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# KEEPING IN TOUCH

*"To know God through Jesus Christ, and to reflect God's love as the Church in a changing community and world."*



## *Newsletter*



BURTON AVENUE  
UNITED CHURCH  
*"We are not alone. We live in God's world."*

*"The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is the people."*

Well doesn't that ring true for us these days more than ever? For although some of us have returned to the building, most of us have not been inside our safe and sacred space for over 6 months and the church is alive!! We can certainly affirm that the church is not the building but is the people.

So people of Burton Ave. United Church, how are we the church today? Well there is much good news! We have continued to celebrate birthdays with cards and parades, share news of gratitude and thanksgiving in our lives. We have continued to find ways to financially support the ministry that we share as this church. We have a Treasurer who works diligently to access outside funding and advise us of our options. We have a Board Chair who is helping us to transition to online decision making and governance. We are learning about who we are as people of faith through book studies and Zoom presentations and a social justice lending library. We are caring for one another through prayers and phone calls. We continue to meet as a Board and committees to make important decisions and to re-imagine how we live our ministry. We are volunteering on committees in the wider church. We are giving and receiving the gift of deep listening through the Listening Post. We are embracing the challenges and blessings of technology. We have kept on top of staffing requirements and even welcomed a new Office Administrator. We are reaching out to the local community with socks and sandwiches and committed partnerships. We are planning weddings. We have been with families as they mourned at a graveside service. We are worshipping wherever we find ourselves on a Sunday. We have been looking for and finding God presence in all kinds of places. We are sharing news. *(continued on next page)*

While our building may need a new roof and we certainly want to ensure we have a space to return to that is in good repair.... we also know that we need to continue embracing the gift of being the church outside of the building. So as we continue to be the church, without full access to the building, what is it that **you** need that will enable you to serve, to care, to learn, to receive, to be involved? What do you want to do as the church? Now is a good time to do the work of the church, of your committee, of your group in new and varied ways. What do you need in order to do that? Do you want to be part of an activity that brings us together in person while maintaining physical distance? Do you have a ministry you want to offer? Do you have ideas to share? Do you have time to support a particular project or work of a group? Do you want to be a participant? Do you want more online gatherings? Do you need to be relieved of a responsibility so that you can try something new? If you have any answers to any of these questions, please be in touch with the Board Chair or the Chair of any of our Committees. Thanks be to God that "I am the church, you are the church, yes! we are the church together."

*Andrea Wheaton, DLM*

*Minister of Word, Sacrament & Pastoral Care*

## **Message From The Chair**

At our last meeting of the Board, it was suggested that we focus our submission for this newsletter on how we have adapted to the challenges brought on by the pandemic. When reflecting on this, my first thought was that it should be easy, as the summer passed for me rather uneventfully due to being on vacation for most of June and July. I busied myself with building a workbench with my son Jack, learning some masonry skills and then applying them to rebuilding the front steps of our house. I joined Brenda on many of her daily walks around the neighbourhood and indulged my passion for skeet shooting at the Barrie Gun Club. We gardened for the first time in many years, growing and eating our own food like pioneers! While I certainly missed all of the church events that were canceled due to the shutdown of the building and the restrictions on in-person gatherings, I was still quite busy with meetings of the Executive and the newly formed Transition Team. What really got me energized was the work that Edd Taylor and I did to try to figure out how to live stream our worship services from the Sanctuary. This challenge became something of an obsession as our deadline of broadcasting the first Hymn Sing on August 30, 2020 approached. While this learning experience could best be described as a blindfolded boxer swinging wildly hoping to hit something, we have made tremendous progress in the short time that we have had and I am excited to see where this initiative takes us in the months to come.

So, on the surface things just hummed along nicely as I returned to work in August and started teaching remotely this past week. On deeper level, however, I can't help but feel sadness and a sense of loss as a result of this experience. I have to admit that there were times over the past few months when I began to question the state of my own mental health. I know this affected my relationships with other people in a negative way and I would like to apologize to any of you who had the misfortune to experience it. I take comfort in knowing that the first step to getting better is acknowledging that a problem exists. The second step is doing something about it and I am working on trying to be more self-aware. I have faith that we as a community will eventually get through this current situation and that better times lay ahead. I feel blessed to have my family and this church community to help me through this. Thank you for being there.

*Alan J McGee*



## **Treasurer's Report September 2020 YTD**

I would not profess to be a biblical scholar but there are a few verses that I know well that seem filled with meaning to me. John 6:1-14 is one of those verses. You know the one with the five loaves and the two fishes? I was reminded of this verse when preparing this report.

