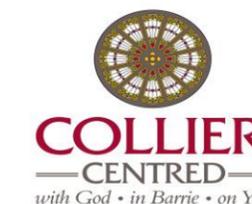
6. The final job description was submitted and approved by Presbytery. The required New Call form was submitted and approved by the Settlement and Pastoral Relations Committee of Toronto Conference.

7. Rev. Hewitt Holmes and Collier began a new pastoral relationship together effective July 1, 2018! We are blessed to have Hewitt with us on our faith journey.

With this new ministry role in place, it is expected we will have only one minister rather than two until perhaps January 2019 or later. We ask that congregation members continue to give their time, treasure and talents to make this transition smooth and a blessing for all, especially our minister. Should you have any questions regarding this process please contact a member of Official Board.

Thank you.

Christy Manuel Chair – Official Board



What's inside? *Minister – Music Ministry – Refugee Committee - UCW*

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'."

Life at Collier needs to be reminded of these powerful words from Jeremiah 29:11, especially as the months of transition and change remain with us.

Life at Collier will not be the same without The Rev. William Haughton and Ms. Sarah Svendsen who left in June and July respectively. Allow me to use a few words in this article to say thanks to them and to the congregation for showing appreciation for their time among us.

As we know by now, this change brings me into a new role as Minister of Worship, Congregational Care and Leadership. I am humbled by this opportunity to serve and remain opened to the guiding of the Spirit and the many suggestions from the congregation as to how we should continue to fan into flame the beautiful hope and blessed future that God in Christ has in store for this beloved community.

Life at Collier is now one of "rebuilding" in a time of change – seeking to see God's beauty in the ashes. I remain confident that those who have and continue to step forward to volunteer their time, treasure and talent for the rebuilding of our Collier family will keep doing so, allowing us to see the hope and the future, even in the present.

As we go into the fall season, it is my prayer and hope that Collier will experience freshness and colour in our worship and witness in Barrie. I hope this time of freshness will enable us to see God's new thing in the various skills and gifts that will be shown in our community. I hope this special time will empower us to continue to hold space for vulnerable conversations about our brokenness and healing, knowing that God still has a plan for our future. I hope this time will be another opportunity for us to dream about the many ways God is inviting us to partner with God and each other to build a community where all are welcomed and affirmed! For surely, this is still God's plan for us, one of hope and a future.

Life at Collier will never be the same, because God who has begun a good work in us, will see it to completion! So, we remain hopeful! **Hewitt**



GARDEN REPORT FALL 2018

Thank you to the gardeners who shop at Bradford Greenhouses you are all helping to make the garden grow. Thank you to Deb Tyler and Mabel Peyer for assisting with the weeding and watering.

Thank you to Elisabeth Weber for keeping the indoor garden green and lush. There is much to do on the garden in the fall; cutting back plants, weeding, planting bulbs for the spring and trimming. If you would like to get your hands dirty even if you don't have a green thumb contact me as the garden can always use extra love and attention to grow. - **Leona Appleby**

MUSIC MINISTRY

On Sunday, July 1, we said farewell to Sarah our Choir Director/Organist. It was a sad day for Collier especially the choir members but happy one for Sarah as she continued her musical journey. Allow me to use this newsletter to let everyone know how the choir experienced Sarah in her role over almost 3 years at Collier



Talented, dedicated and experienced singers are important to a good church choir. But without strong leadership, a choir is just

a group of individuals doing their own thing instead of an assembly of well-blended voices who can lead a congregation in worship. Sarah's leadership in music has moved our church choir to a higher standard of performance, focusing on skill, preparation and attitude.

Sarah has improved the choir skills by emphasizing on fundamental music theory. Using proper terminology, explaining concepts when needed, expanding our knowledge of the basics, enabling us to be able to work on more advanced pieces and foster confidence among

the group were all done by Sarah. In rehearsal she dedicated a few minutes to each person in order to help us improve our music reading. She often went over signatures, keys, notations, phrasing and the composer's performance instructions. Her mixed vocal exercises has enhanced our range, breath control and diction.

