

ERAMOSA PASTORAL CHARGE
SPEEDSIDE and BARRIE HILL UNITED CHURCHES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Community Announcements

**Our aim for this weekly email will be to bring about a sense of community, positivity and light during a very challenging time in our world.*

As most of you are aware, both of our church buildings, Barrie Hill and Speedside, have been temporarily closed and all worship, events and public gatherings have been suspended. Please enjoy this small piece of the congregation we are bringing to you during this period of social distancing.

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Remote Office Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please **submit bulletin announcements** to the EPC Office **by Thursday evening.**

If you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving the community announcements by email please contact the church office.

MISSION STATEMENT

Arising from a deeply rooted faith in God, known to us through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, we, the people of Eramosa Pastoral Charge, celebrate that we are a Christian community striving to share our faith, friendship, fun, music and other talents. We do this through our unique rural approach to worship, Christian education, stewardship and pastoral care.

**Welcome to Eramosa Pastoral Charge's Weekly Community
Announcements**

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Online Worship Services

The re-opening of Barrie Hill and Speedside have been delayed for a little while longer. In the meantime, Rev. Lynn will be recording online church services every week with a lay reader from Barrie Hill or Speedside. They will be posted on Sundays and can be watched anytime. They can be found at:

- ❖ Our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/barriehillunited
- ❖ Our website: www.amosapc.com

If anyone has trouble viewing these services, please contact the EPC office

The Music is on its Way!

We are excited to announce that our Barrie Hill Music Coordinator, Mary Meads, will be sharing her music with us once again beginning **September 13th!**

The music will be posted the same time and place as our Sunday services

Rev. Lynn is back and the **Speedside** session met with her to discuss re-opening. At this time, we have decided to delay re-opening until people are comfortable coming together again under the new protocols. We will continue to hold regular meetings.

In the meantime, Sunday worship via Facebook (www.facebook.com/barriehillunited) or on-line (www.amosapc.com) will be led by Rev. Lynn and a lay reader from either Speedside or Barrie Hill. Please note the time of the service may vary, depending on availability of the video crew. The benefit of having it on-line is that you can watch it at your convenience. Rev. Lynn is also making phone calls and visits, and your Elders are available if you have concerns or questions.

Glenda Rose, Clerk of Session
Bruce Miller, Secretary

**** Offering —** If you're not already on PAR, please consider this option for your offering. The form to start (or change) PAR is on the UCC website, or contact me (519-843-3425 or glenda.rose010@sympatico.ca)

Barrie Hill members: To continue regular offerings please mail cheque (no cash) to Brenda Auger,
7847 Mill Road, Guelph
N1H6J1

PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance): If interested in considering PAR as another method of giving contact Brenda Auger 519-830-0496 or mbauger1950@gmail.com

Speedside members: The expenses of the church continue, even though the building is closed. If you've been wondering how to continue your regular offerings, please consider doing one of the following:

1. PAR (pre-authorized remittance) - If you're already on PAR, your monthly givings will continue. If you're not on PAR, please consider using this method of giving. If you're interested, email Glenda Rose at glenda.rose010@sympatico.ca or phone at 519-843-3425.
2. Mail your cheque (no cash) to Rhonda Hattle, 7912 Mill Rd, Guelph N1H 6J1
3. Drop off your cheque at Speedside, and leave it in Rhonda's mail box.
4. Mail your cheque to Speedside: 5903 Wellington Rd 29, Rockwood NOB 2K0.

Note: the mailbox is checked regularly.

In celebration of Speedside church's 175th, Janet Scott & Sue Weir are hoping to put together a scrapbook.

They are looking to gather photos/memorabilia/church activities throughout 1845-2020.

If you would like to scan the items please let them know, then they will keep them.

They are prepared to scan your items & return them to you.

Please identify your photo/memorabilia by name, date, and put them in a zip lock bag to contain everything. Also, include how to contact you via text, e-mail, phone #.

You could drop them off at the church, Janet's house, or Sue's mailbox. Please let them know so they can be picked up in a timely manner

*According to our Regional Prayer Cycle for Western Ontario Waterways:
Alliston: St. John's*

Minutes for Mission

Sep 6: Deaf Ministry in Newfoundland

St. John's, NL

Mission & Service has been supporting Deaf ministry in and around St. John's, NL, for 33 years, providing community, worship leadership, and pastoral care to people of all ages.

COMMUNITY NEWS

***Barrie Hill Church Council Meeting Wednesday Sept. 23,
7:30 pm at the church***

Info deadline for Fall newsletter is Sept. 27th, 2020



Share your summer stories and any special birthdays and anniversaries.

Also any upcoming events through till Christmas.

An update on Fall church will also be included.

Next newsletter will be in January 2021.

Please email jsmcfarlane@xplor.net

- ✚ Choir practice will resume virtually starting **September 17, 2020 7:30-8:30pm VIA ZOOM**. I will send out the link for you to join. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME... send me an email if you'd like to try it out this fall.
- ✚ Calling ALL MUSICIANS! Please email me if you'd like to be a soloist or play a piece of special music for our online service.
- ✚ As we move to the online format, I'm hopeful that music and art can be a way of connecting from a distance. Let's share what we are up to! Please submit by email original photos, art work, video, pictures of that wonderful project you've been working on (canning, quilts, you name it!) anything that I can pair visually with weekly hymns!
- ✚ Special Hymn Sings and Youth Music events will be happening online VIA Facebook / ZOOM. Stayed tuned and read the announcements to find out when these fun events will be happening.

