# **ERAMOSA PASTORAL CHARGE**

**Barrie Hill & Speedside United Churches** 

# Winter 2025 NEWSLETTER



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



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.



Speedside 9:30 a.m.

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.eramosapc.com



# Ministerial Schedule

Feb 9 - Rev Tom Watson

Feb 16 - Jack Ninaber

Feb 23 - Rev Tom Watson

March 2 – Rev Andrew Hyde

March 9 - Rev Tom Watson

March 16 - Paul Knierim

March 23 - Rev Tom Watson

March 30 - Paul Knierim



Palm Sunday, April 13 Communion.



Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday Services

Easter Breakfast at Barrie Hill details to come



Good Friday Gervice

hosted by Barrie Hill United Church

at 10:00 a.m.

April 18, 2025





Eramosa Search Team members are Wale Shamonda Gordon, Paul Knierim, Britney Weir, Glenn Boles and Lynn Parkinson. Over the course of the last 8 months, we have contacted 65-70 candidates. 10-12 have expressed interest, and as a team we carried through with either zoom or in person interviews. One candidate rose to the top and we went through the United

An Eramosa Pastoral Charge congregational meeting was held, and a motion was passed to proceed with hiring.

Church Protocols that are required to hire.

A disappointing email was received, the Monday following the EPC meeting to decline the invitation.

Since January we have gathered 3 times to reset, and figure out how to go forward.

The Search Continues!

Please feel comfortable reaching out to co chairs Lynn Parkinson / Wale Shamonda Gordon or anyone on the team with any concerns or suggestions. Your opinions are valued.



World Day of Prayer will be held at Barrie Hill United Church on Friday, March 7 at 1:30 p.m.

The theme is "I have made you wonderful", Psalm 139:14, written by the women of Cook Islands.

Locally made ice cream and fellowship will follow the service. All are welcome.



"Wonderfully Made" By Tarani Napa and Tevairangi Napa (below) from Cook Islands



# Bless This House

celebrating the newly renovated manse.





A joint service of celebration was held on Sunday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at Barrie Hill United Church with the theme of Bless This House. Guest speaker Susan Dunlop shared stories of growing up in the manse in the 1960's when her dad was the minister for the Eramosa Pastoral Charge. Shirley McFarlane and Martha Amidon sang Bless This House during the service. An Open House at the manse followed the service allowing members to view the newly completed renovations. Cakes and refreshments followed in the church hall. The beautiful cakes were made by Sue Weir and Deb Kron.

Bless This House cake made by Deb Kron.





The Dunlop family cake made by Sue Weir.
Pictured left to right on the cake:
Mary, Lynn,
Margaret,
Susan, Ian and
Rev George.

### **Manse Renovation Fundraising**

Thank you to all who have donated so generously to the renewal of the manse. About 70 per cent (over \$35 K) of our \$50,000 target has been met. For those who wish to make a donation, please ETR to <a href="mailto:4epctreasurer@gmail.com">4epctreasurer@gmail.com</a> OR write a cheque to Eramosa Pastoral Charge (in bottom memo line, note it is a "manse renovation donation") and place it on the weekly offering plates at either church or hand to treasurer Barb Valentine. An income tax receipt will be issued.

#### With sincere thanks to all!

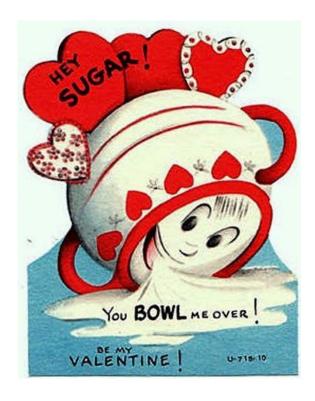


The United Church of Canada is celebrating 100 years. To celebrate this special occasion, area churches are working together to offer a joint service on Sunday, June 8 at 10:00 a.m. at Melville United Church in Fergus. Lunch will follow the service as well as activities. Watch the weekly bulletin for more details as they become available.

**ERAMOSA PASTORAL CHARGE OUTREACH** are looking for volunteers to make a crockpot supper for the University of Guelph, Ecumenical Campus Ministry, headed by Andrew Hyde. The suppers will take place 1-2 times per year. Those interested in putting their names on a list to provide a crockpot meal, please reach out to Alice Lumsden or Janet Scott.

The first crockpot supper is Wednesday, February 26th.







