

# Our Church Board

November Issue  
2022

The Collier Church Board continues to work together diligently, providing strategic direction for Collier while focusing on outcomes that support what is best for our church community. We do this keeping our core values of Connection, Community, Creativity, Inclusion, Love, Hope, and Transformation at the heart of our deliberations. Board members are also contributing more regularly on operational matters during Rev. Hewitt Holmes' sabbatical. We definitely miss Hewitt, while knowing he is recharging and being re-energized during his well-deserved sabbatical time. We look forward to Hewitt's return in January 2023 with renewed vitality, even deeper faith, and enthusiastic hope, ready to lead together with us again.



As we know, Hewitt plays many key roles within our church family, including (but not limited to) minister and spiritual leader, pastoral care support, administrator, supervisor, and board advisor. As a church board, one of the additional gifts that Hewitt's time away has provided to us is an opportunity to learn and grow, expanding our roles while we work together in new ways. This expanded opportunity to work together is reinforcing, even enhancing our relationships with one another. Our connection is deeper, our communication comfortable and our understanding of the interactions between our different areas expanded and enriched.

The sabbatical is a gift for both our minister and our leadership – and we are excited by the opportunities it offers both. As I write this, we are mid-way through the sabbatical – half behind us, with learning, growing and relationship building in its stead – and half still lies ahead, with additional opportunities for personal and team development to come. We are open and grateful to the possibilities the sabbatical is offering us all.

## Core Values

Connection

Community

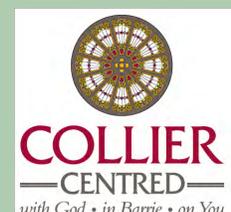
Creativity

Inclusion

Love

Transformation

Hope





**Participate in Collier's  
Christmas Pageant!**

**When:**

**Saturday December 24 - 6:30 pm**

**Rehearsal:**

**Saturday December 17 - 10:00 am**

**Where:**

**Collier Street United Church**

**There's a part for everyone!**

**Please call 705-722-2003  
or email [lcrosson@rogers.com](mailto:lcrosson@rogers.com)**

[pageborders.org](http://pageborders.org)

## Music

A big thank you to Colleen Dearham, Marg Warnica, and Sharon Saint for playing preludes on a regular basis on Sunday mornings and to Daryl Yaeger and John Charles for the music they have shared with us on Thanksgiving and Remembrance Sundays.

Besides providing on-going musical leadership and special music in the weekly Sunday services, the choir is excited to be preparing a full Cantata for Sunday, December 18....and for a joint and massed choir event that will take place that same day at 3:00 in the afternoon! The choirs of Grace, Burton Avenue, Northwest Barrie and Collier will be coming together at Grace United Church for an afternoon of shared and massed choir performances. Free will donations will be accepted for the Barrie Food Bank. Please mark this event on your calendar!

If there is enough interest, I am hoping to initiate a multicongregational "Grand Family Flash Choir" in January. But to do so, at least one Collier family with children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren is needed to commit to representing Collier. Please see the weekly newsletter for details.

Musically yours,  
Sandra



**UNITED  
WE SING!**

**An Advent Celebration**  
Featuring the choirs of:  
Burton Ave, Collier Street, Grace  
& Northwest Barrie United Churches  
INCLUDES AN AUDIENCE SING-ALONG!

**Sunday, December 18, 2022 - 3 pm**  
(Doors open at 2:30 pm)

**Grace United Church**  
**350 Grove Street, Barrie**

*Admission: Free will donation in support  
of the Barrie Food Bank*

This is a mask-friendly event

## Pastoral Care Director

This fall has been a very busy time as the Covid 19 virus continues to play havoc with the health of our Collier Family. Vaccines, mask wearing, and physical distancing are increasingly proving their efficacy as without the later two features, illness keeps spreading. In addition, our aging demographic has seen many families dealing with “end of life” issues and the grief journey is being walked by many of our community and beyond.

The Collier’s Men’s Group has restarted and October’s meeting had Revs. Moffatt and Haughton join us at Cottage Canoe Restaurant for a time of fellowship and enjoyable camaraderie. November’s meeting will be delayed due to Remembrance Day and so we plan to meet on Friday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m. at the same restaurant. (Dunlop and Ferndale)

The Ladies Group are meeting bi-weekly to continue their discussion and sharing in their time of loss. New members will be approached as circumstances allow and I hope to continue with one-on-one meetings as well.

