

# The LINK

The Quarterly Newsletter of Collier Street United Church  
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## PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 28

10:30 a.m.

**We do this in Remembrance of Jesus ~  
our Saviour, Brother, and Friend**

The LINK is the Congregational Newsletter  
of *Collier Street United Church*.  
It's *Collier's* way of keeping in touch.  
Read it. Enjoy it. Pass it along.

Thanks to all who contributed to this issue  
and to our Elders and Visitors  
who bring it to the homes of our *Collier* family.

We celebrate a day ... a most glorious day ... when by the power of the love and grace of God,  
Jesus ~ the One we claim as Saviour, Brother and Friend ~ was raised from death to life.  
Still, the wonder of Easter is that it didn't happen just *once* and *for all*.

**Every time** a life that was messed up and miserable finds its way, **Easter happens.**

**Every time** the burden of sin is lifted by the forgiveness of our Lord, **Easter happens.**

**Every time** hope is born in someone whose hope was lost in their struggle, **Easter happens.**

**Every time** a heavy heart is lightened by the peace that God can give, **Easter happens.**

**Every time** a broken spirit is mended by the healing love of the God, **Easter happens.**

**Every time** courage is born in the person who has lived in fear, **Easter happens.**

**Every time** a person finds comfort, even in great sorrow, **Easter happens.**

**Every time** love wins over hate, **Easter happens.**

**Every time** faith wins over doubt, **Easter happens.**

**Every time** goodness wins over evil, **Easter happens.**

**Every time** Jesus is welcomed into someone's heart, **Easter happens.**

**Easter happens all the time.**

**May Easter happen to you  
this year ... every year ...  
this day ... every day.**

The Rev. Dennis Posno + EASTER 2010

"A labyrinth is a designated pattern used to reflect upon life and faith. It has only one way to follow to the centre and back out again. Going to the centre is done purposefully. Time is taken to reflect and to pray, to wonder and to rest with God. It is like taking a journey. The path can be thought of as a journey home towards God. God is the centre." *From Seasons of the Spirit - Congregational Life.* So how do we journey home towards God? Who do we meet on the path as we travel?

There are many ways that we journey home towards God. Unlike in walking a labyrinth, we don't all follow the same path. Some of us journey home towards God by walking beside members of Jesus Walk and Friendship Bible Study. We take the time to help them to read scripture or we raise our voices in song with them. Some of us journey home towards God as we sit with others through committee and board meetings. We offer questions and answers and laughter as we make decisions for our church family.

Some of us journey home towards God when we welcome newcomers into the kitchen or we lend a helping hand with the dishes. Some of us journey home towards God by leading our children and youth as they grow in their faith and allowing ourselves to be led by them as we grow in our faith.

In our journeys home towards God, let us remember to take time to wonder, to reflect, to pray and to rest with God.

Blessings, Andrea Wheaton, DLM  
Christian Education

## PASTORAL CARE

I like to listen to the reasons we go away. We go either because we can't wait to get away from the winter stuff or we go to get into a new environment which is minus the winter stuff and full of sunny stuff.

Like it's hard for us to get a new car unless we tell you how awful the old one is. We find it hard to say, "I am going away because I deserve a vacation, or I am getting a car because I can."

This of course is implying all our responsibilities are looked after and we are not just being self centered.

Most of us who have ended our full time work life may find it hard to enjoy the benefits of living a life that is more responsive to things we may want to do.

When I went in to see my financial guy when I was getting ready to retire, I stumbled around trying to tell him that I did not think I could continue to pay into my plans as I had been doing. He started to smile and said "No, Bob, this is when you start taking out from what you have been investing." What a relief and how quickly a negative became a positive.

I know you are going to do what you want to regardless of what I say. I just want us to enjoy it more. We have worked hard and deserve the vacation or the seniors discounted coffee.

Most of us need to say goodbye to guilt trips and take a trip that is truly what we would like to do. We may even find more of God at the end of that trail.

Hey gotta a map?

Bob Boden, Pastoral Care



## **United Church of Canada Mission & Service Fund**

At Collier St. United our Mission & Service Fund goal for 2009 was \$13,698. We didn't quite reach the goal with donations of \$12,494. At the Annual Meeting of the Congregational the goal for 2010 was again set at \$13,698 and we will work harder to meet that goal.

### **We Are United through the Mission and Service Fund**

In the United Church we decide together what mission and ministry to support. We also pool our financial resources to support this work. This pool of money is called the Mission and Service Fund. It is made up of voluntary gifts and together we use it to fund our worship, our church organization, our ministry, and God's mission.

The M&S Fund connects us to each other as members of the United Church in Canada and Bermuda, enabling us to speak with a united voice in advocacy and justice work and to participate together in our worship life. The M&S Fund connects us to our faith: we live in God's world, we believe in God who works in us and by the Spirit. The Mission and Service Fund connects us to others around the corner and around the world to whom we offer a loving hand of support.

The M&S Fund is the only fund in which members and friends of the United Church

pool their givings. Gifts are also given by members to their local church, but it is through the Mission and Service Fund that we collectively live our creed "to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, and to seek justice and resist evil" (from A New Creed)

The United Church is able to worship together and to work for human rights, social justice, peace initiatives, and global development thanks to the Mission and Service Fund. Gifts to the Mission and Service Fund from congregations, individuals, and from bequests have exceeded \$30,000,000 annually since 2000.

This money is spent in hundreds of different ways. Some of the money supports congregations, programs, and new church development. Some of the money is spent in Canadian outreach programs, some on international relief and development programs, some to train ministers, some to maintain ecumenical relationships, and some to administer the work of the church.

Supporters of the Mission and Service Fund want to give their gifts to support work that reflects their values and beliefs. The United Church's Mission and Service Fund works with partners in Canada and internationally to ensure that needs are assessed quickly and accurately, that responses are immediate, and that ongoing support helps prevent problems from recurring.

Because of the Mission and Service Fund, the United Church is able to quickly respond to emergency situations without waiting for

media appeals to create interest in them. Working with reliable trusted partners in Canada and in 37 countries means that less money is spent coordinating and delivering aid and more money goes where it is needed. The United Church is also blessed by the countless hours of work fulfilled by hundreds of United Church volunteers. These individuals enable more of your M&S gifts to go to our partners and to the work we share.

The life and existence of The United Church of Canada depend on the Mission and Service Fund. It's who we are and what we do. Without M&S our church would not be. It's as simple as that.

(from the United Church website [www.united-church.ca/funding/msfund](http://www.united-church.ca/funding/msfund))

## U.C.W

“Happiness is something that comes into our lives through doors we don't even remember leaving open”

The month of January always seem to be very long; but I find it a good time to make plans and prepare for all our many up and coming projects. The pancake supper will be over before you read this and I'm confident it will be a success.