#### **ERAMOSA PASTORAL CHARGE**



### **Valentine Quiz**

answers on the next page



- 1. What does the word Valentine mean?
- 2. What did sailors send messages to their loved ones in while at sea in the old days?
- 3. What fruit is also known as the 'love apple"?
- 4. What type of bird symbolizes Valentine's Day?
- 5. What date was the first recorded Valentine sent?
- 6. Where did the term "to wear your heart on your sleeve" originate?
- 7. What 6 countries are the only countries that celebrate Valentine's Day?
- 8. Where did the tradition of wearing a wedding ring on the fourth finger of one's left hand come from?
- 9. What Canadian coin was authorized for minting on February 14, 1921?
- 10. In the late 1800's Valentine cards were not sweet sentiments, but intended to be mean and hurtful. What were they called?



### Mid Day Music At Melville

Brad Halls continues to perform every Wednesday from 12 – 1pm at Melville United Church, Fergus.

No admission charge to attend any of his concerts, but a voluntary donation, is always gratefully accepted. All donations will go to Melville United Church to help keep the heat on and the piano tuned.



#### **Answers to the Valentine Quiz**

- 1. Sweetheart
- 2. Bottle
- 3. Tomato
- 4. Dove
- 5. 1415, written by Charles, the Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the tower of London.
- 6. In the Middle Ages when young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their Valentines would be, which they would then wear pinned on their sleeves for one week.
- 7. United States, Canada, Mexico, France, Australia and the U.K.
- 8. Ancient Egypt. It was believed that the vein of love ran from this finger straight to the heart.
- 9. Canadian 5 cent nickel.
- 10. They were used to send insults and called "Penny Dreadfuls" or "Vinegar Valentines".



# **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  $3^{rd}$  Tuesday of every month from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship.



# News from Speedside.....



#### JAMES GORDON CONCERT

March 1 at 2:00 p.m. at Speedside UC

Tickets are \$25. Children \$12.

Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Centre Wellington Food Bank.



# History Corner.

80 years ago, Rev. Dr. William J. Gallagher was the guest speaker at Speedsides 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service. He was born in West Grey, Huron County. He married a Fergus girl Erminie Black in 1919. Rev. Gallagher organized in 1940 the Canadian Council of Churches which is still relevant today.

This year Speedside will mark 180 years! Lets think of events we can have to celebrate this milestone!! YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION
OF THE SPEEDSIDE UNITED CHURCH,
SUNDAY, JUNE 24th, 1945,
REV. W. J. GALLAGHER, D.D., OF TORONTO,
will preach at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Bring a Basket Lunch, and at 3.30 there will be a service arranged by the Sunday School, at which old friends will speak.

During the week following, there will be held a Garden Party.



### **Grandma and Grandpa Neil and Wendy**

Whittaker are proud to announce that Phoebe Jo Whittaker was born on January 14th, 2025, weighing 8 lb. 7.8 oz. Big sister Eleanor and Mom and Dad, Kate and Martin are all doing well.

#### Speedside news...

# **King Charles 111 Coronation Medal**

The Honourable Rob Black, Senator for Ontario, presented the King Charles 111 Coronation Medal to recipients in the Senate of Canada Chamber on November 22, 2024. The medal was awarded to Canadians who have distinguished themselves by dedicating their time and efforts to enhancing the lives of those around them and bringing honour to our nation. It was very exciting to have in attendance the Usher of the Black Rod.

The theme amongst all of the recipients was, why me?

I am very honoured to have received this medal. All those who volunteer in their community could be honoured. Thanks to everyone who makes Canada the best Country.

Wendy Whittaker



"The medal serves not only as a token of appreciation for the recipients but is a testament to the profound and lasting impacts they have made. It acknowledges the countless hours they have put in, the sacrifices they have made, the challenges they've overcome and the lives they've touched. Their contributions have strengthened the fabric of our society, creating ripples of positive change that inspire others to follow their lead. Their achievements exemplify the values and commitment that the King Charles III Coronation Medal seeks to celebrate, reflecting the strength and diversity of our nation."

Rob Black

# **Speedside Members:**

We thank you for your continued monetary contributions. You may want to consider PAR (preauthorized remittance) –if you are interested, email Glenda Rose at <a href="mailto:gdrose0550@gmail.com">gdrose0550@gmail.com</a> or phone at 519-843-3425

#### Speedside news...

After a contract company no-show, a capable Speedside crew got the sanctuary ceiling repaired themselves!

**Thank you** to Brian Lee, Howard Harper, Larry Webb, Neil Whittaker, Don Carney, Morris Lavigne and Bruce Miller **for a job well done!!** 





#### Above:

Preparing the sanctuary for the ceiling repair.

Neil Whittaker & Larry Webb.

#### Left:

Brian Lee on the scaffolding. Howard Harper & Bruce Miller.

Photos courtesy of Morris Lavigne.

# News from Barrie Hill...





Martha dishing out the jam for the scones.