Getting ready for the April Board meeting, I made a panicked call to a fellow Board member – “We have no rent revenue, our fundraisers are cancelled and no Sunday offering. How can I present these numbers to the Board?” My second month as treasurer – how’s that for timing?

I watched our profit go down in April to  $-\$19,484$  in July to  $-\$22,593$  compared to 2019 number of  $-\$838$ .

But we are headed in the other direction as we enter the month of September. Our profit shown in the August financial report is at  $-\$10,142$ . Considering that in 2014 our profit in August was  $-\$23,139$  and in 2018 we showed  $-\$17,952$ , a negative profit in August is not historically unusual and certainly not an obstacle that we can’t overcome. All those hours spent researching and completing applications are beginning to pay-off as we saw  $\$13,000$  received through the CEWS program and  $\$40,000$  through the CEBA loan.

The fund raising campaign that the ad-hoc committee is launching will help us restore the contingency fund, help us through the coming months when expenses will rise but the Covid restrictions will continue and prepare to pay back the interest free CEBA loan,  $\$30,000$  due in December 2022 with  $\$10,000$  forgivable. We are now prepared to take on the roof repair that is set to begin in October without jeopardizing our Capital Account whose proceeds have funded such wonderful work in our church over the years.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support this church through PAR and e-transfers and all the other creative ways you have found to contribute without Sunday worship. I am awed by your commitment - even when we are so far apart.

“Do not work for food that spoils” Jesus says “But for food that endures with eternal life.” This was Jesus’ call to those who received the miracle of the loaves and fishes on that day on the far shore of the Sea of Galilee and it is a call to us too. We are truly blessed to be where we are right now in the middle of this global pandemic. But with that blessing comes the responsibility to spend these resources on something that will endure. In the pages of this Newsletter you will read about some of our work that God has blessed. Work to fight hate and injustice, work to ease the suffering of others, to foster healing and spread hope and love to our community and to the world.

*Amen*

*Cathy Manzato  
Treasurer*



**Treasurer's Report**  
**Profit and Loss Comparison**  
 January - August, 2020

	Jan - Aug, 2020	Jan - Aug, 2019 (PY)	Change
<b>INCOME</b>			
6000 Local Giving	111,120	107,979	3,141
6020 Mission & Service Receipts	16,121	16,962	-841
6035 Memorial receipts	5,740	7,755	-2,015
6060 Benevolent Receipts	590	380	210
6150 Building Maintenance	1,536	1,834	-298
6300 Facility Rental	2,590	8,930	-6,340
6505 MacGregor Meats Campaign	1,491	0	1,491
6900 Government Income	14,753	0	14,753
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 176,786</b>	<b>\$ 224,649</b>	<b>-\$ 47,863</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$ 18,644</b>	<b>\$ 19,194</b>	<b>-550</b>
<b>Total Church Ministry</b>	<b>\$ 40,342</b>	<b>\$ 70,026</b>	<b>-29,683</b>
<b>Total Property</b>	<b>\$ 38,517</b>	<b>\$ 45,571</b>	<b>-7,054</b>
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 89,424</b>	<b>\$ 98,498</b>	<b>-9,074</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 186,927</b>	<b>\$ 233,288</b>	<b>-\$ 46,361</b>
<b>PROFIT</b>	<b>-\$ 10,142</b>	<b>-\$ 8,639</b>	<b>-\$ 1,502</b>



## Burton Avenue United Church Under Our Roof

Burton Avenue United Church needs to replace the flat roof over the auditorium. A leak was discovered about a year ago when water was coming down through the elevator which shorted out the lift. The roof was patched but we were told that the leak might return and cause more damage especially to the elevator. In early May the roof was inspected by three different companies and some soft spots were noted. The roof was last replaced in 1995 when the big addition was added. Twenty-five years is about it for a flat roof. The time has arrived! Three quotes were obtained and the Administration Committee recommended Midhurst Roofing as the desired contractor. The quote was \$61,800 plus HST. Our treasurer, Cathy, applied successfully to the Federal government and we received the CEBA loan of \$40,000. This money can be used for the basic operation of the church including salaries. This will free up money to be put toward the roof. Three quarters of the loan must be paid back by December 2022. The Trustees have about \$17,000 to add. The bottom line is we need to raise some money to complete the roof and pay back the loan. A fund raising campaign has been organized with a target of \$35,000 for this year. A small, but mighty group met to brainstorm ideas of how we can meet this goal. The campaign is being called "Under Our Roof" and will focus on all the things that happens at Burton Avenue "Under Our Roof". Everything seems to be complicated by Covid19, but we will eventually be back in our building. The wonderful things our church does in the community has continued and we will need a safe dry building to return to when we are able. We look forward to working together as a church family to meet our goal. Here are some ways that you can help us achieve our goal.