It is our turn to host “World Day of Prayer” this year. The service is held on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. The service is prepared by the women of Cameroon, a small country in Africa. Our theme speaker will be Carol Warnica, one of our own who

we love and respect very much. Carol has spent many months working in Africa with orphaned children. I hope you have the good fortune to hear her.

Our three units continue to meet monthly, each provide interesting meetings, with speakers, skits and friendly chatter. We encourage new members to join us.

The month of April will be a busy month. We finish our Out of the Cold dinner preparation on Easter weekend. The spring round up A.A. banquet will be served on Sat April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Living Water Presbyterial will meet on Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Sharon Hope Church in Sharon. Our new Presbyterial has jelled very well and each meeting is full with enthusiasm. The last week of April will be active with Silent Auction preparation. And just to keep us going we will host Toronto Conference on Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> and Wed May 5<sup>th</sup>.

We have a two week break and its time to prepare for our Maytime tea, Wed., May 26<sup>th</sup>.

We enjoy the work we do and always appreciate your help and continued support. We are always prepared to host funeral receptions when asked.

Happy Easter to all,  
Blessing – Ruby Cox, President

# MUSICAL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR FOLKS!

Most Canadians dream about spending at least some portion of the cold winter months in the sunny south. This is certainly the case with many choir members. Some travel south after the Thanksgiving weekend; some wait until after Christmas to enjoy the sunnier, warmer weather. Our numbers, as a result, are reduced for a few months each year. Nevertheless, small but mighty, we continue to provide music support during each service, alternating our singing at Collier with shovelling the snow in our driveways.

Christmas was a busy time for the choir. After a brief vacation, practices resumed in early January. Temporary leadership of the choir was assigned to Matthew Clark while our regular choir director, Judy Rodger, took a 2 month leave of absence in Florida. Matt is a music officer working with our organist, Tom Loney, in CFB Borden and has very capably filled in during the months of January and February. The choir, and all members of the Collier family, wish to extend their appreciation to Matt for his excellent work over this short time period.

Judy Rodger will return early March as the choir prepares for the Easter season. As always, the Senior Choir welcomes new members. Lately, we are in particular need of men's voices. Please contact any choir member if you have an interest in joining us.

On the radar screen:

1) Military Band Concerts: Under the direction of Lieutenant Matthew Clark, these will be as exciting as ever. Please mark your calendars for the following dates: May 16, June 13, July 11 and August 8. All concerts will be held on Sundays at 3PM. Admission is free, however, an offering will be accepted to support the ministry of Collier St Church in the Barrie community. Refreshments will be served after each concert.

2) The Choir will sponsor "An afternoon of Great Music and Talent". Our Collier St Senior Choir members will participate and we invite anyone from the congregation, both young and old, to be involved in this event to be held on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. If you take singing/dance/instrumental lessons or perhaps are participating in the Kiwanis Music Festival in the spring and have selections prepared, this is an opportunity to perform one more time for our church and community. Or, maybe you have a gift/talent such as quilting, woodworking, etc. that you would like to display for all to see. Here is your chance. You have heard the phrase "God Given Talent". Why not praise GOD by sharing your Gift with others. Please fill in the information below and submit it to the reception desk by May 2. We will contact you in early May.

Tom Loney, Organist  
Judy Rodger, Choir Director  
Members - Collier St United Church Senior Choir

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TALENT: ie: Vocal Solo, Piano Solo, Musical Group, Dance etc.. Craft Talent etc..

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NAME OF SELECTION (Maximum of two.)

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Please Circle One.

1. I WILL NEED ACOMPANIMENT  
( Y / N ) \_\_\_\_\_

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ACCOMPANIST Music to be provided by

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offered by "Peace Starts Here"

Our Global Oneness Project, a DVD-based program, was well-received and enjoyed by the intimate group in attendance. We were all inspired to see the wealth and well-being in our lives. Such inspiration allowed us to see what changes we could each make in our individual lifestyles which could and would lead to a life of service.

We were all reminded of our responsibilities to the world around us - to the soil from which our food grows, to the water which we drink, to the air that we breathe, to the inhabitants of the world, both animal and human. Each of us was called to exemplify that the greatest gift of all is love.

By others' example, we saw that empowering the poor and needy would do vast amounts towards reducing violence in the world and how we are each called to participate in the movement towards peace.

It has been suggested and requested that the Global Oneness Project be presented again in the future. I hope to schedule another presentation in the near future. I look forward to sharing these inspirational messages with each and every one of you.

Submitted by Sheila Niemeyer

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

On Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, our Children's Choir joined members of the Youth Group to present "The Story of Michelle Mouse" during our Sunday worship service. It was a wonderful way for them to minister to us the congregation. On Christmas Eve, the Children's Choir became the Angel Choir for our Christmas Eve Pageant and they sang beautifully and with great joy.



Unfortunately, the Children's Choir is going to take a break until we are able to expand the Music Leadership Team. We are looking for people who can combine their musical talents with love for and experience with children. With a strong team in place as soon as possible, we will do some advance planning so that we can have things in place to restart in early September.

Please be in touch if you have an interest in being a part of this wonderful ministry.

Submitted by Andrea Wheaton

### **ATTENTION ALL ZEHR'S SHOPPERS**

Please save all your Zehr's receipts to help Friendship Bible Study and place them in drop box in foyer. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## COLLIER GARDENS

There is not much to report about outside gardens when there is snow in the air but #643 in 'Voices United' said something to me and we can share the thought.

*"Faith, while trees are still in blossom,  
plans the picking of the fruit;  
faith can feel the thrill of harvest  
when the buds begin to sprout."*

Plans have been made, some seeds have been planted waiting for the warmer weather to allow us to transplant many varieties of tomato in the greenhouse. Parsley, basil and many other herbs, vegetables and flowers will be available for 'adoption' at the Maytime Tea.

P.S. watch for the signs of spring. The little snowdrops are the first - then the robins. Elisabeth and I will appreciate your help.

Submitted by Leona Appleby

## RECEPTION DESK

Hello from the Phone!

Spring is on its way, so that means winter is almost gone. We are still looking for men to volunteer at nights mostly. Everyone on the front desk is doing fine, and most of the volunteers are back and looking forward to a great spring! If you would like to help please call me, 726-1612.

Sincerely, Frances Jean St. Clair,  
Reception Desk Co-ordinator

## COLLIER'S READING CIRCLE

I was on holiday recently and heard a woman say "some books are meant to be chewed and digested thoroughly and some, it doesn't matter".

I really liked that. It's true; we read so many different types of books, some for light reading, some for entertainment, some for education, and some to really get our brain cells working.

In my experience, most of the books that we have read with the book club have been the type to chew and digest.

We always have lots to discuss, good and bad, but the sharing is the most important part. It's always a learning process to hear other opinions on a topic and to respect another person's point of view.

Please join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every other month for a good chew!

Submitted by Susan Storning

Let God's grace and gifts  
flow freely:  
from God to us,  
from us to others.

