

COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH

MINISTER

"See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land" mentions Song of Songs 2:11-12.

Spring is here! On May 11, the weather was 29 degrees. While walking outside, I noticed the birds and all the flowers beginning to bud. The thought crossed my mind about all those who have to get their lawn mowers ready for a busy season of outside work.

Spring brings the earth into a new season. With the kind of winter we have in Canada, it can seem hard to believe that anything in nature can live again after winter withdraws the ice and snow of its deadly hand. Yet, Spring reminds us that God is doing a new thing with earth, plants and animals in Spring. I would be happy to know what you are up to in your garden or even the garden at Collier this spring?

This spring issue is one of the two issues of the Link Newsletter for this year. The second is coming out in the Fall around November. I am so grateful for the articles that tell the story of the life of our Collier family and for our faithful visitors who will continue to call, email and safely visit with our members and adherents 4 times a year.

As you may have heard already, come September 1 until December 31, 2022, I will be on a Sabbatical and Vacation Leave. I hope to get some rest, renewal and relaxation. I will be doing some sight seeing here and abroad reading and writing. I crave your prayers for this sabbatical.

Spring ushers creation into God's new and joyful season, Easter. Easter is a celebration of good over evil and life over death (Jn. 20:19). It is a season, not just a Sunday. It lasts for 50 days. It demonstrates God's limitless and boundless possibilities for people. Easter is God's surprise of daring hope and life for creation. What will we hope for this season of Easter?

I wish you a great spring! A new season where God will surprise us with a new and joyful thing and where we will hear God saying "arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me," (Song of Songs 2:13) to see the new thing I am doing! - Hewitt

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CONGRATS TO DENNIS POSNO (THE REV.) 50 YEARS OF ORDINATION

Collier Street United Church celebrates with The Rev. Dennis Posno on attaining 50 years of leaving Emmanuel College and Ordination to the Ministry within the United Church of Canada.

It is a privilege for Collier to congratulate and acknowledge Dennis for his stellar service to the people of Collier and the City of Barrie from 1996 to 2012.

Dennis is fondly remembered as a faithful and friendly minister. His approach involved everyone and made everyone feel welcome and part of the Collier family. Many members took on volunteer positions and remained committed to those positions over the span of Dennis' ministry. His preaching, caring, devotion and commitment were expressions of his faith that shaped a more beloved community at Collier.

Dennis was a brilliant storyteller. His sermons usually contained a story that had humorous moments, imparting life lessons and significantly emphasizing the importance of living out our Christian faith in loving service. The Commissioning at the end of his morning worship service had the following lines:

May you see the face of Christ
In everyone you meet
And may everyone you meet
See the face of Christ in you
'South West Worship - Delwyn McKenzie'

Whenever people of Collier hear these words, our thoughts drift back to Dennis.

Dennis and Kim were a powerful and productive

team. They willingly participated in the many social events that regularly unfolded at the church. Kim was the prime promoter of the Silent Auction. This year marking its 25th staging at Collier Street Church. She periodically encouraged and cajoled a variety of volunteers to help and even had Dennis washing dishes, serving, or helping out wherever he could.

It is difficult to summarize a ministry spent in self-sacrifice and excellent service over 16 years. Dennis has a special place in the hearts of the Collier family, as he became a friend to many and touched lives through his consistent and compassionate ministry. Through devoted service, Dennis embodied his core Christian values as he acted in love, encouraged fellowship, and gave everyone support and guidance. He is always willing to go above and beyond to fulfill his dedication to God and the discipleship of the Collier Family.

Once again, Collier Street United Church, inclusive of the congregation, staff, and the wider community, extends hearty congratulations to Dennis on 50 years of Ordained ministry. Collier remains blessed to have had Dennis for 16 of those years. Wishing you every good and Godly blessing as you continue the journey of life and ministry.

Love! The People of Collier

May 04, 2022





IMPORTANT DATES

- 06/05 Communion
- 06/19 Father's Day
- 07/31 Hymns of the Faith
- 08/28 Hymns of the Faith

UCW NEWS

On reading the Link Report from May of 2021, this year's UCW events and happenings were much the same but I feel have ended on a much higher note as far as moving forward.