I have conducted several funerals already this Fall, and we hold those who are gravely ill, injured, or in hospitals and convalescing in our prayers. Regular visitations are conducted with proper protocols always observed. Hospice Simcoe, Royal Victoria Hospital, and others are on my rounds of visitation.

This December, we will be holding a “Blue Christmas” service at Collier for those who have lost loved ones since the start of the pandemic until this date. (January, 2020 to the present) The exact time and date will be announced within a few days of this Newsletter.

Blessings to all,  
Robert Murdock, Director  
Candidate for Diaconal Ministry

### In Memoriam

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**Barb Bassett Shirley Bemrose**

**Ann Carter Jackie Clappison**

**Mary Hekkenberg Carol McPherson**

**Ron Robinson Ina Smith**

**Lorne Wass**



# Fall Harvest—Hope Garden

The Garden Committee worked hard to winterize the gardens on Wednesday. There are still plants to put to bed, but the committee found it difficult to cut down a plant if it was still thriving. However, after the first few frosts those plants will be pruned or pulled from the ground.



The Committee would like to thank the person who dropped off the lilies and to Colleen who donated seeds for us to plant next year.

Everyone from the group stated they will return in the spring to help with the gardens again. Oh, happy days!!!! Anyone interested in helping us please do. No experience required. Just leave your name and phone number with Vickie.

## Garden Committee

Greetings from Donna Martin, Lynn Dolmage, Robin Milani, Mabel Peyer, Marion Tizzard, Joan Fairbarn, Ria Won and Deb Tyler your Garden Committee.

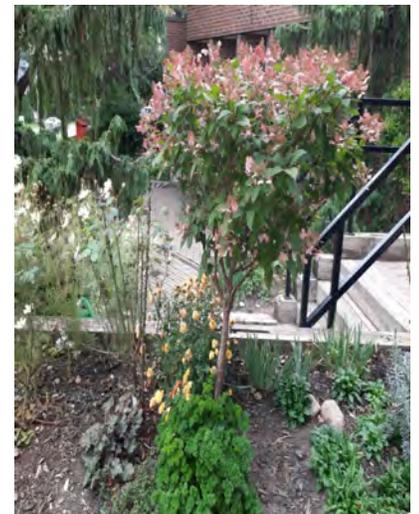
We have had a wonderful, busy summer maintaining the gardens that Leona Appleby lovingly cared for.

The Committee would like to thank the following people for helping us in various ways throughout the year Laurie Crosson, her son JT, Rick Stewart, Vickie McMillan, Wayne Cameron, Jocelyn Weatherbe (Barrie Garden Club), Edna Caldwell (Huron Rose Society) and Terry Tizzard.

Members of the committee are all planning to help again next year and we welcome any new people to join us. Remember no experience is required!

Special thanks to Linda Wallis-Dean for donating the Peace Rose in Leona's memory, Colleen Dearham for donating seeds (which we will plant in the spring) and to the mystery person who left us lilies which we planted in the Welcome Garden.

All of us from the Garden Committee would like to wish everyone a blessed holiday season. May the beauty of nature surround you with peace and joy!



# Worship, Connecting and Community

## Connecting

Our faithful Visitors, although fewer in number, continue the important work of keeping in contact with our Church Family. The Link is published twice a year now, in Spring prior to our June Communion and in the Winter prior to our December Communion. However, our Visitors still make contact 4 times per year, prior to each Communion the 1st Sunday of March (AGM also), June, October and December.

We are grateful to Dorothy Schonewille who works to ready the Binders for delivery and check in and follow up after, and for all our Visitors who continue to call, some taking on extra areas.

We are so pleased and grateful for Rob Murdock, Ministry Candidate, who has taken on the position of Pastoral Care Director during Hewitt's Sabbatical from September 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. He has certainly been kept busy and we extend our heartfelt thanks for his care and support.

Our Membership at October 31, 2022 stands at 317. Since our last report we have sadly lost 8 more members to death. We extend our sympathy and offer prayers to all the grieving families and friends.

If you feel called to help with contact/visitation of our church family, please contact either:

Dorothy Schonewille 705 737-1483

Sharon Crossley 705 726-0478



New lights were installed in the L7 stairwell. New fixtures were installed outside to light up the front office entrance, pathway and courtyard.

Thanks to Estate Lighting Electric Supply, Ethan McMillan and Adriano Rizza for their time, talent and treasures.



# Worship, Connecting and Community

## Worship

The summer has flown by and we are now well into our fall activities at Collier.

Coffee hour after church resumed in June with the UCW doing the prep and serving. It was enjoyed by everyone. It resumed again in September. We do not have a coordinator but hopefully we will have a volunteer step up to help.