She strives for a varied music selection to keep our rehearsals and performances fresh and challenging. She selected compositions such as gospel, traditional choral, classical and praise music. Using pieces of different tempos, meters and keys. She selected non-traditional arrangements of well-known hymns, and brought in guest instrumentalists to add depth to our repertoire.

Over the years, we visible noticed Sarah's distinct arm movement, which is seen by everyone. Her hand gestures were recognizable to everyone – teaching us to listen to each other -- bringing in the altos or the tenors. She taught us to use our body and face to express the mood of the music. She made special effort to make eye contact with each singer.

Sarah found opportunities for us to sing at other events. She helped the Music Committee to meet one of its goals of seeking musical talent to perform on a Sunday afternoons reaching out to our community. Sarah will be fondly remembered as the one who started Collier Children Choir school as an outreach opportunity to the community. She was big part of bringing Collier Brass Band together.

Singing can be hard work, but with Sarah's leadership, training and enthusiasm singing becomes much easier as she gave us the confidence to sing in this church choir.

Sarah, we thank you for all of this and more. So, on behalf of the choir, we wish you well in achieving your goal in getting your doctorate and a successful musical journey. God Bless you Sarah. **Sharon Saint, (Senior Choir)**

SENIORS LUNCHEON – OCTOBER 17TH



The Speaker for October is, Melissa Mikel, who works for the Toronto-based Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies which is a top Jewish human rights foundation in Canada's organized Jewish Community. The Organization is committed to countering racism and anti-Semitism and promoting Social Justice and Canadian values.

It will be a very informative and interesting meeting and we look forward to seeing you there. Mark your Calendars. **Tickets will be available on Sunday's, Oct. 7th and 14th.** See you then. **Donald & Christina Jay**

FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

The Collier Church Choir is rehearsing on Thursday evenings from 7pm. To 8:45pm. **NEW MEMBERS, FORMER MEMBERS, OLDER TEENS, MEN AND WOMAN (age no barrier) WILL BE WELCOMED WITH OPEN ARMS!** If you are singing in a local community choir/group, why not support your Church and lend your voice to your Church Choir who needs you so desperately. Our numbers have DECREASED over the past few months and years, so we must now INCREASE our numbers and strengthen our voices to lead in the Hymns and to present our "MINISTRY" OF MUSIC each Sunday. You are not expected to be in the choir each and every Sunday. We have a "Cheat Sheet" where you can sign your name as absent on any Thursday or Sunday, no questions asked! The Choir is made up of volunteer singers who love to sing. MUSIC IS THERAPY! If you come to practice on a Thursday evening feeling down or depressed etc.. We promise you will leave exhilarated and uplifted. TRY IT!

It is our hope and prayer that our Choir numbers will increase before a new Organist/Choir Director assumes the position at Collier. We want that person to know the size of the choir that they will be working with when he or she arrives. Sharon Saint and Judy Rodger Swales have been volunteering to Direct and Rehearse the Choir on Thursday evenings on an interim basis until a new person is hired. Please consider coming to sing and to support them, so that we can continue to lead in our Sunday Music Ministry of our Church. Information: **705-728-2646**



LIFE GROUP

"I joined the Collier Street Life Group expecting to learn more about God's word, which I did. I also

expected to grow in my faith, which I did. There were however unexpected benefits for me and many of our members. The group has provided an oasis in times of loneliness and uncertainty." Please feel welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:45 am in the Library at Collier.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Welcome back to another busy "year" in the life of our church. The women of the UCW are looking forward to connecting with "old" friends and to start planning our fundraising events for the year to come.

However, before we move forward, we have to send a huge thank you to everyone in the UCW and to the members of the congregation who have helped out over the past few months. Over the summer we hosted several funerals and Celebrations of Life for members of our church family and these would not have been possible without the help of so many. The sandwiches and food were abundant, always appreciated by the families, and the many helpers in the kitchen were very much appreciated by all. True proof that we are the church together!

Going forward, we are planning more functions and fundraisers beginning with the **AA Gratitude Dinner on Saturday, October 6th**. Sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board.

