

Collier Street United Church

Link Newsletter

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MINISTER

A few weeks ago, I was in the building at Collier. Even though the building is closed to the public, there was preparation to participate in the Breakfast To Go for those in need in downtown Barrie. With mask on and keeping appropriate social distancing there were also present two members of the Social Action Task Force. One at the front desk, another close to the garden at the sanctuary side door and I at the steps going up to the office. It felt so good to see and have people in the same space. It felt like Spring had come from a long winter of Pandemic. It felt spiritually nourishing. It felt great!

Oh, I miss seeing and having people in the building at Collier. God knows that I'm looking forward to the Spring of gathering in our building once again without restrictions. The time when we can sing, pray, cry, listen, eat, laugh, and learn from each other and the Spirit of God. The time of being refreshed with God's positive thought and people's powerful energy that make us co-creators of peace, joy, and hope in community. "Spring will come and so will happiness. Hold on. Life will get warmer" says Anita Krizzan.



Until then, we do what we can to take care of our self, tilling our soil with the enrichment of God's fresh and new things. Until then, we do what we can to keep our social distancing, wear our mask, wash our hands, get vaccinated and follow government protocols. Until then, we do what we can to continue to reach out to others with phone calls, cards, grocery purchase, breakfast program, online zoom worship and other expressions of our Christian commitment to the Spring that is present and coming in and among our Collier family. Happy Spring Everyone!

Hewitt

Collier Street United Church Income Statement January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021

Income	Actual	Budget	2020
Envelopes	\$ 27,772.60	\$ 19,053.00	\$ 19,104.00
Par	\$ 17,843.67	\$ 27,520.00	\$ 18,262.01
Other Revenue	\$ 33,226.20	\$ 24,396.46	\$ 14,603.86
Total Income	\$ 78,842.47	\$ 70,969.46	\$ 51,969.87
Expenses	\$ 91,180.86	\$ 103,142.08	\$ 100,672.67
Net Income/Loss	\$ (12,338.39)	\$ (32,172.62)	\$ (48,702.80)



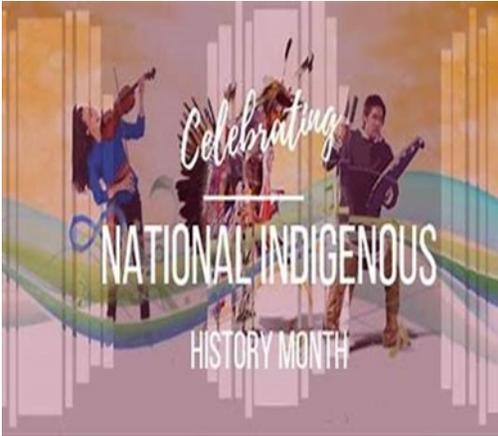
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OUR MUSIC



June is Indigenous Month

We are blessed to continue worshipping through music even with the challenges posed by Covid 19 restrictions. Despite restrictions, the choir continues to meet on zoom on a weekly basis to experience fellowship, sing together, and collaborate on creating virtual pieces to enhance our online worship.

Since January 2021, a new initiative, the Grand Family Flash Choir has also been meeting monthly, bringing together 6 children from ages 4 to 11 along with their parents, grand and great grandparents (as well as a few foster grandparents) for a fun time of socializ-

ing, singing, and learning about music.

Active celebration of Black History and Asian Heritage and the upcoming Indigenous month has occasioned discovery of and reflection on new musical repertoire that enriches our awareness of God's spirit of creativity and love in all. May we continue to feel God's presence through music— **Sandra.**



PROGRAMS

My engagement as Director of Short Programs for Adult and Seniors has formed part of my academic progress in Diaconal Ministry. The latest program has been received by a dedicated group in our community who are actively walking the "Grief and Loss Journey".

While this program continues plans for extending opportunities with a Men's Group and potential Bible Study, along with a renewal of UCW studies in Scripture and Theology. A recent interest has been expressed in the Alpha program. All of these are being considered as I move into the completion of this "field placement". The good news is that most will be incorporated into next year's work too.

Anyone who is interested in offering suggestions, please contact, Rob Murdock at either rmurdockunited@gmail.com or text at 905-806-0102—**Rob.**

UCW NEWS

The past year has been a difficult and challenging one for our organization given that getting together, supporting each other and our beloved Collier United have been very different.

In fall 2020 as many members as were able embraced Zoom and now meet together on the first Wednesday each month. Programs, created by members, have included games, crafts, recipe sharing, and recently a guest speaker provided invaluable information on mental health. May meeting will focus on self care - a warm welcome is extended to all ladies in the congregation.

With the support of our Collier family and friends, we had a very successful fund raiser with Purdy Chocolate at Christmas and again for Easter. In April our members collected Campbell's chicken noodle soup and ground coffee for The Women and Children's Shelter ... delivering an incredible 20 dozen cans of soup and 30 large cans of ground coffee to a very grateful Shelter.