Barrie Hill 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Tea

The Tea fundraiser was held on Sat. Nov. 30, 2024. The hall was festively decorated and 75 attended the afternoon event. Brad Halls played the piano as the guests enjoyed tea, Christmas cookies and fancy sandwiches, all made by our Barrie Hill folks. Many gifts were donated by local businesses and individuals for prizes.





Above: Shirley McFarlane and Martha Amidon







Behind the scenes: Jean Van Wyck left, Lily and Sandra Howatt right.





Chrístmas Tea





Left: Maddie White pouring tea to the guests.

The Junior Choir performed on Christmas Sunday, Dec. 22, led by Mary Meads.





Back row: Victoria McFarlane, Heidi Broadfoot, Josie Broadfoot, Charlie Meads, Flora Benham, Evelyn Peart

*Front row:* Caroline Broadfoot, Etta Meads, Louise Meads, Anna Broadfoot, Isobelle Barnes



Reading Christmas poems during the service Dec. 22.

*Left:* Victoria McFarlane

Right: Maelle Lumsden







Caroline Broadfoot, Miles Kent, Victoria McFarlane, Heidi Broadfoot, Josie Broadfoot, Isobelle Barnes, Charlie Meads, Flora Benham, Evelyn Peart



Sunday School children making Christmas cookies supervised by Sarah Benham and Mark Knierim.



# Our sincere condolences

Our sympathies to the family of Joseph (Joe) Quast, a longtime member of Barrie Hill Church. Joe passed away Nov. 15, 2024. A celebration of his life was held at the church on Mon. Nov. 19, 2024.



Our sympathies to the Parkinson family on the passing of Jean Parkinson on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Jean and her late husband Warren were lifelong members of the church and community.

# McFarlane Family news...

Jim McFarlane's sister, Liz Meek, passed away on Friday, January 24, 2025. A lovely celebration of life was held in Milverton United Church on Feb. 1. Liz was a sister-in-law of Alan and Linda Meek.

In January, Luke Amidon, son of Martha and Tysson, started the Electrical Techniques certificate program at Conestoga College. The program will finish in August when he hopes to start working with an electrician and proceed to an apprenticeship. He continues to work part time at Tim Hortons on Speedvale in Guelph.



Brains are funny. I can remember every word to a song I haven't heard in 20 years, but I have no clue what my email password is!!!





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

February canned fruit
March— canned soup
April peanut butter
May cold cereal boxed
June juice

Drop off box in the foyer by the back door.

Thank you to Susan Dunlop for dropping off our collections at the Food Bank.

# 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 mbauger1950@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



Your mind is a garden. Your thoughts are the seeds. You can grow flowers or you can grow weeds.



Barrie Hill has an active Pastoral Care Team. If you have any pastoral needs or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the members of the team.

Ted Kent, Deb Kron, Lillian ingram, Pat Weir, Jean Van Wyck and Bonny Parkinson

#### Since My Valentine Got A Computer

Since my Valentine got a computer My love life has taken a hit Nothing I say is important Unless it's a byte or a bit.



Before she got her new laptop Everything was just fine Now she says we can't talk Unless we both go online.

"Are you all hard drive now", I asked "Is there no software in you'? "Don't you remember the good times? Let our memories see us through"

"If you want to get into my favourites" she said And you want to get past my encryption If you want to get through my firewall Here is my only prescription

First put up your own web site And email me when it's done I'll check your page rank with Google And tell you if you're the one.

My life has become a real trial Since my Valentine got a computer If I want her to care about me again I guess I'll have to reboot her!



I am so glad that I like you
And that you like me too
I really think that liking folks
Is the best thing one can do
Don't' you?





**UCW PURPOSE** is to unite women of the Community of Faith for the total mission of the church and to provide a means through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study and fellowship and service.



**ALL ARE WELCOME** to attend our UCW (**U**nited **C**hurch **W**omen) meetings at Barrie Hill Church. There is no membership fee. Come and enjoy our fellowship coffee hour and be a part of our faith community. Generally, the meetings are held the first Sunday of each month 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. But, watch bulletin for details of dates and times.



# **Meat pies** will be offered for sale in April.

Pickup day will be Saturday, April 12.



If you are interested in ordering individual meat pies, mark your calendar and watch the weekly bulletin for more details.

### The Blessed Baker's Corner...

Gluten Free Brownie Baked Oats

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 ripe banana
- 2 tbsp cocoa powder
- 1 egg
- ½ cup almond milk or any milk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 tbsp maple syrup or honey
- 2 tbsp dark chocolate chips
- 1/8 tsp salt

Mix all ingredients in a blender and pour into a small baking dish.