(Stewardship Seconds)

# JESUS WALK

Jesus Walk is a group designed for adults with disabilities. We are a Christian based group meeting every Monday evening from September until June. We get together for an enjoyable evening of prayer, devotionals, singing and an activity.

Our prayers for a speaker in November, regarding his/her experiences during the war years, were answered in the form of long-time Collier member Howard Hamilton. Howard touched on his time in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a trainer in England during World War 2, and his interesting experiences. Thank you, Howard.

Since returning from celebrating Christmas and New Year's, our first night in January was for everyone to share in how they spent the holidays. Our friend Ann, from the Barrie Public Library visited to read to us a few stories, and in between she had some games and actions to music. We held our popular talent night with members proudly showing ribbons from competitions, also a few singers crooned to us as well. Carol Warnica, well known for her mission work in South Africa, came back to tell (and show on slides) her interesting work. Of course Carol performed her "Gum Boot Dance" wearing rubber boots clicking her teeth in rhythm and slapping her boots. It was interesting as the tempo increased that her co-ordination was great. Our Jesus Walk choir sang in church in January with "Give Me Oil In My Lamp."

In February, our friend (and former leader) Sandra Trumble (from Collier's Choir) led in a musical night, as we paraded around the hall using the rhythm band instruments previously donated by the Auction Committee. Our member—Todd Martin, played DJ once again, as we enjoyed our Valentine dance.

Our Jesus Walk choir sang again this month, and our song was "Pass It On". Our members were down that day, but our hearts were there to hopefully make up for the shortage of singers.

On the first Monday of each month we have Quarter Night when our members can donate quarters or any loose change. The accumulated money is given at the end of our year in June, to a local charity chosen earlier by our leaders. This charity changes each year (this year it is The Women and Children's Crisis Centre) our donations total about \$200.00 each year. Good job everyone.

As we close we are always looking for interesting activities and visitors to stimulate and entertain our members. If you know of someone or something that might prove fitting for our group, please contact Sharon or Doug at 719-0164. We thank the Collier congregation and the Collier ministry team for their continuing support and encouragement, allowing Jesus Walk to look forward to Monday evenings together.

Happy Easter everyone!

Yours In Christ,  
Doug & Sharon Moir

## **BOARD OF STEWARDS**

What a change a year can make! We are beginning 2010 with a positive balance for the first time in several years. Let's keep it that way!

A St. Pat's beef dinner is being planned for March 17<sup>th</sup>; see more details in the weekly calendar. We will need help for preparation and serving - see sign up sheets.

### **Just a couple more reminders:**

Shopping card fundraiser - For more information there is always someone in the library after church service or call in to a staff member at the church during business hours. Order forms are at the reception desk.

Our Presbytery/Conference assessment for this year is \$23,380, which is \$11,460 less than last year. We would like everyone, who can, to make a contribution of \$25.00 per member to help reduce this expense. Envelopes are at the reception desk.

Submitted by Norman McIntyre, Chair

All gifts are gifts of the one Spirit. Our job is to find the best way to use what we have been given.  
(Stewardship Seconds)

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Winter has been a quieter time for the Property Committee at Collier. A time to rest up and relax before the busy spring season begins in earnest. We have managed to stay ahead of all the ongoing repairs that have cropped up, and have even managed to oversee a few projects such as the redoing of M5. Thanks to Peter Michalski and Chris Pellow for all the painting which was done before the installation of the new floor. A new snowplowing contract was introduced this year which included the walkways in front of the sanctuary. We have had much less snow this winter and have not needed to remove any snow off site so far, which is a great saving. Thank goodness!! New blinds were installed in the auditorium courtesy of the Silent Auction Committee. We have also had masonry work and parging done in numerous locations both in and outside the church thanks again to the Silent Auction.

Everyone is reminded that soon the days will be getting longer and much work will need to be done to prepare our church for the glorious days of spring. Leona can always use some extra help outside and is always very grateful. Remember, many hands make light work. If you can't volunteer outside, perhaps you might like to help out on an inside project, or even join a group, have some fun and make some new friends. Remember YOU are the church! The Property Committee would like to close by reminding everyone to please support our worthwhile shopping card program. This is an excellent fundraiser for our church that costs us nothing to support!!!

Respectfully Submitted by  
Peter Magill & Bill McGregor  
Property Co-Chairs

## COLLIER L.I.F.E. GROUPS

*L.I.F.E means Living In Faith Everyday.*

Looking outside today it seems as if another blast of winter is upon us. However, spring should be here soon!

As you know, Jim and Lenore Leonard moved to British Columbia in the autumn of 2009. Following is her thank you to her Collier L.I.F.E group, she wanted to share it. "A big thank you to my LIFE Group. We met every Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. I would never miss a meeting. The study and the companionship meant so much. This group has been an encouraging and building up of my self esteem. Thank you to our leader Leona and all the group members. I'll miss you a lot"

The women continue to follow the adult study from the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum. It is a thematic study which uses meaningful resources to help deepen spiritual growth of the bible and response to the world. Our current study is Lent, Easter. It follows the scripture passages from the revised common lectionary.

The men's group has finished their study of "The Mona Lisa God" by Ken Tunstall. The content of this study stimulated great discussions. Their next study may be "The Stranger on The Road to Emmaus."

If you wish to have fun and fellowship and learn more about the Bible contact the Collier LIFE Group Coordinator, Carol Duckworth at 705-7424-5408 or contact the leader group. We can always start a new L.I.F.E group if you need a different time.

Sincerely, Carol Duckworth

Men's L.I.F.E. Group	Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Debb's Restaurant, Huron Rd.	Contact: Al Perttula 728-0741
Women's L.I.F.E. Group	Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Midway Diner, Bradford St.	Contact: Leona Appleby 726-1884
Women's L.I.F.E. Group	Tuesdays, 9:45 - 11:45 a.m. Collier Street United Church	Contact: Leona Appleby 726-1884

**What is a Lectionary?** A lectionary is a collection of readings or selections from the Scriptures, arranged and intended for proclamation during the worship of the people of God. Lectionaries were known and used in the fourth century, where major churches arranged the Scripture readings according to a schedule which follows the calendar of the church's year. This practice of assigning particular readings to each Sunday and festival has continued through the history of the Christian Church.

**Why use a lectionary?** A lectionary provides whole churches or denominations with a uniform and common pattern of biblical proclamation. A lectionary serves as a guide for clergy, preachers, church members, musicians, and Sunday school teachers. A lectionary provides a guide and resource for clergy from different local churches who wish to work and pray together as they share their resources and insights while preparing for their preaching.

A lectionary serves as a resource for those who produce ecumenical preaching aids,

commentaries, Sunday school curricula, and other devotional aids. A lectionary provides a guide to individuals and groups who wish to read, study, and pray the Bible in tune with the church's prayer and preaching.