We are encouraged with a small increase in membership and look forward to a return to more normal functioning soon—**Marion.**



We are helping with
Breakfast To Go—Downtown
Barrie



We Support Safe Consumption
Site

WE WORSHIP



Worship services have taken place regularly online during the past few months. There has been a steady attendance and the visiting time before the service is a wonderful way to connect with each other.

We will continue to meet online until it is safe for in-person worship again, following Health guidelines. Hopefully we can resume worship in the sanctuary in September. The protocol for re-opening is in place. Services have certainly been enhanced by Sandra's musical contributions and by the virtual choir anthems. It's amazing what one can learn when necessary!

Summer Worship will continue on Zoom for the months of June and July. Reverend Holmes will be on holiday for the month of June and Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu will fill in for him.

There will be a Zoom break from August 1, 2021 to August 22, 2021 and we will resume with Outdoor Services for August 29, 2021 and September 5, 2021. More information will come your way when the location has been determined. Hopefully the weather, God's will be on our side.

Have a wonderful summer! Stay safe and healthy. Remember that God can be found anywhere, particularly outdoors in the wonderful world of nature. God is not relegated to a building—**Anne.**

“Spring work is going on with joyful enthusiasm” - John Muir

WE CARE—OUR VISITATION

Visitation Task Force is a group under the Worship, Connecting and Community that cares for our congregation. The team had its first visits to our Church Family in late February. During this time of pandemic, we made contacts by phone, e-mail, or cards rather than personal visits. With Covid 19 continuing, we do not anticipate in-person visiting will resume for some time.

Our Visitors have adapted well to the changes in the Districts and congregants that they contact. Visitors feel free to continue networking with any people you have established good connections with over time, even though they may be in another visiting area now.

The New binders will be ready for the use of the Visita-

tion Task Force the end of May. Visitors are encouraged to add their February and May notes to their binders.

Your help in confirming that we have the correct contact information – phone numbers, e-mails, and addresses – is particularly valuable.

It is important that Hewitt be advised of calls requiring his attention. Your input in the process is always welcome and helpful in moving forward.

A big thank you to our Visitors who cover the 20 new Districts.

It is very important to maintain contact with our Church family to let them know how much we care— **Sharon/Dorothy.**



Connection, **Community**, Creativity, **Inclusion**, Love, **Transformation**, & Hope

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Collier Church Capital Campaign for 5 years started in September 22, 2017. Our campaign has raised funds to meet specific needs of the congregation. During this campaign we received pledges from 81 Collier families for a total of \$439,498.28. On December 31, 2020, we had received 87% of our pledged amount. As of **April 30, 2021** we have received **\$388,343.79**, which represents 88.36% of our pledges. Our annual commitment to the Church budget for capital expenses for 2021 is \$40,000.00. Thanks for your faithful support of this fund raiser for the Church. We would ask that anyone who still needs to meet their commitment contact the Church Office, or **Marg Valad**.

See below our account summary:

	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Opening Balance- Apr 28/2017			\$6,546.49
Pledges Collected May 2017 -April 30, 2021		\$418,713.27	
Interest Earned May 2017-MAR 31, 2021		\$2261.14	
Cheques & Debits. May 2017- April 30, 2021	\$343,831.18		
Service Charge May 2017- Nov 30, 2020	\$412.15		
Opening balance funds used towards Refugees (Trustee's funds not CC funds)	\$6,546.49		
Surplus re Tsf from Tstee's re Refugees and Audio Visual		\$832.69	
Adjustments- items processed in error		\$1,590.52	
Balance Apr 30, 2021			\$79,154.29

WE REMEMBER...

DENNIS PATTERSON

DOROTHY MABLEY



JOY RODGERS

GERARD VANSAARLOOS

MILDRED HERRIES

MARY GIBSON

Collier Street United Church's Social Action Task Force Invites you to join us on Tuesday June 15 at 7 pm

Land Acknowledgements - Why are we doing them?

More and more often, people are utilizing land acknowledgements in openings. But if we don't understand why we do them, what they should include, and where to find the pertinent information, how do we know we are doing them well? In this short presentation, Kelly will help us understand the importance of land acknowledgements and help us determine our own relationship to the words we use.

SPEAKER | KELLY BROWNBILL

Kelly Brownbill's spirit name, Wabunnoongakikwe, means Woman Who Comes from the East and she is proud to be Waabizhashi Dodem, Marten Clan. She is a member of the Flat Bay community of the Mi'kmaq Nation in Newfoundland and a member of the Three Fires Midewin Lodge.

Kelly's major focus continues to be assisting agencies of all kinds to become more culturally competent in offering services to Indigenous Peoples. This work includes conducting cultural awareness programs across a wide range of service sectors and facilitating individual organizations in their diversity work. She has been published in 2 peer reviewed texts, adding Indigenous views to issues of addiction and employee assistance programming and is the Senior Editor and Cultural Advisor of 4 Canoes magazine and Canoe Kids books. Kelly continues to follow the guidance of her elders, both here and in the spirit realm.

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