

ERAMOSA PASTORAL CHARGE
SPEEDSIDE and BARRIE HILL UNITED CHURCHES

Friday, August 28, 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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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.erasosapc.com

This **Sunday, August 30** will be posted late afternoon.

**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 at (www.erasosapc.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:
Ripley-Bervie/Kinloss*

Minutes for Mission

Rendez vous in Review

Rendez vous

Every three years, Rendez-vous brings together United Church young people for worship, service, prayer, community, and learning. Thanks to your gifts for Mission & Service Rendez-vous is able to happen every three years in a different part of the country—including in Calgary in 2020..

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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



Exercise During the Pandemic

Regular exercise is important to your overall health, both physical and mental. It may seem difficult, though, when we're being asked to stay home as much as possible. Now that the weather is improving, it's easier to get out for daily walks.

Eldergym, found on Google or Facebook, is an excellent site, with regular live feeds. These are gentle exercises, many done seated, using little or no equipment. The exercises are targeted to seniors but they're great for everyone looking to build or improve strength and improve flexibility and balance.

-Glenda Rose, Group Fitness Instructor, Older Adults (certified with CanFit Pro)

United Church of Canada – Mission & Service Story
Reimagined event draws the circle wider.



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."