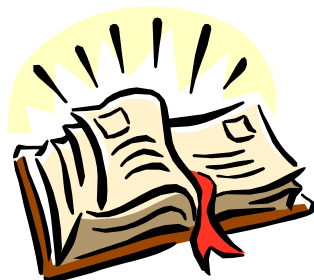
### What is the *Revised Common Lectionary*?

This lectionary system is the work of two ecumenical bodies who provide resources for the churches that send representatives to them, namely, the North American Consultation on Common Texts (CCT) and, later, the International English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC). Responding to widespread interest in the Roman *Lectionary for Mass* of 1969, many North American churches undertook adaptations and revisions of it for their own use during the '70s. CCT produced a harmonization and reworking of these in 1983 on a trial basis and then revised that for publication in 1992 as the *Revised Common Lectionary*.

<http://www.commontexts.org/>

Two of our Women's LIFE Groups use studies which follow the Revised Common Lectionary. Our Sunday Programs for children & youth uses a curriculum which follows the lectionary. As well, sometimes in worship the scripture read and preached about follows the lectionary. You can follow the lectionary readings as your own personal daily reading of scripture. It will take you through the entire Bible in the 3 year cycle.

Submitted by  
Andrea Wheaton



## Confirmation Class

This year we have 14 teens in our class and we have been having very interesting conversations so far in our Sunday morning gatherings. We will be attending the two Presbytery Confirmation weekends. There will be young people from other congregations coming together to share in exploring our faith. We are also looking forward to a few more regular classes, a Passover Seder Meal with our families, and attending the Tenebrae Service.

Our final time together before the Confirmation Sunday on June 13<sup>th</sup> will be the rehearsal dinner on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. This is for the class members and their families. The New Member Committee of Session and the Elders of families with teens in the class will host the dinner along with the members of last year's class.

Andrea Wheaton & Dennis Posno

## EASTER FLOWERS

A Way To Remember Loved Ones  
A Way To Add Beauty To Our Sanctuary

Collier's Flower Committee will be decorating the sanctuary for our Easter Sunday services at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The flowers will add more beauty to an already beautiful sanctuary, and following the services will be distributed to the sick and shut in.

If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of the flowers to honour someone, or as a memorial to a loved one, **please make your donation** (along with the name(s) of those you are remembering or honouring) at the Church Reception Desk or Church Office by **Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**.

## Did you know?

M5 has new flooring and it looks great ... and a new paint job thanks to *Chris Pellow*, our custodian and two Peters - *Peter Magill* and *Peter Michalski*.

And the Lounge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level has a new look with new furniture and pictures. Thanks from the *Silent Auction Committee* and all of us go out to *Sandra McNee* and *Terry Oram* who so tastefully have made this room so inviting. One of the pictures was purchased in memory of Betty Lipnicky. Be sure to take a moment when you are at the church to look at these rooms.

This is your  
**SILENT AUCTION**  
money in action!

## Did you know?

The *UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA* has raised 1.5 million dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to help with relief efforts in earthquake-devastated Haiti.

## Did you know?

The *Water Committee* of Collier Street United Church donated \$2,500 to Samaritan's Purse for the Bio-Sandwater Filters program which is matched 2:1 by CIDA (the Canadian International Development Agency).

## Did you know?

The *United Church Women's (UCW) Toronto Conference* 2010 Annual Meeting will be held in Collier Street United Church on **Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

It will be two days of great speakers, educating ourselves in church affairs (local, national and international). There will be lots of music, entertainment and fun for all who attend. Collier women should try to be part of this great event. It will be wonderful.

We will be looking for people to host and welcome our guests. Also, we will need people to shuttle the participants from their hotels to the church - mornings and evenings.

## Did you know?

The *UNITED CHURCH IN CANADA* was formed by an act of Parliament on June 10, 1925. An Inaugural Service was held at the old Mutual Arena. Three denominations (The Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Church in Canada) were the founding members. The Evangelical United Brethren have since become a part of our denomination. **On June 10<sup>th</sup> our denomination celebrates its 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY ROAST BEEF DINNER



Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

at 6:00 p.m.  
In the Church Hall

Price: Adults \$15.00  
Children ages 5 - 12 - \$8.00

Tickets available at the Reception Desk

God plays upon the harp of the  
Spirit, sounding the strings  
strongest in love: And to this  
mystical music humanity is  
beckoned to sing.  
(Mechthild of Helfta ~ 13<sup>th</sup> century)

Could sharing our gifts with those  
who need them be part of God's  
hope for the world?  
(Stewardship Seconds)

## News From Barrie Out Of The Cold

*"Barrie Out of the Cold provides nutritious meals and emergency shelter for the homeless in a safe, welcoming environment from November to April"*

The weekend of Feb 6/7<sup>th</sup> saw us at the halfway point in our 12<sup>th</sup> season of Collier's Out of the Cold program.

Unlike other seasons, we have not had a full house this year. This is very good news because the implication here is that many of the homeless guests we had with us last season have found their own housing ... and more importantly have been able to keep that housing.

Despite the lower number of guests, the enthusiasm of the volunteers who assist in this program and their commitment to help others in their time of need is heart warming.

It is true to say that it doesn't really matter how many guests we have ... if we can shelter one from the extreme winter cold it's a job worth doing.

Collier's team leaders at Out of the Cold are to be congratulated for the part they play in this program. Once a month they ensure that there are the required number of volunteers on each of the four shifts, that there is sufficient food to feed the hungry guests dinner and breakfast and that the lower hall and kitchen are left clean and tidy in readiness for the next group.

Many of the volunteers on the different teams have become friends as a result of working together over the years. It gives one a special feeling to know that, in some small way, you've been able to help brighten someone's life when they're at their lowest point.

We have always strived for a team approach at Collier and the saying is very true, "many hands do make for light work".

As in other years, we're indebted to Ruby Cox and the ladies of the UCW for their assistance in providing a meal once a month. We're also thankful for the overall support we receive from Rev. Posno, the church staff and the parishioners of Collier United church.

We've recently launched a new web site for Out of the Cold and I invite you to check it out ... especially if you might be considering helping us next season.

Karen Sanderson  
Coordinator and Program Director  
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## THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We are a group of women who meet every Thursday morning to study God's Word. Our membership is approximately 24 and on average, we have 10 - 15 members present each week. We have studied various people including Rick Warren, Beth Moore, Joyce Myer, Max Lucado and Henry T. Blackaby. We are now enjoying a series of short studies by various people - the present one being a study of Timothy & Titus by Pete Sommer.

Our meetings open with praise and worship hymns to the accompaniment of Muriel Hodgins on the piano followed by circle-prayer. This time is very meaningful to us all. New members are always most welcome.

Submitted by Sandra McNee

## LECTURE SERIES

It is mid Olympics. Canadians have done well and one of the most memorable moments for me was when Rick Hanson, in honouring those who participated and those who supported them said, "*When we push ourselves beyond our 'comfort zone' we get more out of life.*"

Our spring Lecture Series topic was inspired by a sermon as we entered 2010 challenging us to look

### "BEYOND OUR COMFORT ZONE"

so...

