

ERAMOSIA PASTORAL CHARGE
SPEEDSIDE and BARRIE HILL UNITED CHURCHES

Friday, January 8, 2021

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 in-person worships, 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 is recording online church services every week with a lay reader from Barrie Hill or Speedside. They are posted on Sundays and can be watched anytime. They can be found at:

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

Barrie Hill members:

Please consider one of the following options to continue your regular offerings.

- mail cheque (no cash) to Barrie Hill Church , 5702 Wellington Road #29, Rockwood, On. N0B2K0 **or** Mail cheque to Brenda Auger, Treasurer , 7847 Mill Road, Guelph, On, N1H6J1
- Etransfer to barriehillfinance@gmail.com. No need for password as directly deposited to account
- -PAR (preauthorized remittance)If interested in considering PAR as another method please 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.

*According to our Regional Prayer Cycle for Western Ontario Waterways:
Kitchener: Trinity*

COMMUNITY NEWS



**Newsletter info is due on *Sunday, Jan. 24*
to jsmcfarlane72@gmail.com**

Send any church reports that you wish to share, your family photos, special occasions and upcoming events.

Let's stay connected!!

Anyone wishing to borrow a **hymn book** for participation in the online worship services, should contact Tim Card using tim3card@gmail.com. Tim will arrange pick up or drop off of sanitized books. He will keep track of them so that when Covid is over, we still have books for the pews.



**The 2020 Annual Reports are due by January 22. Please email them to the EPC office
Thank you!**

WE WANT TO HEAR YOU!



BARRIE HILL
MUSIC

Music & Ministry Outreach - We want to HEAR YOU!

As we enter into the new year with gathering restrictions, we still want to encourage our congregation and community members to continue their incredible participation in the online worship.

We want ALL to feel WELCOME to participate in any of the following ways (congregations from our pastoral charge, community members, friends of friends, and all families!):

1. At Home recordings of musical selections, including special music and hymns (if this is something that is speaking to you, please email Mary at barriehillmusic@gmail.com for some tips and tricks on how to make this happen).
2. Original Artwork and Photographs (we want to see what you are up to!) sent to either Mary or Paul (p.knierim@hotmail.com).
3. Join our Virtual Choir Practices on Thursdays, from 7:30-8:15pm. We start again January 14, 2021. We are having a lot of fun meeting in community and finding unique ways to engage with music making. Send Mary an email to join.
4. Stay tuned for more virtual hymns singing, some youth centred virtual programming, and lots more exciting projects!

Warmth, Mary

Barrie Hill Church Council meeting Wednesday
January 13 at 7:00 pm via zoom.



Minute for Missions

A Fresh Start: Aria's Story

We all know what it's like to need a fresh start. But some of us have more support systems and opportunities in place to help us get the new beginning we need.

Aria was in the third year of getting a law degree when she discovered she was pregnant. Without close family to lean on and limited financial resources, she had to take a break from school and go to work. To support herself and the child she was expecting, she took two jobs, arriving at the first at 6 a.m. and finishing the second at 10:30 p.m.

"I was on the unstable side of things, trying to find stable housing and later, daycare. I just needed a start. I was on my own," she says.

A social worker referred Aria to the Massey Centre, an organization supported by your Mission & Service gifts that helps pregnant and parenting adolescents aged 13–25. At the Massey Centre, Aria enrolled in maternity classes and motherhood programs, received help getting her driver's licence, and found stable housing.

"As a young person, I was thrown into the world. I never had the start that I would have liked. I had to figure a lot of things out. The best part about being at the Centre is that I feel like I am in a safe, supportive environment, and I am around other moms in the same situation. The staff are like family to me. They show up for you, and that's important," she says.

Aria is a proud mother of a happy, healthy 17-month-old boy named Amari. She is finishing the fourth year of her law degree and has important dreams.

"I want to be a good mom. I feel that I am a good mother. But I want a good job so I can support Amari and help other people. I had a rough start in life. That's why I'm studying law. I'm hoping to be of some use as a lawyer to benefit young people who went through things like I did," she says.

Your gifts through Mission & Service give ambitious, intelligent young moms like Aria as well as their beautiful children the stability they need to thrive. Make a gift to Mission & Service today. Choose to give families a fresh start. Thank you!

Listen

Isaiah 43:18–19

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Sing

"I See a New Heaven," *Voices United* 713

"There Is a Time," *More Voices* 165

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry," VU 644

Reflect

- Where do you witness God at work in the world doing a new thing?
- When have you had a fresh start? What supports did you have to help you?
- Where is newness springing forth in your life?

Pray

At a Gathering

Your way is a way of love, O God. Help us be loving. Your way is a way of grace, O God. Help us be gracious. Your way is a way of peace, O God. Help us be peaceful. Your way is a way of compassion, O God. Help us be compassionate. Let your way guide us as we gather. Steady us on your path to experience the unfolding of your Spirit. Amen.

For Personal Devotion

In the wilderness, you make a way.

In the desert, you carve a river.

You draw me toward a fresh start, O God.

I am grateful.

Turn my gratitude to your mission and service.

A mission to support others seeking a way.

A service that holds the promise of a fresh start.

For your way, your truth, and your light I pray, O God.

Amen.