The sanctuary has been decorated using monthly themes. June was Indigenous month and we had a wonderful display thanks to Anne Godard. July was Canada month and September we eased into fall. October saw the sanctuary decorated for Thanksgiving. A big thank you to Deb Tyler for her creativity in doing the decorating.

Worship in the Park was a success in August. The fall services with our visiting ministers have been uplifting and meaningful. The Choir service, September 25th, and UCW service, October 30th, celebrating 60 years were excellent and showed just what groups in our church are doing.

Our music ministry continues to uplift us. The dedication of the choir members and Sandra's excellent leadership are greatly appreciated. As well, we are grateful to our technical team who enhance our services each week and make it possible for members to watch from home.

A roster for ushers is still needed. If you are willing to help out one Sunday every six weeks, it would be appreciated.

Since May there has been one wedding, a baptism of two children and six funerals conducted at Collier Church.



Collier is a community. As in any community it takes teamwork to make things happen. We are grateful for all who contribute their time, treasurers and talents to our church family and encourage you to be an active part of the team in whatever way you can.



*Are you interested in helping with our audio and visual? Please contact Terry—[t\\_tizzard@yahoo.com](mailto:t_tizzard@yahoo.com)*

# Halloween Food Drive

Our Halloween food drive was a rousing success. Four buildings participated to stock the Little Pantries at Collier United and Trinity Anglican.

The Bayclub

2 Bayfield St.

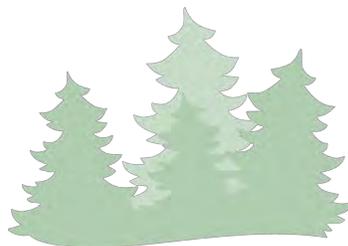
Collier Place

2 Toronto St.

We raised: 283 Granola Bars, 293 Oatmeal packs, 52 boxes of Kraft Dinner  
66 pudding and fruit cups, 17 jars of peanut butter, 23 packages of beef jerky & pepperettes, 82 Chocolate bars,

45 noodles packages, 32 packs of soup packs, 48 tins of soup, 29 tins of fruit and vegetables, 32 cans of brown beans and pasta, 11 cans of tinned meat, 35 cans of tuna, salmon, ham and turkey

Thanks to everyone who participated and helped out! We are always looking for donations for the Food Pantry. They can be left at the front desk anytime.



## **Breakfast Program—In-person breakfast**

On Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be welcoming our Breakfast Program guests inside for a hot breakfast! We are really looking forward to serving our guests a nutritious hot breakfast extending our warm Collier welcome. This is happening very close to Christmas and there are a few ways you can help:

Bake Christmas cookies – to be included in Christmas care packages for our guests.

Bake muffins – we will share your homemade muffins during our breakfast.

Buy high quality mittens or wool socks – these will be gifted to our guests. Having warm, dry hands and feet are essential when you're living outside, especially during the winter. Wool socks are the best at wicking away moisture while keeping feet toasty. Costco sells merino wool socks at an excellent price (just saying...).

Purchase chocolate – to be included in our care packages.

Make a cash donation towards the cost of our breakfast – serving a hot breakfast will cost a bit more but will extend our Collier hospitality in a meaningful way during the Christmas season. Your donation towards these costs would be most welcome.

Volunteer to help – we will need assistance on December 20<sup>th</sup> with putting together our care packages and setting-up our hall and we'll need extra hands on December 21<sup>st</sup> to help with hosting and serving our breakfast guests as well as with clean-up.

Please deliver your donations of Christmas cookies, chocolate, mittens and socks to the church before noon on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Your cash donation is welcome at any time. Thank you in advance for your support!

If you have any questions, need more information, wish to provide a donation of baking or cash – or you want to help out at the breakfast, please reach out to Laurie Crosson.



# Finance—Trustees Report –Sept. 26, 2022

Our investments, while still substantial, have dropped substantially since June. In August, we transferred \$14,000.00 from the Steward's Acct. to the Operating, along with \$10,000 drawn on our loan account, to cover an overdraft of approximately \$25,000.00. Also, \$25,000.00 was transferred from the Heritage account in August to help with the interim invoice to Elevator one. The invoice was \$48,746.84. Remainder of the funds came from the Capital Campaign account. There is still approximately \$60,000.00 left outstanding to be paid once the project is complete. This money will come from the Heritage account. We have qualified for a \$25,000.00 grant but must show project complete and paid before we obtain the money.