**Beginning on Wednesday evenings after Easter, April 4<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>** we will hear 5 wonderful speakers help us to recognize our comfort zone, and find ways to expand our knowledge, reach out to others. Not all invited speakers have been confirmed at this time. Please watch for notices in the church bulletin and the canary yellow brochures that will appear soon.

Remember:

April 7<sup>th</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup>

meet, sign in, enjoy decaf coffee, etc.  
at 7:00 p.m.

Lecture 7:30-8:30

and a second cup and chat if you wish.

Everyone welcome, no registration fee, donations to the 'basket' to cover costs is appreciated.

Submitted by Leona Appleby



There is not much to report on the Rainbows front at this time of year, as we are on hiatus until the fall.

However, the congregation should be prepared for us to "take over" the halls of Collier every Monday night from mid September to just before Christmas.

We are very fortunate to be able to provide the Rainbows program at Collier each year with the financial support of our church as well as the loving support that we get from the Collier church members.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from the Rainbows program that would give them some peer learning as they go through the grieving process of a loss in their family either through separation, divorce, or death, please have them contact myself, Susan Storrington or Kim Posno and we'll get them on our list for September, 2010.

We have wonderful facilitators who will open their arms to all, including children in JK right up to the adult level.

Thanks!

Submitted by Co-ordinators,  
Kim Posno & Susan Storrington

## Friendship Bible Study

Friendship Bible Study offers a bible study for adults with physical, developmental and emotional disabilities and we gather together every week before our Church service at 9:15 am. in M5. It is great to be reminded that our God loves all of us very much and that the Holy Spirit is here in our hearts to guide us on a daily basis and helps us to stay on the right path. We are so thankful that Jesus came into the world to teach us how to love and treat each other, and because He died, we have a closer connection with God. At our bible study, each person gets an opportunity to read a few verses of Scripture, and help to lead our prayers with a little assistance. I'm sure you have noticed Danny, Todd and Andrew who are all members of Friendship, occasionally in the Sanctuary, assisting with ushering and collecting our offering. We are very proud of them and they feel valued when you tell them what a wonderful job that they are doing. Thank you so much.

We are studying the book 'Experiencing the Heart of Jesus' by Max Lucado. Bernie McLellan is our leader and does an excellent job of explaining our lesson in a way that we can understand. Along with Bernie, there are 3 other leaders Rosanne O'Regan, Cheryl Tizzard and myself, Hilary Cowan.

A few weeks before Christmas, Bernie invited his friend Mr. Reg Martin to visit with us and tell us about The Gideons. He explained how The Gideons got started, and how they came to distribute bibles in hotel rooms all around the world. It was very interesting and we all got presented with our own New Testament and also a certificate for continuing our bible study.

Heartfelt thanks to our Collier family for all your prayers and support. Please keep our group in your prayers. If the Holy Spirit is urging you to join our ministry, we would love to meet and connect with you and make you feel very welcome. Give Friendship a try with no time commitments...you might be surprised that you feel better about yourself.

Love and Blessings,  
Hilary Cowan

# Sunday Programs for Children & Youth

## Junior & Senior Program

During the season of Advent we spent the last few weeks of 2009 in eager anticipation of the celebration of Jesus' birthday. The children prepared special care packages for the Busby Street Centre as well as creating ornaments for loved ones. The Learning in the Loft youth created wax footprints to represent the journey of Advent. They also made cards to thank the leaders in our program for the gifts that they give to our program, and in turn a gift was given in their honour to the Nicaraguan Mission that some of our teens are going on.

The start of 2010 has already been full of activities and fun in our Programs. Our creative children and leaders in the multi-age classes have shown their faith through a wonderful "Welcome" mosaic banner that can be found on the lower level and also through prayer journals and prayer boxes; and the children have showed and shared their love through the decorating of cookies. There is always fun to be found in the Junior program where a surprise party was held, stained glass windows were created and cupcakes have been eaten!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new families that have registered in the Program. One of the Co-ordinators can usually be found in the lower level before and after the service to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting you personally, if we

haven't already done so.

On February 21<sup>st</sup> we began the Lent and Easter lessons, so please pick up your "This Season...at Home" pamphlets on the bulletin board outside the Nursery, so that your family can follow along with all the wonderful lessons and activities each week. Also check out the website [www.spiritseasons.com](http://www.spiritseasons.com) for links to a variety of fun activities and "Spirit Sightings" that make connections between the weekly lessons and current events.

### We have just a few reminders.....

- ♥ All children up to Grade 6 need to be picked up by an adult.
- ♥ Families are reminded that on Sunday mornings children must always be either in the care of their leaders or their parents/guardians. This means they need to be in your presence when they are not with the leaders. This is a safety concern which we hope meets with your compliance.
- ♥ Parents are reminded that unless there is the adult offering # recorded on the Offering envelope from Children & Youth, we are unable to credit you for tax purposes.
- ♥ Thank you for making sure your child has something to wear on his / her feet.

Co-ordinators,  
Tanya Kent and Carol Bartlett

## Get Ready for Camp!!

**Camp Big Canoe** is an overnight nature camp for children ages 6-16 located on a 240 acre wooded site surrounding a private lake, Hart Lake, in the beautiful Muskoka District. Campers are given every opportunity to experience the challenge and rewards of outdoor living and to appreciate their natural environment. Centred on the development of a greater appreciation for the natural world and the wisdom of the spiritual pathways of Canada's First Nations, the camp's Rediscovery explores the Christian pathway and is respectful of all faith traditions. find out how your child can go to camp. This camp is owned by the United Church of Canada and is supported by our Presbytery, Living Waters.. Registration forms and camp information are available from the foyer literature display case.

**Camp Simpresca** is a United Church summer camp situated on the wooded shore of beautiful Georgian Bay about 5 miles north of Midland. Since 1949, many boys and girls have come to share the joys of camping and the lasting memories it brings. They have experienced the magic, shared the dreams, and made lasting friendships.

Camp Simpresca provides an atmosphere, which invites campers to challenge themselves physically, mentally, spiritually and socially. This camp is owned by the United Church of Canada and is supported by the Northern Waters Presbytery.

For more information and to download a registration form go to [www.simpresca.net](http://www.simpresca.net).

## Sponsor a child for Camp

How about sponsoring a child for Camp? Donations can be made through the church office to help sponsor children for Summer Camp. Any amount helps.

## FUNDSCRIP SHOPPING CARDS

First of all, thank you to all those supporting our shopping card fundraising efforts. To date we have raised approximately \$1,300.