Our next church fundraiser will be the **November Christmas Fair**. This year it will be on **Saturday November 10th**. Watch for bulletin announcements but please plan on coming out and getting a head start on your Christmas shopping.

If anyone is interested in joining the UCW, there are 2 active units. **Wo He Lo** meets on the 4th Monday of every Month at 1:30pm. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact **Jean Cooke** at **705-733-9962**. **The Amicae Unit** meets on the 1st. Wednesday of every Month at 7:00pm. Please contact **Susan Storning** at **705-737-5436** for more information. Come out and give us a try. You will not be disappointed. Friendship and fellowship guaranteed! Thank you. **Susan Storning**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

Collier Church Capital Campaign officially launched September 22, 2017. During the past year there have been many meetings and friendly visits. To date, we have received pledges from 63 families for a total of \$396,825.00. Some families pay monthly via par or cheque, some make quarterly donations, and others pay yearly. There are those who have given their pledge as a onetime donation, while others have spread it out over five years. We truly appreciate whatever method you have chosen to use. We will continue to reach out to families until the end of September.

Should you wish to donate to the capital campaign or would like more information please connect with one of the committee members: *Jean Cooke 705-725-3642 jeanandbill@hotmail.ca Laurie Crosson 705-722-2003 lcrosson@rogers.com Stephen Manuel 416-456-1093 stephen.manuel@rogers.com Donna Martin dmartid42@gmail.com Phil Neal 705-737-3350 hab_itant@yahoo.ca Marg Valad margvalad@bell.net Brian Young 705-790-0677 brian.young@century21.ca* The funds are held in a Trustee's account. We started with a balance of \$6,546.49 and as of August 27, 2018 the account balance was \$193,489.78.

	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Opening Balance- Apr 28/2017			\$6546.49
Deposits May 2017- Aug 27/2018		\$229,984.94	
Interest Earned May 2017-July 31/2018		\$468.28	
Cheques & Debits. May 2017-Aug 27/2018	\$43,359.28		
Service Charge May 2017-July 31/2018	\$150.65		
Balance Aug 27/2018			\$193,489.78

BILLS PAID TO DATE: Note: The cheque for 20% down payment on parging was issued in August, but has not yet been cashed.

Jun 23, 2017	Collier Church (over payment of Par \$1000 should have been \$685 – Diff \$315. Transferred Back to General Acct.	\$315.00
Jul 12, 2017	Deposit Slip order fee	\$24.91
Aug 26, 2017	Rainer's Siding	\$8,525.85
Sep 20, 2017	Collier Church – Re Children & Youth	\$2,886.38
Nov 27, 2017	Collier Church – Re Midhurst Roofing Ltd	\$15,581.57
Jan 4, 2018	Collier Church – (deposit made to Trustee's Acct in error-should have been to Music Acct) reversing entry	\$500.00
Apr 27, 2018	Collier Church – 2018 Budget Commitment (\$1500 x 5) Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May	\$7,500.00
May 10, 2018	Collier Church – Re Elevator One	\$2,925.57
Jun 27, 2018	Royal Bank (Chq returned NSF- Funds reimbursed July)	\$600.00
Jul 14, 2018	Collier Church – 2018 Budget Commitment (\$1500 x 3) Jun, Jul, Aug	\$4,500.00
Total		\$43,359.28
Outstanding		
Aug 22, 2018	Collier Church – Re 20% down payment re parging re Chameleon Parging	\$1,527.09

This fall the work on the steeple, dormers, parging and walkway will begin for an approximate cost of \$183,119.15 as follows:

Projects	
	- Steeple - \$139,000+ contingency fund \$12,000
	- Dormers \$21,419.15
	- Parging \$3,900
	- Walkway \$6,800

FOOD FEST



Thursday October 25th from 6-9pm. Feast at 8 food stations plus a desert bar. Entertainment by the Joe Huron Duo!

Featuring renowned local chefs and Culinary Team Canada award-winning Chef Ryan and Chef Carmello.

Cash bar, plus tea and coffee. For questions or more info call **705-816-5864**.

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