## Recap of Investments

Acct's	Dec 31/21	Apr 30/22	Jun 23/22	Sep 22/22
Steward's Acct 376-6747327	\$374,714.28	\$341,476.42	\$331,782.15 <i>\$3,900. To be repaid by Memorial Tree Funds</i>	\$313,830.84 <i>\$3,900. To be repaid by Memorial Tree Funds</i>
Heritage #1 376-6747020	\$273,705.56	\$260,101.59	\$245,260.50	\$221,740.00
Heritage # 2 541-2059429 <i>(to help repay CEBA)</i>	\$29,583.91	\$29,663.00	\$29,782.64	\$30,005.61
Margin Loan 541-2761222	(\$18,000.00)	(\$41,148.22)	(\$60,500.00)	(\$68,849.31)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$660,003.75</b>	<b>\$590,092.79</b>	<b>\$546,325.29</b>	<b>\$496,727.14</b>
UCW 541-2894114	\$66,738.58	\$62,386.25	\$57,009.74	\$56,956.23
Capital Cam- paign (Trustee's Acct)	\$47,243.82 <i>(Holds \$5,000 Social Action Fund, \$1,760 Elevator Funds, &amp; \$832.61 Trustee Funds</i>	\$50,259.283 <i>(Holds \$9,392.60 Social Action Funds, \$1,760. Elevator Funds+\$832.60 Trustee Funds</i>	\$52,895.73 <i>(Holds \$8,706.78 Social Action Funds, \$4,980. Elevator Funds+\$832.60 Trustee Funds \$38,376.26 available</i>	\$27,751.86 <i>(Holds \$6,715.00 So- cial Action Funds, +\$832.60 Trustee Funds \$20,204.26 avail- able</i>
CEBA Loan <b>Due Dec 2023</b>	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	.00	\$40,000.00



# United Church Women

## UCC—60 Years

Happy Autumn! What an amazing fall we have had. The colours and the temperatures have been absolutely wonderful!

Once again, we at Collier have so many reasons to be proud of our UCW ladies. We recently held our first Harvest Fair in September that was put together and planned by our own Sharon Saint. With the help of so many, we collected over \$2600.00 less expenses with the purchase of knitted items, crafts, soups, lunches and pies. A huge thank you to all who helped out!

This year is the 60th. Anniversary of the UCW and we were very pleased to look after the Sunday, October 30th. Service. Our theme was Hope and in celebrating our Past, Present and Future of the UCW at Collier, it was a true testament to the commitment that the United Church women have shown right from the beginning and moving forward. Thank you to Marion Tizzard and Anne Snell who were instrumental in the organization and orchestration of this service.

We were able to present 4 out of 8 UCW members with Life Membership certificates during the Service. It was so special to have these ladies present with us and for some to have family members with them as well. The other 4 Certificates will be presented at the earliest convenient time. We are so grateful to these ladies for paving the way.

At this time, the UCW is planning a Purdy's Chocolate sale in November and of course, it wouldn't be November without the UCW holding their Christmas Bazaar. This will be held on November 19th. Please watch for further notices.

Once again, a huge thank you to every member of Collier's UCW, whether they are still able to be actively involved or watching from the sidelines. Your involvement is very much appreciated.

If you are interested in joining our UCW, please reach out to either Mabel Peyer or myself.

Bless You all! Susan Storning

### LIFE MEMBERS:

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| Madelyn Crawford   | Mary Ellen Good-Baxter |
| Ethel Lyte         | Annette Bowman         |
| Shirley Richards   | Ruth Smith             |
| Margaret Warnica   | Peggy Periard          |
| Judy Rodger Swales |                        |



# Finance — Report

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2022 budget</u>
ENVELOPES	89,808.63	72,945.78	110,520.00
PAR	53,018.58	48,270.81	53,830.00
OTHER REVENUE	96,914.83	111,864.87	86,078.10
TOTAL INCOME	239,742.04	233,081.46	250,428.10
EXPENSES	289,928.23	308,993.58	296,504.71
NET INCOME/LOSS	<b>(50,186.19)</b>	<b>(75,912.12)</b>	<b>(46,076.61)</b>



## COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH

### *UCW Christmas Fair Returns*

*Saturday NOVEMBER 19, 2022*

*11:00 AM to 1:30 PM*

#### LUNCH

\$15.00

CHICKEN SALAD ON A CROISSANT  
HOMEMADE VEG. SOUP  
CHRISTMAS COOKIES  
TEA, COFFEE



Our Tables displays will feature the following:  
Shortbread, Christmas Baking, knitting, craft items and  
Frozen Apples Pies,