Presently only 20-25 families are purchasing shopping cards on a regular basis for their day to day shopping (groceries, gas, Canadian Tire, Shoppers Drug Mart, etc). Considering the number of families in our congregation, all of who purchase groceries on a regular basis, most of whom would purchase gas, health care items (Shoppers), household needs (Canadian Tire), etc. we could probably triple our participation without much effort at all. It is a very easy process - order your shopping cards one Sunday and pick them up the following Sunday. Order forms are available at the front reception area of the Church or from volunteers in the library each Sunday.

Thank you once again for your part in making this a successful fundraiser and we look forward to seeing you in the library on Sunday, order form in hand!

Barb Swanson, Committee of Stewards

## Your Youth Group

The members and leaders of the Youth Group have been very busy over the last few months. Since the last edition of the LINK we have enjoyed many activities together. We had a nice time going for a winter walk and warm up in November and with our hot drinks in hand we talked about what positive changes we can make in ourselves that will bring positive changes to the group. In November we were also glad to help out again this year at the UCW Christmas Fair with a Candy Booth. We raised \$391.00 for our UCW. Some of us were a part of the presentation of "The Story of Michelle Mouse" during worship on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. We finished off 2009 with a Christmas Karaoke Dance Party which was a blast!! Since 2010 began we have enjoyed a Barrie Colts Game and 11 of us along with 2 leaders went to Ottawa to Worshiplude. This was a youth worship experience that took place during the Winterlude events. We also had a program night where we shared what we would bring to the group and to our church in 2010. We are looking forward to our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cookoff and Crokinole Challenge. It should be a good night. In the coming months we will take in a movie matinee together, enjoy a program night on "being green", help with the Silent Auction, and play sports and games. We are also planning a dinner & dance fundraiser to help with the Nicaraguan Youth Mission Trip.

We now meet on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and would gladly welcome new members and leaders.

Youth Group Leadership Team

## THE MISSION COMMITTEE

This report covers the Mission Committee's end of 2009 activities not reported in the November 2009 LINK and 2010 activities to the end of February.

**Contributions made from the Collier Mission Fund at the end of 2009 are as follows:**

1) **NuVision Ministry, Knox United Church, Thunderbay On. - \$650.00.** - support Rwandan couple, grads of Lakehead University organizing eyes care clinics, schools, HIV/AIDS education and bible clubs in secondary schools and colleges in Rwanda.

2) **Africa Community Technical Services - \$1000.00** - Construct clean water supply system in Uganda.

3) **Christmas Cheer Barrie - \$1000.00** - provide food hampers at Christmas for needy families in Barrie.

**Contributions made in January and February 2010, are follows:**

1) **Canadian Red Cross - \$1000.00** - Haiti Earthquake disaster relief.

2) **Leprosy Mission Canada - \$1400.00** - Cure four people of leprosy.

3) **Elizabeth Fry Society Simcoe Country - \$750.00** - counseling transitional shelter, life skills training for women in conflict with the law.

4) **Women and Children Crisis Centre - \$750.00** - Assist women and children out of violent and abusive situations.

- 5) **Cross Roads Christian TV - \$500.00** - Haiti Earthquake disasters relief.
- 6) **David Busby Street Centre - \$700.00** - support operation of street peoples center of Trinity Anglican Church.
- 7) **Youth Mission Trip to Nicaragua - June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 14 2010 - \$1400.00** - assist 7 Collier youth to finance participation in this Mission trip with groups from other churches.
- 8) **Emmanuel's Wish Foundation, Utopia, On. - \$500.00** - Haiti earthquake distance relief - converted a church building foundation was involved with into an orphanage for 50 + children from the disaster area.
- 9) **2009 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Gift Program - \$68.06** - Collier Local Collection center's operating expenses.

The 2009 Operation Christmas Child Shoe box gift program is history now. We shipped 5547 shoe box gifts from our collection centre plus 971 from the Wasaga Beach collection centre to the north waterloo processing centre. There, they, along with over 200,000 other from centers in eastern Canada, are organized into appropriate shipments for children in churches, schools, orphanages and other organizations in 5 West African, 2 South American and 2 Central American countries. As in several past years, United Parcel Series Ltd. provided a tractor trailer and driver to take them to the North Waterloo processing centre.

There is one change of special note in the show box gift program for 2010. Paul Hooper, who has been a strong and

resourceful worker in our centre's past operations will take over from Al Perttula as Co-ordinator. We look forward to the same great help for Paul that Al has received from many Collier people in the past 11 years

Submitted by Al Perttula, Chair,  
Collier Mission Committee

## Taxi Ministry

This ministry enables those who would otherwise be unable, to obtain transportation to Sunday Worship. Those who use the taxi ministry are mostly our friends from Friendship Bible Study. We have a very small team of volunteers who make this program possible. They phone the taxi company on Friday night to confirm pickup, they make contact with those using the taxis to confirm pick up is required each week, they meet the taxis on Sunday morning and they ensure that our friends are ready for their taxi home. This team of volunteers are the leaders of the Friendship Bible Study Class.

During the months of July & August the class will not be meeting due to leaders' holiday schedule. Therefore, we won't have a taxi ministry team and those who would normally use it to get to Sunday worship will not be able to worship with us during those two months. That is not a good thing.

**So we need your help!!** Would you be able to take on one of the tasks described above for one or more Sundays during those months? We will ensure that you are trained and comfortable with the tasks. To find out more about the variety of tasks involved, please speak to Andrea Wheaton.

# YOGA

For nearly a year now, a group of us have been enjoying yoga here at Collier on Sunday mornings for an hour before the service. Penny Maguire, our instructor, has been teaching Hatha Yoga, which is a type of yoga that combines classic postures, meditation, breathing and relaxation. It is a wonderful way to connect the mind, the body and the spirit. Many of us are finding that what we learn goes beyond the hour of class and is useful in other areas of our lives as well. If you think that you might be interested in checking this out we can be found in L5 from 9-10 most Sunday mornings. This is an open group and new participants are very welcome at any time.

Penny's spring schedule for classes at her Sweetwaters Studio is up on the bulletin board. If Sunday mornings are not a good time, perhaps you may see another one that suits. We end each session with the word 'namaste', which can be translated as: "May the light in me see the light in you." And so...

Namaste,  
Sarah Craig

Generosity sometimes means  
sharing our knowledge as well as  
our more tangible gifts.  
(Stewardship Seconds)

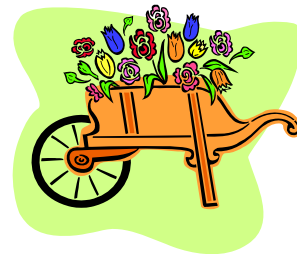
## Vacation Bible School



Get ready to BLAST OFF into outer space this summer at VBS. Our theme for this year is **Galactic Blast** and looks very exciting!! We will be traveling through space from July 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. More details will follow about how you can register your 'cadets'. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please look for the sign up sheets outside of M5 as spring approaches. It's always a wonderful week in the life of our church.