Your UCW has continued to meet monthly either via Zoom or even recently in person. A really nice treat to be together once again!

We've enjoyed guest speakers, fun activities and even a presentation by our own Colleen Dearham.

We had another successful Purdy's Easter chocolate sale and look forward to many more. We soon hope to be able to offer some special meals, special functions and also look forward to being able to host receptions and Celebrations of Life as well.

The UCW held a Courageous Caring Project where we were able to gather some much needed food for Collier's Tiny Pantry. We were able to gather 18 packets of Cups of Noodles, 24 boxes of soft granola bars (equals 200 individual bars) and several other miscellaneous items such as cereals, Kraft

MUSIC



Facilitating connection, joy in community and worship continues to be the goal of music at Collier. The Collier Choir is a big part of this and happy to be meeting, in person, on Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8:30. We would love to welcome new members, so if you would like to join us, please do! There's time yet, before we pause for the summer at the end of June, or you can put it on your agenda for September!

The volunteer run Music Room is open on Sundays and Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 until the end of June. If you would like to come and partici-

pate in some mindful, musical activities, please come and check this out as well. Learn a song on a ukulele, guitar, or keyboard, relax with some rhythm or just sing along. See the poster in the lobby for more details.

Also, coming soon, a musical conversation invitation from Sandra Lisa. Use the request box that will be placed in the lobby to let her know what you might like to sing as a pre-service hymn request and share a little about what that hymn means to you. She would love to connect with you. - Sandra Lisa

Dinner, peanut butter and crackers. This helped supply the cupboard and of course saved a few dollars of Collier's outreach budget.

We continue to work on getting quotes to upgrade the indoor garden and seating area in the Foyer. What a welcome newcomers will have when they enter our building and will definitely complement the Remembrance Tree as well.

In June, the UCW will look after hosting Coffee Time after the Church services. After 2 years on hold, it will be a much needed sense of "normal" for all of us and a chance to catch up!

If you are interested in joining Collier's UCW please contact either myself or Mabel Peyer.

This is an amazing group of women who have supported not only Collier, but each other through these very trying times. As I've said before, it has been a blessing to be a part of this organization.
Thank you— Susan Storring



WORSHIP

Spring is here and we are all experiencing the wonderful rebirth of the season both in nature and as an Easter people.

Collier United is experiencing rebirth, too, as we open for in person worship once again. Due to escalating Covid numbers , we closed down after our Christmas services and reopened on March 13th. It feels so uplifting to be back in the sanctuary for worship again and to have the choir back in church. At the moment, we are still requiring vaccinations and the wearing of masks in the sanctuary, but registration is no longer required. We are moving forward with easing restrictions and as of June 1st, food will be allowed in the building again.

Christmas was a joyous celebration with the Cantata the week before and then the pageant and service of carols and readings on Christmas Eve. The services were hybrid so members could take part either on Zoom or in the sanctuary.

Throughout the winter months, services were held on Zoom from the sanctuary. We are so fortunate to have the technology team which makes all this possible. The AGM was held on Zoom on March 6th and everything went very smoothly.

The Easter service was well attended and it felt very uplifting to see so many faces in the congregation. There were some special touches for the Easter services with Hot Cross Buns on Good Friday and painted rocks for Easter Sunday to represent

the stone being rolled away from the tomb. A thank you goes out to the members who helped make this happen. As well, carnations were given out to all women in attendance on Mother's Day.

Deb Tyler continues to help beautify the sanctuary for our Sunday services and the decorating certainly makes the sanctuary inviting. As we move ahead, our committee is helping to plan for Rev. Hewitt's sabbatical leave in the fall and we will keep you updated on that and on summer worship.

Much goes on behind the scenes to make our worship meaningful and we are always grateful for the people who volunteer their time and services. Our church is a community made up of many diverse people. When we unite for a common purpose, in our belief in God, powerful things can happen. It takes everyone to make a community work. Do consider being part of a committee or volunteering your services in some other way. When you do this, it gives one a real sense of belonging and it builds friendships as well.

Coffee hour will be starting in June, and this will give us a way to connect with each other again which is such an important part of belonging to a community.