1. Make a donation and receive a t-shirt (if you wish). "Surely God is in this place" and Burton Avenue United Church will be printed on the front/back. The shirts can be ordered in black, green or pink in various sizes with both a crew neck and a V neck (women) if desired. Any donation will be accepted but we can only provide a donation receipt in excess of \$12.00 if you choose to receive a t-shirt.
2. Donate \$10.00 (or multiples of \$10.00) to complete one square foot of roofing or \$50.00 to help complete ten feet of flashing to around the edge of the roof.
3. Make your own personal donation to the fundraiser. Tax deductible donations can be made by:
  - a) Dropping off an explanatory note and cheque in an envelope at the church.
  - b) Mailing in a note and cheque to the church.
  - c) E-transfer directly to the church's account. Please indicate in the note section exactly for what the cheque is to be used. Email address is treasurerbauc@outlook.com

Thank you.

## Stewardship Committee

Hello from the stewardship committee. It is currently a beautiful fall day, which brings to mind pumpkin pie, raking leaves and Thanksgiving. While we will likely not be attending thanksgiving services at our beloved Burton Ave, I am very thankful for having started attending there 20 years ago and the wonderful church family that has grown around us. Our church is so lucky to have such an active, caring, giving group of people that do great work “Under Our Roof”, which continues on even though we are not physically able to be within the church building.

Speaking of roofs, earlier this year it was discovered that the flat roof of the church had developed a leak. It was able to be patched, but other soft spots were discovered. As the roof is 25 years old and the normal life span of such a roof is 20 years old, we were facing the possibility of more major leaks and damage in the near future. Sometimes, good can come from bad and with the COVID health emergency, CEBA (emergency assistance) loans were made available and our fantastic treasurer, Cathy, applied successfully for one to assist with the immediate repair of the roof. Of course, the total cost of the roof is over \$60,000, which means that funds will have to be raised to help cover this large required expenditure and pay back the CEBA loan. A temporary committee was created for this purpose and you will see included with this newsletter the first communication from your Under Our Roof Committee.

There will be more activities to participate in and support our church in the coming months, and there will be regular communication across multiple different media platforms. There are plans for an online silent auction coming up, so if you have any items you would like to donate, please let a member of either the Stewardship Committee or the Under Our Roof Committee know. Donations don't have to be tangible items, they could also be time or talent – for example, perhaps you are a whiz at cleaning windows, or bake magnificent pies or can organize/de-clutter a room???

Thank you all again for all of your continued support in the way of time or talent or donations. You are the reason that BAUC continues to thrive and make a difference in the world. Blessings to you all.

*Devon, Cathy, Carol, and Sandy*

## Ministry and Personnel Committee

At this time, we would like to thank all staff and volunteers for adapting to new ways of working and doing things. These are challenging times and everyone has risen to the occasion using their spiritual gifts, talents and their skills for such a time as this.

We would like to thank Catherine Fletcher for stepping in as office administrator assistant until the Search Committee was able to hire a successful applicant for this position. We welcome Joanne Black who is the cheerful voice and face in the church office. She is learning the many ways of doing things in the office.

Thank you to Susan Cole and the Search Committee for their diligence in working through the search and selection process.

The Ministry and Personnel Committee continues to stay connected and check-in with staff. We are grateful for all you do and we pray that God will continue to bless you, protect you and inspire you.

*Islay Scott (chair), Susan Cole, Linda Morris, and Ken Down*

## Life Long Learning

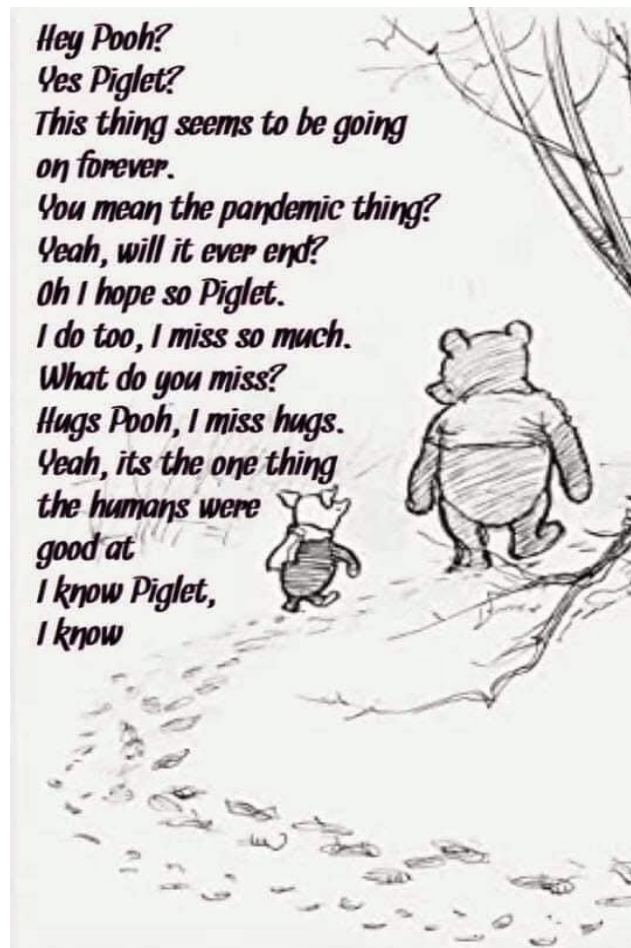
Fall has always been a time to get back into routines for the new school year. It is also a time when we would be getting ready for camp weekend. While we are unable to get away for a weekend, on Sunday, August 16th, 22 individuals got together at Sunnidale Park for a morning of fun activities. It was wonderful to see so many friends, even if it was from a distance.

