

ERAMOSA PASTORAL CHARGE

**Barrie Hill & Speedside
United Churches**

**Winter 2024
NEWSLETTER**



Eramosa Pastoral Charge

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If you wish to submit family news or announcements to the newsletter please send to Shirley at jsmcfarlane72@gmail.com

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Info from Barrie Hill and Speedside to include on Facebook, please send to Martha at martha.amidon@gmail.com



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.



Eramosa Pastoral Charge



Speedside 9:30 a.m. and Barrie Hill 11:00 a.m.

The services will be recorded and posted on Sunday afternoons for those who wish to watch the service from the comfort of your home. Watch the services on our facebook page www.facebook.com/barriehillunited or our website: www.erasosapc.com

Upcoming Services of Celebration



Communion First Sunday of Lent Sunday, Feb. 18

Palm Sunday Service Sunday, March 24

Good Friday Service Friday, March 29

Easter Sunday Service Sunday, March 31



**MARK
YOUR CALENDAR!**

Eramosa Pastoral Charge Congregational Meeting at Barrie Hill on Sun. Feb. 11 at 11:00 a.m.

...following a **joint service of Barrie Hill and Speedside at 10: a.m.** The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and approve the Community of Faith Profile and Job Description, as the next steps in the process to start the search for a new minister.

Thank you to Susan Dunlop (chair), Sue Weir, Lynda henry, Tim Card and Glenda Boles for their tremendous efforts in completing the Community of Faith profile.

Anyone interested in volunteering to be part of the search committee for a new minister contact Bruce Miller (Speedside) or Jim McFarlane (Barrie Hill).



PASTORAL
SEARCH COMMITTEE

Eramosa Pastoral Charge

Stone Church Food Grains Giant Pumpkin Weigh Off on Oct 15, 2023

Smallest pumpkin won by Louise Meads

1st place (and defending champions) Flora, Hazel and Levi
Benham....2nd place Randy and Lena Parkinson



Food Grains project at
Jim and Judy Parkers.

Rob and Jim McFarlane
combining corn.

Eramosa Pastoral Charge



**Valentine's
Chocolate Bingo**

ALL AGES!

OUR INTERGENERATIONAL
COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO JOIN
FOR SOME FUN!

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2024
6:00-7:30PM
BARRIE HILL CHURCH BASEMENT**

Advice from a SNOWMAN

Be a jolly, happy soul...Spend time outdoors...

Stay cool... It's OK to be a little bottom heavy...

Avoid meltdowns...Be well-rounded...Live well,
life is short!!



MID-DAY MUSIC AT MELVILLE

Our very own pianist, Brad Halls, continues to perform at Melville every Wednesday from noon to 1:00 p.m.

There is no admission cost for the concerts but a voluntary donation to Melville UC to help keep the heat on and the piano tuned is always appreciated.



Mark your calendars for **Vacation Bible School** this summer July 2 – 5 at Barrie Hill United Church. You will find info and registration forms at the end of this newsletter.



Eramosa Pastoral Charge

CONNECT29 will be hosting euchre games at Barrie Hill Church on the first Monday of every month from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and also on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.



All are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship.

Train of Life



At birth, we boarded the train of life and met our parents, and we believed that they would always travel by our side. However, at some station, our parents would step down from the train, leaving us on life's journey alone. As time goes by, some significant people will board the train: siblings, other children, friends and even the love of our life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go unnoticed that we won't realize that they vacated their seats! This train ride has been a mixture of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes and farewells.

A successful journey consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery that prevails is that we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. Thus, we must try to travel along the track of life in the best possible way...loving, forgiving, giving and sharing.

When the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who continue to travel on the train of life. Let's remember to thank our Creator for giving us life to participate in this journey.

James Tippett (1885-1958)



Our sympathies to the families who lost loved ones:

Walter John Gordon October 20, 2023

Kathryn (Kate) Jean Gilchrist November 1, 2023

News from *Speedside*.....



MUSICAL FUNDRAISER

Enjoy an afternoon of music at Speedside United Church with JAMES GORDON on Saturday, February 17th at 2:00 p.m.

This is a community event and everyone is welcome.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$20. each, cash only.

Proceeds will be used to help repair the church roof.



Speedside Members:

We thank you for your continued monetary contributions. You may want to consider PAR (pre-authorized remittance) –if you are interested, email Glenda Rose at gdrose0550@gmail.com or phone at 519-843-3425



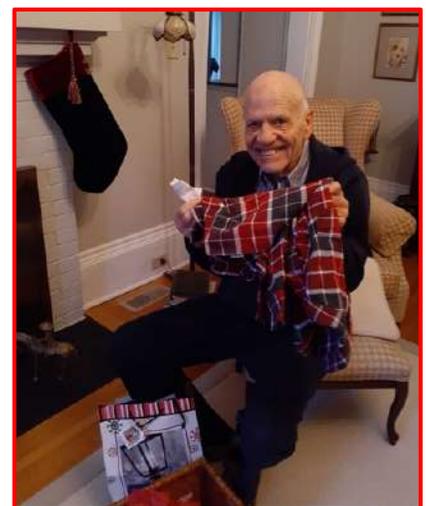
Christmas with Doug and Vera at the Pletsch home.