Enjoy your spring and summer and take time to "watch the flowers grow." -Anne Snell



CONNECTING AND COMMUNITY

We express a big Thank You again to our faithful Visitors who made contact with their Collier families in February prior to our AGM on March 6, 2022. At that time, we made sure everyone had access to the AGM Report.

We continue to make our visits by telephone e-mail and cards for the most part. As Covid restrictions ease somewhat, we can make limited contact at the door, adhering to Covid protocols.

The Link Newsletter will be available for distribution this visit. For those that wish to receive it on-line, please notify the office of your wishes including your current e-mail address.

Our Visitors plan to continue to contact the Collier families in their Zones 4 times per year, prior to each quarterly Communion. They will arrange for the receipt of a paper copy of the Link Newsletter by those wishing it, on the quarters it is published.

We are down a few Visitors who are either not able to fulfill this role any more or have sadly passed away. We express our sincere appreciation to those who have stepped up to do the coverage for extra binders. As always, we welcome new volunteers for this important and rewarding task. Please contact either Dorothy Schonewille or Sharon Crossley.

We wish you all a wonderful, happy and healthy Spring and Summer - Sharon Crossley



June is Indigenous Month

SILENT AUCTION

We raised just over \$10,000 from two meals and Silent Auction items. Thank you to everyone who donated, bought, chopped, cooked, ate and supported the auction!



PROGRAMS

The Collier's Men's Group has been operating on one Friday each month and for the past two months a solid core of attendees has been established. We are open to many more joining us for a time of fellowship, good food, and good times at Cottage Canoe Restaurant.

The Women's Grief Group is still meeting and we have included a lunch visit into our routine. The journey of grief is best shared with those who walk alongside.

Vacation Bible School this year is being done in conjunction with St. Andrew's Presbyterian and we hope to have children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews join us for this year's VBS. July 18th is the tentative start date and cost and details will follow.

Anyone interested in engaging in the life of Collier St. United with a program, please contact: **Rob at 905-806-0102.**



We are helping with
Breakfast To Go—Downtown
Barrie

WE REMEMBER

GWEN ROGAN DEC. 21, 2021

LEONA APPLEBY APRIL 4, 2022

ART STIFF APRIL 18, 2022

LEWIS ROBERTSON MAY 14, 2022

MELANIE MOFFAT APRIL 5, 2022

TRUSTEES UPDATE

Collier Street United Church Trustees Report

April 30, 2022

Steward's Margin Acct	CAPITAL REVIEW	Dec 31, 2021	Jan 1-April 30, 2022
#376-67473-2-7 <i>(Note funds in this account support borrowing against Margin Loan)</i> \$3900. withdrawn Mar/22 for Memorial tree start-up costs	Beginning Portfolio Value Deposits/Transfers In Withdrawals/Transfers Out (includes dividends & int transferred to General Acct to help with operating expenses) Change in Value Ending Portfolio Value	\$360,038.21 \$168,501.26** -\$175,552.50** \$374,714.28	\$374,714.28 -\$7,311.09 -\$25,926.77 \$341,476.42
Heritage Account #1	CAPITAL REVIEW	Dec 31, 2021	Jan 1-April 30, 2022
#376-67470-2-0 <i>Includes \$38,850.07 (capped) on behalf of the Mission Possible Trust Fund</i>	Beginning Portfolio Value Deposits/Transfers In Withdrawals/Transfers Out Change in Value Ending Portfolio Value	\$251,708.84 \$117,898.72** -\$110,977.54** \$273,705.56	\$273,705.56 \$261.10 -\$2,628.86 -\$11,236.21 \$260,101.59
Heritage # 2 #541-20594-2-9	Held inside Heritage to help repay CEBA loan due December 2023 Home Trust Company GIC @ 2.990% (1 yr rate) matures May 4, 2023	\$29,583.91	\$29663.00
Total Portfolio Value	Total Stewards & Heritage Accts	\$678,002.81	\$631,241.01
Trustee's Account	BALANCE	Dec 2021	April 30, 2022
#1001411 (00302) <i>Capital Campaign Funds run through this account - see Capital Campaign Report</i>	Closing Balance	\$47,243.82 <i>(Holds \$5,000 Social Action Fund, \$1760 Elevator Funds, & \$832.61 Trustee Funds</i>	\$50,259.283 <i>(Holds \$9392.60 Social Action Funds, \$1760. Elevator Funds+\$832.60 Trustee Funds \$38,304.08 available</i>
Trustee's UCW Account	BALANCE	Dec 2021	April 30, 2022
#574-63616 <i>Held for UCW at BNS)</i>	Closing Balance	\$66,738.58	\$62,386.25*