Tanya Kent and Carol Bartlett, Coordinators

### MAYTIME TEA



*Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>*  
*1:30 - 2:00 p.m.*

Enjoy a cup of tea,  
sandwiches & goodies

Shop at our Boutiques!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
TODAY!**

**Watch for more information!**

**BAPTISMS**

**Jack Terrance Michael Card,**  
son of Michael & Paula Card

**Thomas Joseph Blackmore**  
son of Shannon Blackmore & Patricia McCullough

**Ana Carole Oke**  
daughter of Steven & Ashleigh Oke

**Charlie Riggins Hill**  
daughter of Robert & Lisa Hill

**Madison Emily and Mikayla Katherine  
McDermott**

daughters of Neil & Jennifer McDermott  
**Quinn Makad-Smith**

daughter of Neil and Catherine Smith  
**Jessica Helen Strandberg**

daughter of Barry & Susan Strandberg  
**Keyonah Isabella Cochrane**

daughter of Kevin & Tonia Cochrane  
**Alexis Grace Foster**

daughter of Robert & Juliana Foster  
**Brady Jamieson Larmon**

son of Clark & Dawn Larmon,  
**Nathan Trevor, Julya Elizabeth,**

**Elaina Glee, & Victoria Jill**  
children of Derek & Tanis Vos

**WEDDINGS**

**Elizabeth Anne Drennan & Harry James Magill**  
- November 6, 2009

**DEATHS**

**Lee Morrison** - October 29, 2009  
**Douglas Stockdale** - December 2, 2009  
**Vincent Nickless** - January 6, 2010  
**Siew Bing Koo** - January 8, 2010  
**Ronald Clapham** - January 21, 2010  
**Lois Goodreid** - January 28, 2010

*Collier St. United Church*  
**Special Events**  
*March - June 2010*

**ROAST BEEF DINNER**

Wednesday, March 17th  
6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

**SILENT AUCTION**

Thursday - Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>

**MILITARY BAND CONCERT**

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**U.C.W. MAYTIME TEA**

Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>  
1:30 p.m. in the Church Hall, M5, Foyer

**CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL  
& DINNER**

Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

**AFTERNOON OF GREAT  
MUSIC & TALENT**

Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
In the afternoon in the Sanctuary

**MILITARY BAND CONCERT**

Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

# SILENT AUCTION 2010

## WE NEED YOU!

This is a Collier Church project and we need you to join in on the fun and fellowship to help raise funds for the extras at Collier and to help those in our community and world.

### **BID ROOM**

We need furniture, china, paintings etc. of value \$20 or more. We need you to plan a luncheon, dinner or service to bid on. Certificates for hair salons, restaurants etc. are great bid items. Put on your thinking caps and bring in some bid items. Don't forget the sport section again this year.

### **HELP NEEDED**

Floaters, kitchen help, pick up people, set up and clean up people - all kinds of people - young and old to help out.

**Thursday, April 29  
GALA DINNER**

**Friday, April 30  
Lunch at Noon  
Roast Beef Buffet at Night**

**Saturday, May 1  
Lunch at Noon**



**GALA DINNER**  
***New Look ... New Venue ... New Menu***  
Book your tickets early.  
Tables of 8 Or 10  
or individual sales.

**BOOKS, BAKING & PIES**  
are needed.



**KIDS' BID ROOM**  
We need toys, games etc.



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Many people make a financial donation to help pay off any costs we have to incur. Donations are payable to Collier Street Silent Auction.

## **PLUS ...**

**Spread the word** about this event ... bring your family, friends and co-workers to the Auction and enjoy a meal together or 2 or 3 during the 3-day event.

## **PLUS ...**

**Contribute in any way you can** to make our **2010 SILENT AUCTION** all it can be for us and for our community.

## **A word of appreciation to the members of the Joint Needs Assessment Committee**

In March of 2009, the Official Board appointed people to a Joint Needs Assessment Committee. Jeanette Farahbakhsh, Karen Foster (Secretary), Erryle George, Bob Graham, Brian Kent (Chair) and Larry Murray took on this responsibility with great enthusiasm and diligence along with appointees from Living Waters Presbytery Lois Marshall and The Rev. Colin MacDonald. They spent time discerning the ministry personnel needs of the congregation. We are most grateful to all of the members of the JNAC for their year of working together through the process of this work.

At the end of November 2009 the Joint Needs Assessment Committee presented their final report to the Official Board and their recommendations were approved. It was then presented at a meeting of the congregation in December and again the recommendations were approved.

The recommendations of the JNAC report was to modify the current structure of the ministry team from: one Senior Minister (full time), one Staff Associate (full time) and one Minister of Pastoral Care (part time, 12 hours per week) to one Coordinating Minister of Worship (full time), one Minister of Education for Children and Youth (full time) and one Minister of Pastoral Care and Adult Education (part time, 20 hours per week, which is a half time position).

## **Joint Search Committee**

In response to the JNAC report and its' recommendations, the Official Board has established a Joint Search Committee. Appointed to this committee are Jeanette Farahbakhsh, Erryle George, Bob Hancock, Brian Kent (Chair), and Sheila Niemeyer. The representatives appointed by Living Waters Presbytery are Lois Marshall and The Rev. Glen Eagle.

The purpose of the committee is to find a minister for the half-time position of Minister of Pastoral Care and Adult Education. They will prepare a report and will recommend one applicant and the terms of the call or appointment to a meeting of the congregation.

How do you raise funds; cater funerals; build churches; visit the sick and lonely; support church missions in Canada and abroad; feed new ministers; support theological education centres; plan World Day of Prayer services; foster Christian faithfulness in the community; organize teas, bake sales and study groups; take part in ecumenical, interfaith and community activities? Ask the UCW. They form the backbone of congregations across Canada.

From the *Unofficial United Church Handbook*  
which you can find in our church library.

**Why don't you join one of our UCW  
Units today and be a part of the  
backbone of your church?**

## A way to offer help!

Mennonite Central Committee Canada (MCCC) is the Canadian arm of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). MCC, founded in 1920, is a relief and development service agency. It is a Christian organization that seeks to demonstrate God's love by working among people suffering from poverty, conflict, oppression and natural disaster.

### MCC in Canada

- Assists refugees, claimants and migrants in Canada and globally.
- Helps people living in poverty in Canada and globally.
- Works with both victims of crime and offenders.
- Fosters just relationships with Aboriginal peoples.
- Engages people on peace and justice issues.
- Promotes global education.
- Gives people a way to respond to the needs in the world.

Relief, development and peace, MCC Canada's core objectives take shape through:

Addressing Injustice  
 Promoting Alternatives to Violence  
 Promoting Healthy Relationships  
 Building Capacity  
 Working towards Inclusion  
 Encouraging Sustainable Living

In addition to donations of money, MCC is collecting 20,000 relief kits to be sent to Haitian earthquake survivors.

The supplies will help relieve the discomfort and suffering of Haitians who are sleeping on streets and in open areas because their homes are destroyed or because they don't trust the

safety of the buildings that remain. Listed below are the specifications for the relief kits.