Doug and Paul



Oh, a heating blanket.
Great for watching TV.



Wow, a warm flannel
for winter.

Speedside news...



Top left to right - Sue Weir, Wendy Whittaker, Brenda McTavish
Right – Liz Miller, Ruth Anne Peller, Wendy Whittaker.

Speedside Christmas Cookie Box Fundraiser.

The Speedside ladies filling the
boxes ready for pickup.



A Face from the Past

Today I had a fleeting glance
Someone I used to know,
A face that I remembered well
So many moons ago.

Her hair was grey, her shoulders bent.
She didn't move as fast.
And all those busy hectic times
Came rushing from the past.

It really was a fleeting glance.
No time to stand and stare,
But in that big shop window
Just me, reflected there.

(Somehow, I can relate each time I look in the
mirror, and my grandson asks why I have so
many wrinkles and two chins.)

Submitted by Joan Gordon



News from *Barrie Hill*...



Baptisms:

Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023

Lucas James William Hatch, son of Cassie and Cyle Hatch

Anna Jane Broadfoot, daughter of Jenny and Dean Broadfoot

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Madden William Andrew Fischer, son of Corey and Sarah Fischer



Confirmation of Baptismal Faith

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Mark Paul Knierim, Wesley Martin Knierim,
Mikayla Grace Kent, Autumn Kathleen Kent,
Aidan Edward Kent

Congratulations to **Joe Quast** who celebrated his 90th birthday with a Open House at his home on November 18, 2023



If you would be interested in being a greeter on a Sunday morning, please email showatt48@gmail.com to sign up.

A FARMERS CREED



I believe a man's greatest possession is his dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

I believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honourable way a man can spend his days on this earth.

I believe farming nurtures the close family ties that make life rich in ways money can't buy.

I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned in no other way.

I believe farming provides education for life and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.

I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free; the splendour of a sunrise, the rapture of wide-open spaces, the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.

I believe true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children growing tall in the sun, your whole family feeling the pride that springs from their shared experience.

I believe that by my toil I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it, an honour that does not come to all men.

I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my fellow man, and by this standard I fear no judgment.

I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived.

I believe in farming because it makes all this possible.

Submitted by Bill Somerville

Barrie Hill news...



Each month we are collecting items for the Centre Wellington Food Bank.

February – canned meat: salmon, tuna, chicken, ham

March – canned soup

April - peanut butter, almond butter , nutella

May – cold boxed cereal

Drop off box in the foyer by the back door.

Thank you to all who donated food and monies to the Food Bank over the Christmas Holiday season. The specialty food donations we made along with the money donations to purchase grocery cards contributed to a happier merrier Christmas for families in need in our community.

Youth Choir led by Mary Meads

Sun. Dec. 10, 2023

Back row: (left to right) Avery Broadfoot, Violet Weissman, Emma Howatt, Heidi Broadfoot

Middle row:(left to right) Mielle Carpentier, Logan Hatch, Flora Benham, Mason Andrews, Lily Hatch, Josie Broadfoot

Front row: (left to right) Noah Kron, Hazel Benham, Charlie Meads, Caroline Broadfoot, Halle Andrews
not pictured... Etta Meads, Ariya Carpentier



Barrie Hill news...

Barrie Hill First Annual Christmas Tea Fundraiser

Sat. Nov. 25, 2023

Organizers left to right: Sandra Howatt, Shirley McFarlane, Martha Amidon



Helpers:

top:
Victoria McFarlane,
right: Holly McFarlane
left: Emma and Lily Howatt



Attendees Pat Weir, Lillian Ingram, Bonny Parkinson

left Martha Amidon
right Maddie White



Brad Halls on piano. Mary Meads, Lynn Parkinson, Noah Kron & Charlie Meads enjoying the music

Boxes of frozen Christmas cookies were offered for sale.



CHRISTMAS UCW

The Christmas UCW meeting was held on Sun. Dec. 3, 2023 in the church hall.

Delicious festive treats were provided by members and enjoyed with coffee at 9:30 a.m. Shirley McFarlane provided a program celebrating the history of the Christmas Tree. Martha Amidon did a reading entitled "The Christmas Tree Light Stringer's Lament" and Emma Howatt read a poem "The Legend of The Christmas Tree." Sue Spicer accompanied some Christmas carols with Ted Kent on his violin. A fun game of Name The Christmas Song finished off the program.

The church folks that attended the Food Handler's Safety Course last September were presented with a certificate.



EASTER CARD MAKING NIGHT

Date and details will soon be in the weekly bulletin.



MEAT PIES



The ever popular Meat Pies will be offered for pick up on **April 20** at the church. \$7.00 each. Chicken or Beef. Watch the bulletin for ordering details after April 1.



Valentine Cookie Boxes

The Valentine Cookie Boxes are back. Treat yourself or your loved ones to a fabulous variety of treats and cookies for Valentine's Day.

