

Collier Street United Church

Link Newsletter— September 2021—Issue 2

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MINISTER

“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will not cease” (Gen. 8:22)

Beloved! This is a quick note as this issue is a photo version of our happenings of the summer. I really hope you had a great summer. Even as the pandemic is upon us, I hope you were able to spend some time with family and close friends in a safe way. That you were able to be out with nature blessing you with love and energy.

I had a trip to Jamaica. Though I was there on official duties, I was able to meet and spend some lovely time with my niece Zaniyah. I was blessed again by my parents love and wonderful hospitality. The cooking was magical :)

With my sister’s permission, I share her with you :) - **Hewitt**



Connecting & Community

A big thank you to all our diligent Visitors who have continued to keep in touch with our congregants during the ongoing pandemic. This has been accomplished by phone, cards and e-mails. We are all looking forward to some in person contact adhering to all the Covid protocols.

We also want to thank Terry Oram for her service on the Worship, Connecting & Community Team and wish her all the best as she continues Volunteer work in the community. Terry has enriched Collier Street United Church with her many years of Volunteering in many different areas of our Church life. We are very grateful.

We look forward to working with our Visitors, who cover our 20 Districts, in the next few weeks. Your work is so vitally important to our Church family. - **Sharon and Dorothy**

COLLIER PLACE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Opening for Volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors of Collier Place. Monthly meetings are held January – June and September – December. Please apply to John Laking, Chair of Collier Place Board with details of your present/past work experience and your interest in serving. Contact: john.laking@gmail.com



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OUR MUSIC

After a busy year of virtual rehearsing and performances, the choir took a break for the summer. The final virtual anthem, "You Raise Me Up" was presented the first week in July. A choir social to celebrate our year was put off until the end of August, at which time the choir was able to have an outdoor gathering and enjoy each other's company.

As of September 9, the choir has started meeting online to prepare recorded anthems and a virtual Cantata until such time as they can once again rehearse in person. Individual members will be helping to lead singing as we move back into the sanctuary with continuing covid restrictions on singing in group. Guest Organist, John Charles, will also be joining us on special Sundays to lead from the organ.

The online Grand Family Flash Choir met for the last time at the end of May. This initiative will be continued once we are able to start

singing in the church, in person, again, at which point an invitation will go out to other congregations to join us in a fun, family singing night once per month.

This fall, I am also beginning some volunteer initiatives. Stay tuned to learn more about the "Mindful Moments Mini-concerts" series, starting this fall, as well as the "Mindful Performance Practice" for developing musicians program and the Social Task Force project, a drop in "Music Room" where participants can fellowship while practicing guitar, ukulele, or keyboard. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer supervisor for the drop in Music Room, please contact me.

2021-2022 promises to be a busy year of music making. May the music we make bring comfort, strength, and spiritual growth.

- Sandra R



October 10



We are helping with
Breakfast To Go
—Downtown Barrie



Orange Shirt Day—
September 30

SUMMER



PROGRAMS



Well my educational/service journey is progressing!! A summer of courses at University and preparation for another year at the Centre for Christian Studies in Winnipeg. We are all still operating on-line but hoping to return to “in-person” education in 2022.

I have started a new Field Placement at Collier United. (This is the last congregational placement before heading out into the wider community next year) This year is my “Spiritual Care” year. I will be working with Rev. Holmes and assisting wherever possible with pastoral visitation at home, hospitals and long-term care facilities. In addition, the Women’s Bereavement Group will be continuing this year.

One new feature that I hope will answer a need is the establishment of a Men’s Group. I am calling on men of all ages, within the Collier community who are interested in starting up a weekly/monthly chat group with once per month Men’s Breakfast/Lunch meetings.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me for assistance or questions. Blessings and shalom, - **Robert “Rob” Murdock**

“Friends, sun, sand, and sea, that sounds like a summer to me” - Unknown

MORE SUMMER



DOLMAGE FAMILY SUMMER



Frank in the Park



Outdoor service
St. Vincent Park



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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Collier Church Capital Campaign officially launched September 22, 2017 and as of August 31, 2021 we have received **\$392,383.79** which represents **89.48% of our pledges**. Our annual commitment to the Church for 2021 is \$40,000.00. To date we have spent \$24,164.68 leaving \$15,835.21 available for 2021.

Our elevator is in need of repairs and quotes and arrangements have been made with Elevator One for the work to be done next year. A down payment of \$27,000.00 was given to Elevator One towards repairs and in order to hold the price at 2021 quoted rate. This will be part of the 2022 budget commitment. This past summer we received memorial donations towards the “**Elevator Fund**” in the amount of **\$525.00**. These funds are held in the account but are not part of the Capital Campaign. Thanks for your contribution that makes our community and building do the work of love in the world. **- Marg**

CHEQUES ISSUED		
Mar 23/21	Collier – Re Music Pro (re invoices re speakers under balcony)	\$4,229.98
Apr 13/21	Collier - Re J. G Struve & Co, \$806.82 _ Ron Johnson \$150.(organ & Piano Repairs)	\$956.82
Apr 13/21	Collier – Rainbow Makers Stain Glass (re Stain Glass Repairs)	\$3955.00
May 13/21	Collier- Re Elevator One- down payment (part of 2022 Budget Commitment)	\$27,000.00
Jul 19/21	Collier – Re Curbex	\$12,706.38
Aug 30/21	Collier – Re EH Electric Ltd (re signs)	\$1,316.50
Sep 7/21	Collier – Re EH Electric Lt (downpayment re wiring signs)	\$1,000.00
Total Expenses to DATE		\$385,856.06

WE REMEMBER...

LOUISE HAMILTON

DOREEN PECK



EDNA RUTTAN

DOUG TRUMBLE

JOAN MAYOR



October 3