- ♥ 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapping)
- ♥ 1 plastic bottle shampoo (380-710ml / 13-24oz; place bottle in a re-sealable plastic bag)
- ♥ 4 large bars of laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha, Sunlight or Zote brands)
- ♥ 1 squeeze-tube toothpaste (minimum 130ml / 6oz; leave in box)
- ♥ 4 adult-size toothbrushes (leave in packaging)
- ♥ 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- ♥ 2 wide-tooth combs (6 to 8 in / 15 to 20cm)
- ♥ 1 fingernail clipper
- ♥ 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40, assorted)
- ♥ 1 package sanitary pads (18-24 thin maxi)

Place contents in a box or bag and drop off to the front desk. Ruth Reesor will drop off the kits to the collection location in Stouffville. MCCC will repack the kits in a new 5-gallon plastic pail with lid before they are shipped off. Thanks for helping!!

## Congratulations, Andrea!

At the beginning of 2009 a new policy and program was implemented that governs and equips lay members of the United Church to serve in paid accountable leadership for worship, pastoral care, education, and service in the church. This policy meant that Andrea Wheaton changed from being a Staff Associate to a Designated Lay Minister unrecognized. After interviews with Living Waters Presbytery and Toronto Conference a motion was passed by the Toronto Conference Interview Committee that Andrea be **recognized** as a Designated Lay Minister within The United Church of Canada. Once recognized, a DLM may be appointed by any presbytery to serve in paid accountable ministry in a pastoral charge or other presbytery-accountable ministry.

On Sunday afternoon, May 30, 2010, in the closing worship Service of the Annual Meeting of Toronto Conference, along with those being ordained and commissioned, **Andrea Wheaton** will be recognized as a Designated Lay Minister.

Even with this formal recognition of Andrea's position within the United Church of Canada, we at Collier have already recognized many things about her: her superb leadership qualities ... her ability to attract strong leaders to our educational programs ... her many close friendships with the volunteers who work with her ... her great love for the children and youth of our congregation ... her ability to work collegially with her co-workers ... her gifts in leading in worship and relating so well to our children

and youth ... her wonderful sense of humour ... and above all, a great faith that has brought all of these gifts to life.

How fortunate we are that Andrea has been with us since July 1 of 1998.

Submitted by Dennis Posno

### Easter Breakfast

Your help is needed with the set up and serving of the Easter Breakfast which follows each of our worship services on Easter Sunday beginning with the Sunrise Service. If you can help with set up on Saturday, Apr. 3 or the set up, serving and clean up on Sunday, Apr. 4 we would appreciate it. See the sign up sheet at the sign up board to fill your name in to your preferred task and time. Thanks.

### WHERE ARE JIM & LENORE LEONARD?

The Leonards are living happily in Vernon, B.C. and have involved themselves in a local Anglican church - All Saint's. Wouldn't you know it. Jim is playing twice a month in the 9:14 worship band on piano. Lenore is already involved in a morning Bible Study group. We have their permission to provide the following contact information:

Jim and Lenore Leonard  
6430 Holbrook Road, Vernon, BC V1B 3T5  
1-778-475-1557 [docjl@shaw.ca](mailto:docjl@shaw.ca)  
[lmleonard@shaw.ca](mailto:lmleonard@shaw.ca)

## Collier Christmas Family Festival

2009 marked the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of having a real baby play the role of the Christ Child in our Christmas Eve Pageant. So at our congregational event on Sunday, Dec. 6, we planned around the theme "Christmas Family". All of the children that have played or was about to play the starring role were invited to attend our event along with their families.

- 1998 Jack Hunt
- 1999 Bronwyn Bell
- 2000 Carter Schofield
- 2001 Davis King
- 2002 Pierson Michalski
- 2003 Jacob Cliche
- 2004 Trinity Sekleski
- 2005 Aaron Gregoire
- 2006 Ella Storning
- 2007 Carson Manuel
- 2008 Sierra Lee
- 2009 Olivia Telford

We took pictures of all those starring babies that were able to attend. Then everyone had an opportunity to dress up as any of the pageant characters and have their picture taken in front of the stable backdrop. As families we decorated gingerbread houses and we made a family dinnertime game. We also prepared Christmas gift bags for members of Friendship who are part of our church family. We also made a Christmas tree ornament of the Holy Family to remind us of the gift of Christmas and how each of our families are called to live as a family in our world. It was one of my favourite events at the church in 2009!!

*Pictured below from left to right: Jack Hunt, Olivia Telford, Davis King, Pierson Michalski, Jacob Cliche, Carson Manuel, Sierra Lee & Bronwyn Bell.*



# Worship at Collier

March 21 LENT 5 + NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY  
10:30 A.M.

March 23 TUESDAY NOONDAY SERVICE  
12 Noon

## HOLY WEEK

March 28 LENT 6 + PALM SUNDAY  
10:30 A.M. *Celebration of Holy Communion*

March 30 TUESDAY NOONDAY SERVICE  
12 Noon

April 1 THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE  
7:00 P.M. *Extinguishing of the Light*

April 2 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
10:30 A.M.

April 4 EASTER SUNDAY  
7:00 A.M. *Sunrise Service at Heritage Park  
Breakfast following at Collier*

9:00 & 10:30 A.M. *Celebration of the Resurrection*

## APRIL - MAY - JUNE

May 9 MOTHERS' DAY  
10:30 A.M. *After Church Communion*

May 23 VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND  
10:30 A.M.

MAY 30 ANOTHER WONDERFUL DAY  
10:30 A.M.

TORONTO CONFERENCE MEETS AT  
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH IN ORILLIA

*Andrea Wheaton will be recognized as a Designated  
Lay Minister at a Service at 2:00 in the afternoon.*

JUNE 6 NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY  
10:30 A.M. *Celebration of the United Church of  
Canada's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

JUNE 13 CONFIRMATION/COMMUNION  
10:30 A.M. *Celebration of Holy Communion  
Reception of 2010 Confirmation Class*

JUNE 20 FATHERS' DAY  
10:30 A.M.

JUNE 27 CHILDREN'S SERVICE  
10:30 A.M. CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

## NOONDAY

## LENTEN SERVICES

our 50<sup>th</sup> year

From Tuesday, February 23  
to Tuesday, March 30

**The theme for this year's  
noonday Lenten Series is ~**

"May the Christ who walks on wounded feet  
walk on the road with you.  
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands  
stretch out your hands to serve.  
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart  
open your heart to love.  
May you see the face of Christ  
in everyone you meet.  
May everyone you meet  
see the face of Christ in you."

**(A Celtic Prayer)**

**The leaders from Barrie's United Churches  
will be the speakers for the day.**

The service is preceded (11:30 a.m.)  
and followed (12:30 p.m.) by a  
soup and sandwich luncheon (\$6.00)