\$30. per box. To pre-order, please email cassie.parkinson@gmail.com

Pick up day is Tuesday, Feb. 13



Barrie Hill news...

A teal background decorated with various colorful Easter eggs and a central white bunny head.

ALL CHILDREN AGES 2-13 ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE

Barrie Hill United Church Pop Up Choir

WE WILL PERFORM DURING THE EASTER SUNDAY
SERVICE AT BARRIE HILL UNITED CHURCH
SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024
11:00AM
REHEARSALS THURSDAY MARCH 21 & 28, 2024
6:00-7:30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL MARY
MARYLYNNPARKINSON@GMAIL.COM

Word for the day:
Hurkle-durkle
a 200 year-old Scottish
term meaning to
loungue in bed
long after it's time
to get up.
Happiness is
hurkle-durkling.



Quotes from Anne Of Green Gables – Lucy Maud Montgomery

While they were written over a century ago these quotes still offer unique pearls of wisdom today.

- Home and I are such good friends.
- Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?
- It's been my experience that you can nearly always enjoy things if you make up your mind firmly that you will.
- All lifes lessons are not learned at college. Life teaches them everywhere.
- Dear old world, you are very lovely and I am glad to be alive in you.

You can support Barrie Hill Financially We Offer 4 Ways



1. E-transfer is now available to those who have online banking. Send donation to barriehillfinance@gmail.com No password needed.

2. You can now donate through **Canada Helps**.

Canada Helps is a registered charity which will receive donations for any registered charity in Canada. You can use a credit card or Pay Pal and your donation will be forwarded directly to Barrie Hill bank account. A charitable tax receipt is sent immediately from Canada Helps.

3. PAR – Pre-authorized payment.

PAR donations are debited to your bank or credit card on the 20th of each month. To sign up for monthly PAR or for more information contact Brenda Auger at 519-830-0496 or mbuger1950@gmail.com PAR can be cancelled at any time.

4. Cheque – no cash

Mail to Barrie Hill Church – 5702 County Road 29, Rockwood, NOB 2KO or
Brenda Auger 7847 Mill Road, Guelph, N1H 6J1

Thank you for your support

The *Blessed Baker's* Corner...

Church Window Cookies

Ingredients:

2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

½ cup butter

10 oz. mini colored marshmallows

¾ cup chopped walnuts

2 cups shredded sweetened coconut

Directions:

Melt chocolate chips and butter in a saucepan. Cool slightly. Add marshmallows and nuts.

Using parchment paper shape the mixture into an 8-10" log. Roll carefully in coconut. Wrap parchment around logs and put in fridge to chill 2 hours or overnight.



NOTHING BRINGS PEOPLE

Together

LIKE GOOD FOOD



Eramosa Children's Camp



Barrie Hill United Church

5702 Wellington Rd 29

Tuesday July 2nd – Friday July 5th, 2024

9 am to 4 pm

Cost - \$70/child, Maximum \$140/family

For children entering grades JK to 7 in September 2024

Teen and adult volunteers are appreciated.

Volunteer hours are available.

Theme - Amazing Animals

At camp we will explore an animal theme. We will participate in traditional camp experiences including Bible Stories, games, crafts and delicious food. Both lunch and snacks will be provided. The camp will include a bused field trips to accompany our program.

A project of Speedside and Barrie Hill United Churches

To register e-mail: eramosapc@gmail.com

Register early as there are limited spots available.

Payment by e transfer is preferred and can be sent to eramosapc@gmail.com

Cheques (payable to Eramosa Pastoral Charge) can be mailed to: Barrie Hill United Church, 5702 Wellington Rd 29, Rockwood, ON, N0B 2K0

Confidential Financial Assistance is available please contact:

eramosapc@gmail.com

Eramosa Camp Registration
Tuesday, July 2nd to Friday July 5th
Registration Form

1st Child's name _____ Age _____

Allergies or other medical conditions _____

OHIP # _____

2nd Child's name _____ Age _____

Allergies or other medical conditions _____

OHIP # _____

3rd Child's name _____ Age _____

Allergies or other medical conditions _____

OHIP # _____

Address _____

Town _____ Postal code _____

Home telephone number () _____

Parent/Caregiver's telephone (daytime or cell) _____

Home email address _____

Name of person picking up child _____

In case of emergency contact:

Mother _____

Father _____

Other _____

Payment: \$70.00/child, \$140.00/family maximum.

For children entering grades JK to 7 in September 2024

I give permission for photographs of my child to be used in promotional material and shared with others.

I permit the staff and volunteers to provide on-site medical care and to request an ambulance and hospital emergency care if deemed necessary by staff and volunteers of Eramosa Pastoral Charge. I agree to not hold staff and volunteers of Eramosa Pastoral Charge liable for accidents or misfortune that may occur to the child knowing that every precaution shall be taken to ensure childrens' welfare and safety.

Parent or guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

E-mail form and e transfer (preferred) to: eramosapc@gmail.com.

Make cheques payable to Eramosa Pastoral Charge and mail to:

Eramosa Pastoral Charge, 5702 Wellington Rd 29 Rockwood, ON, N0B 2K0