If anyone is unable to get out shopping due to quarantine or self isolation, please let us know by email or a phone call. We have volunteers willing to shop for you and safely deliver with social distancing. Email or call the office if this is something you would like help with, or if you would be willing to volunteer for this



You're invited to Speedside
on
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
1:30 - 2:30
for a

Parking Lot Pie Party

This will be the perfect opportunity to socialize (social distanced, of course) with friends we haven't seen for several months.

Please RSVP by Friday, September 11, 2020

to
Glenda Rose 519-843-3425

or
Doris Carney 519-824-9098

Speedside will provide a slice of pie. Please bring your own beverage and lawn chair.

Note: Masks are required, unless you're eating/drinking, and social distancing of 2 metres required.

United Church of Canada – Mission & Service Story

Making Masks Proves Money Follows Mission

"We have made new and important connections to our community."



Ruth Nicholson, a member of St. James United Church in Waterdown, ON, takes orders for masks.

Credit:

David Nicholson

United Churches were among the early adopters of mask-making. Before masks became mandatory and as science increasingly proved that wearing them prevents the spread of the virus, United Churches began to coordinate mask-making ventures. Some churches are discovering that their neighbours are eager to support the initiative financially.

A small group of people who like to sew at St. James United Church in Waterdown, ON, have sewn over 3,000 masks since April.

"We are still sewing nearly every day and getting lots of repeat customers. We mail packages of masks across the country, from Winnipeg to Kingston so far," says Ruth Nicholson, who coordinates the venture. "Beyond simply supplying a mask, we have made new and important connections to our community. We have been able to be a shoulder to lean on, a happy connection to make someone's day a bit sunnier, and a back-and-forth conversation with someone who is afraid or lonely."

The basic masks sewn by St. James United go for a \$5 suggested donation—or any amount, based on what people feel they can afford. "We've received up to \$100 for a single mask, just in gratitude," says Ryk Brown, the church's minister. Donations from mask purchases have been used to buy grocery cards for people in need and to support migrant workers and the church itself. The financial support has been astounding. "In-house church giving has held steady during the pandemic. Outside giving has hit five digits. All because of one mission project," says Brown.

Alexa Gilmour, the minister at Windermere United Church in Toronto where masks are also being sewn, echoes Brown's experience. "What has been truly eye-opening through all this is how much our neighbours look to the church for leadership at this time. I've responded to many posts where we are tagged by strangers on social media saying, 'Maybe Windermere United can help' or 'I've heard Windermere United has free masks and food,'" says Gilmour, adding that the church has seen a boost in volunteerism and financial support. "People have been calling us to ask how they can help. Our Benevolent Fund doubled its usual yearly total by April because neighbours kicked in once they found out it was a way to help keep people fed and sheltered."

"The pandemic is proving that the cornerstone stewardship teachings 'Gratitude inspires generosity' and 'Money follows mission' are absolutely correct. The number one reason why people give is because they are aligned with your mission," says Dave Jagger, who holds the United Church's stewardship portfolio. "When people believe in what you are doing, they want to help."

Has your church's mission project inspired generosity during the COVID-19 pandemic? We'd love to hear your story. Drop Trisha Elliott a line at telliott@united-church.ca.

Dr. James Makokis is a proud Cree from the Saddle Lake First Nation in northern Alberta and a physician. He was a keynote speaker at Rendez-vous 2020.

Credit:

Speakers Bureau of Canada

Rendez-vous 2020, the United Church's national youth and young adult gathering, was an event like no other—just as 2020 has been a year like no other.

In late April, the Rendez-vous design team decided there couldn't be a large gathering in Calgary because of COVID-19. Plans that had been in the works for over a year were scrapped, disappointment reigned, and there was wavering about whether to postpone to 2021, cancel completely, or reimagine. After anxious conversations, disagreements, and a few tears, the decision was made to reimagine Rendez-vous 2020 as an online event.

The team wanted young people to know that the church understood all they were missing, cared for them even if we couldn't be with them in person, and wanted to bless them.

Rendez-vous 2020 Reimagined, held August 11–14, was much like a face-to-face event. There were engaging keynote speakers, lively worship sessions, home groups, a service project, as well as workshops and spiritual practice sessions too numerous to list. Each

morning started with Teachings by Elders, and each evening ended with a fun social time. Photos were shared, chats occurred, and exhibits viewed. Some people participated from home, others took part while camping, and some joined in from their church parking lots.

More than 480 young people attended the various activities over the course of the event. There were participants from every province in Canada as well as denominations, including Anglican, Lutheran, and United Church of Christ. The virtual nature of the event drew the circle wider than ever: Global partners from around the world, including the Philippines, Palestine, France, and Kenya joined in.

Together, the participants shared bold faith, created brave space, and offered one another brazen grace—all from a safe distance. Several young people thanked the church for finding a creative way to host Rendez-vous. "Thank you so much for continuing with Rendez-vous," one participant wrote, "I find it difficult to be in social settings at the best of times so this was wonderful for me. I did miss creating those physical connections but I am glad we were still able to gather, from a safe distance."

Following a moving keynote speech by Dr. James Makokis, a leader and well-known expert within the Indigenous, LGBTQ2 and medical community, one young person wrote, "Being a young person going through college, it makes me feel so much better when I hear someone who has failed but was able to get back on their feet. It's so inspiring."