Bake at 375 for 25-30 minutes

submitted by Sue Weir



# The Blessed Baker's Corner...

# Valentines Graham Cracker Bark

### **Ingredients:**

- 12 large graham crackers
- 40 large marshmallows (or 10.5oz mini marshmallows)
- ¼ cup unsalted butter melted
- 8 oz Bakers semi sweet chocolate broken into small squares
- Valentines candy
- Valentines sprinkles



- Line a 9.5 x 13 inch baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Line the prepared baking sheet with graham crackers in a single layer.
- In a large microwave safe bowl add the marshmallows. Then pour the melted butter over the marshmallows and stir. Microwave the bowl of marshmallows in 30 second increments then stir until the marshmallow is melted.
- Pour the marshmallow over the graham crackers. Evenly spread the marshmallow around the graham crackers.
- In a medium microwave safe bowl melt the chocolate chunks in 30 second increments stirring in between each one until the chocolate is fully melted.
- Once the chocolate is melted, spread it over the marshmallow layer.
- Add the candy and sprinkles on top of the chocolate layer while it is still soft.
- Let the chocolate cool for 30 minutes then break apart and serve!





We are excited to be offering VBS at Barrie Hill this summer - July 7 to 11th, 9am to 4pm.

If interested, please complete and send the form included in this newsletter and etransfer to eramosapc@gmail.com. The password for the etransfer should be Eramosavbs2025.

There is also a registration form for volunteer youth (Entering grade 8 or higher).

Adults who are able to volunteer, please send me an email. p.t.knierim@gmail.com. We are always looking for parents and grandparents who are able to help us out for a few hours, a day or the whole week. Also, we appreciate the adults who are able to come on our trip as supervisors.

Hoping to see you at camp in July.

Terry Knierim – VBS Organizer



# Eramosa Children's Camp

Barrie Hill United Church

5702 Wellington Rd 29

# Monday July 7th - Friday July 11th, 2025 9 am to 4 pm

Cost - \$80/child, Maximum \$160/family For children entering grades JK to 7 in September 2025 Teen and adult volunteers are appreciated.

Volunteer hours are available.

# Theme - "Magnified"

At camp we will explore a magnified theme, looking at the smallest things in God's creation. We will participate in traditional camp experiences including Bible Stories, games, crafts and food. Both lunch and snacks will be provided. The camp will include a bused field trip to accompany our program.

A project of Speedside and Barrie Hill United Churches To register e-mail: <a href="mailto:eramosapc@gmail.com">eramosapc@gmail.com</a> Register early as there are limited spots available. Payment by e transfer is preferred and can be sent to <a href="mailto:eramosapc@gmail.com">eramosapc@gmail.com</a> along with a registration form.

The e transfer password should be Eramosavbs2025 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 Form Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday July 11<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 4pm

1st Child's name	Age	
Special needs (Allergies, behavioural issues, ADHD, autism, medical		
conditions, anything else that we should know to help your camper)		
Friends that camper would like to be group OHIP #	ed with if possible:	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Child's name	Age	
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conditions, anything else that we should know to help your camper)		
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3 <sup>rd</sup> Child's name	Age	
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Special needs (Allergies, behavioural issues, ADHD, autism, medical		
conditions, anything else that we sho	uld know to help your camper)	
OHIP #		
Address		
Town	Postal code	
Home email address		
Name of person picking up child		
In case of emergency contact:		
Mother	Cell #	
Father	Cell #	
Other	Cell #	
I permit the staff and volunteers to provide on-site remergency care if deemed necessary by staff and vo	tember 2025 used in promotional material and shared with others. nedical care and to request an ambulance and hospital olunteers of Eramosa Pastoral Charge. I agree to not ge liable for accidents or misfortune that may occur to	
E-mail form and e transfer (preferred		
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Make cheques payable to Eramosa Pastoral Charge		
Eramosa Pastoral Charge, 5702 Wellington Rd 29 R		

# Eramosa Camp Youth Volunteer Registration Form Monday, July 7th to Friday July 11th, 9 am to 4pm

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Town	Postal code
Home email address	
Name of person picking up child	
In case of emergency contact:	
Mother	Cell #
Father	Cell #
Other	Cell #
I give permission for photographs of my child to be I permit the staff and volunteers to provide on-site emergency care if deemed necessary by staff and	les 8 in September 2025 no payment required be used in promotional material and shared with others. It medical care and to request an ambulance and hospital evolunteers of Eramosa Pastoral Charge. I agree to not large liable for accidents or misfortune that may occur to aken to ensure childrens' welfare and safety.
Parent or guardian's signature:	Date:
E-mail form to: <a href="mailto:eramosapc@gmail.com">eramosapc@gmail.com</a> Mailing address: Eramosa Pastoral Charge, 5702 Wellington Rd 29	