WHAT WE VALUE

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

Collier Street United Church
Trustees Report

April 30, 2022

Margin Loan #541-27612	BALANCE	Dec 31, 2021	April 30, 2022
(Line of Credit) <i>\$500/month loan payment made from Collier's operating acct</i>	Closing Balance	\$18,000.00	\$41,148.22
<u>Canadian Emergency Business Account</u>	BALANCE	Dec 31, 2021	Apr 30, 2022
(CEBA) Loan <i>To be repaid to Government by Dec 31, 2023 \$29,663.00 GIC Held in Heritage Acct. for maturity May 4, 2023. To help pay back CEBA loan. Rate 2.990% 1 yr</i>	\$60,000.00 in Government loans received with a \$20,000.00 Forgivable Portion Total Repayable	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00

* UCW funds transfer request was made February 16, 2022, from BNS to RBC Dominion Securities. \$62,386.32 was received April 6, 2022, after three transfer requests being made by RBC. Markets have been very volatile, and market value of funds are lower than at year end.

** The large number of transfers in/out relate to RBC Financial Group separating the Canadian and US \$ investments into separate accounts (all on the same statement). The consolidated amount remained the same, this just showed the actual currency breakdown. Previously US was converted to CDN \$ and reported as one total. Unfortunately, because we had dividends and interest transferred monthly to the operating account to help with expenses, when they separated the securities, only the Canadian dividends got transferred. The Bank then had to manually convert US dividends to CDN \$ and transfer the following month. RBC decided new system was not working for us and returned the accounts to the way we previously received statements, thus showing in/out transfer amounts that look excessive but were only the transfer between currencies. This happened between Oct 2021 and Jan 2022.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Collier Church Capital Campaign officially launched September 22, 2017. As of April 30, 2022 our pledges totalled \$439,398.28 and we have received 92.6% of our pledged amount for a total of \$406,909.74. The campaign will officially end November 2022 and we thank you for your faithful support and kind and generous contributions for this fund raiser. Without our congregation working as a whole, we would not have been able to accomplish the many repairs and upgrades to our Church. If you still need to complete your commitment, please contact the Church Office, or Marg Valad.

The capital campaign funds are held in a Trustee's account. Balance as of April 28, 2022, was \$50,298.29. This amount in-

cludes \$9,362.60 for the Social Action Fund, \$1760.00 for the Elevator Fund, and \$832.69 that belongs to the Trustees. The available balance \$38,303.99.

Our Budget commitment for 2022 was \$40,000.00 and in 2021 we made an advance payment of \$27,000.00 towards the elevator repair from the 2022 budget. We are hoping the repairs will be done in the summer of 2022.

A celebration of Capital Campaign accomplishments is planned for Sunday June 26, 2022 following the Church service, and we are planning a final wrap up celebration and Thanksgiving in November. We hope you will be able to attend—Laurie/Marg

EXPENSES -2022		
Mar 2/22	\$1,706.40	Re RB Reynolds Eavestroughing -Final payment
Mar 22/22	\$787.40	Re Social Action - Breakfast Program/ Pantry Supplies re-imbursement

LOOKING FORWARD

Campaign...
invites you to our

Barbecue Celebration

Sunday June 26 - 12 noon

**Collier Street United Church Courtyard
(Church Hall for inclement weather)**

Barbecue lunch and
refreshments will be provided.
Bring your lawn chair and
great company!

**We thank you for supporting our
Looking Forward Campaign**

RSVP by Monday June 20 to collierunited@rogers.com



Purchase a leaf for a loved one. The cost is \$150.00, of which a portion will receive a tax receipt.
Contact the office for more information.

