

ERAMOSA PASTORAL CHARGE  
SPEEDSIDE and BARRIE HILL UNITED CHURCHES

Friday, September 11, 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***

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](http://www.facebook.com/barriehillunited)
- ❖ Our website: [www.amosapc.com](http://www.amosapc.com)

***A bulletin for the Sunday service will be available on our website and will also be included as an attachment in the weekly announcement email sent out Friday afternoon/evening.***

*\*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 **this Sunday, September 13th!**

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

**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:  
Annan-Woodford*

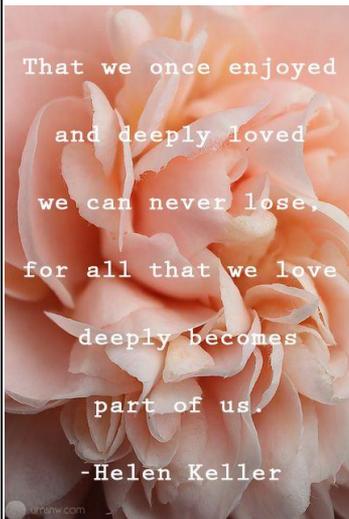
### **Minutes for Mission**

#### **National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering 2019**

#### **National Indigenous Church, United Church reconciliation work**

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the important work of reconciliation, including the National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering every three years. In August 2019 the Gathering was held on the territory of the Chippewas of Rama near Orillia, ON, where Indigenous members decided on the structure and priorities for the self-determining Indigenous church within the United Church.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



A formal good bye to Bev Veldhuis will be held on ***Sunday, September 13 at 2:00pm***

Service at Johnson Cemetery

*\*Masks and social distance protocols will be observed*

***\*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@explornet.ca](mailto:jsmcfarlane@explornet.ca)

## **A Message from Mary**

Happy Fall Barrie Hill!

I'm so looking forward to re-connecting this fall, albeit in an entirely new way. The great news is that we're all friends, and on this learning curve together, so let's experiment, laugh, and make music!

- ✚ 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.

***Blessings,  
Mary***

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  
(That's tonight!)**

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.

### **NEW TO YOU STORE IN FERGUS HOURS UPDATE**

To Donate gently used or new items to the store- Donations accepted only ***Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings 8:00 am to 12 noon, or when donation unit is full- whichever happens first.*** -

For Store hours, we are slowly getting back to normal hours- Store now open ***Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 am to 4 p.m.***

COVID rules mean a mask is required and social distancing lets under 12 in at one time to shop, so please be patient if you come on a busy day.

Volunteers work in smaller units now in the work area and wear masks if near others.

Thank you for your support of Groves Hospital. We are so happy that the new hospital is up and running, although we have not been able to have the big party that was planned. There will be no Christmas bake sale or special bazaar this year- but Christmas items will be in

the store for regular shopping. Already Hallowe'en items are out for purchase.



## Cookies & Coffee

The pastoral charge is invited to and outdoor cookies and coffee in Barrie Hill's parking lot **Tuesday, September 22, 10:30 am – 11:30 am.** (Weather dependant)

Please bring lawn chairs. Outdoor social distance visiting may alleviate the need for facemasks for some, but to use the washroom facilities these are necessary.

**RSVP by Friday September 18 4-pm** - to Tim Card

– [Tim3Card@gmail.com](mailto:Tim3Card@gmail.com) (please use this email address as record of visitor contact necessary for social gatherings)

Coffee / Tea – juice will be provide along with cookies.



We look forward to seeing you!

## A Prayer for Back to School

(Taken from [www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca))

*Hi, God...*

*it's not too long before my daughter heads back to school,  
alongside of other children, teens, and young adults,  
in so many communities.*

*And, to be honest, I'm worried.*

*Not just for her,*

*but for every single student —  
from the youngest to the eldest;*

*and for every single teacher,*

*and support person,*

*every one of the support staff,*

*and the administrators —*

*the people we trust to not only help our children learn,*

*but learn in an environment where they are*

*safe,*

*cared about,  
and respected;  
where their whole person is taken into account,  
as they live and learn and grow!*

*But... I'm worried.*

*I'm worried about their health,  
in the face of COVID-19.*

*I'm worried about the resources we've set aside,  
not just to ensure their learning,  
but their learning in safety.*

*And it's not just the ones who will participate in learning  
at the school building —*

*I'm worried about the ones who will be learning from home,  
the ones who will be sitting in front of their screens,  
connecting with the lessons, the teachers,  
and their peers there.*

*And I'm worried about the students  
who won't have what they need —  
technologically, or people-wise —  
to experience the schooling we understand  
they need.*

*So, I'm praying.*

*I'm praying that our decision-makers:  
listen to the science,*

*make sure the resources are there,  
do all they can to help the children  
who will be in schoolrooms and at home;*

*I'm praying*

*for the health of our children,  
and all those who support them;*

*I'm praying*

*that we all work together,  
in equity and in hope,  
to ensure that every student has what they need,  
to be the learner that they are.*

*And I continue to pray for all of our health-care workers,  
and those researching therapies and vaccines,  
that we might be able to respond to COVID-19,  
and have the health to work on*

*the rest of what needs to be done.  
Help me to trust that we are doing  
all that we can  
for all of our children.  
Help me to trust that we will do even more  
than we think we are able,  
for every child,  
everywhere.*

*In Christ's name, I pray.  
Amen.*