As we slowly begin to integrate back into church, we look forward to finding activities that will be fun and safe for all involved.

Blessings to all,

*Nicole Masuda, Marni O'Brien, Shelley Cliche, Sally Telford, Sheena Fletcher-Hoving & Briana O'Brien*





### Congregational Life

The Congregational Life Committee felt the above picture summed up what most of us were feeling at this point during COVID 19! I think our stories are similar to a lot of others: concern over family (including children and grandchildren), friends and those returning to the work place and the elderly.

I (Nancy) had one personal experience that opened my eyes on August 14 when my hubby, John, had a heart attack. Reality set in very quickly that I was not allowed to accompany or follow him to the ER and during his 4 day stay I was only allowed to visit twice for a one hour visit. This certainly opened my eyes to all the people with relatives that were hospitalized or in nursing homes and not allowed visitors during COVID-19. My heart goes out to them!

As a committee we have not been very active in the Church but Lyla makes sure cards are sent to the sick and Lynn sends cards or flowers to those that have passed away. One day we will be back to a new kind of normal. Until then stay safe and healthy everyone.

*Congregational Life Committee: Alita Morgan, Cheryl Grant, Linda Hudson, Lynn Garraway and chairs Valerie Crisp and Nancy Sawyers*



## Transition Team

The Transition Team has been busy these past few months adapting to changes in the ways we care for our congregation and community. We continue to ensure all protocols are in place for the safe re-opening of the building and in-person activities. All decisions are based on guidelines given by the local public health unit, the provincial government and Shining Waters Regional Council. As new guidelines are presented to us, our plan is reviewed and updated to further mitigate the risks to all those entering the building and using the space.

The safety plan for re-opening the building and in-person activities was presented to the Board Executive in July and approved. Further protocols are being developed for scheduled visitors, and in-person committee meetings within the building. Jim MacFarlane and his team are in communication with the external/rental groups as to their safety plans, following the protocols of the safety plans of Burton Avenue U. C. At this point, there is no definite plan or date for their safe return to the church building.

As we move toward more in-person activities and worship, many differences will be noticed when returning to the building. Barriers have been installed, signs posted, and the removal of unnecessary items are just some of the changes.

During the summer months, the Tech Team worked tirelessly to explore and enhance the live streaming of worship services. The following is a report from the Tech Team:

### Live Streaming at BAUC, September 2020

The mandate of the newly established Tech Team was to investigate and develop an easier way to live stream our worship services in response to the shutting down of the church building due to the pandemic. The positive aspect of researching this process, was the tremendous amount of information that was freely available on the internet.

We have benefitted greatly from the large number of churches who have been doing this for a few years. The Tech Team first visited a number of local churches to observe their systems in use and then began the process of developing our system using low cost, ease of use and scalability as our guiding principles.

The first action taken was to upgrade the internet service available at the church to provide the upload capacity required for live streaming. The initial system chosen consisted of a digital video camera, laptop computer, OBS (Open Broadcast Software) software program and enough small gadgets and cables to fill a briefcase!! Once the Tech Team learned how to use the software and demonstrated that it could work, the next action taken was to improve the audio quality using the services of Music Pro.

At the time of this writing, we have live streamed two Hymn Sings and one worship service with Andrea and Katie together. While these initial attempts were fraught with a number of challenges, much was learned in the process, which will be applied to future services. The system that we are currently using will change as we add more permanent equipment and refine our skills. The Tech Team will also be expanding to include a number of adults and youth from the congregation. Edd and Alan would like to thank Katie, Andrea and the congregation for their patience as we have learned by doing over the past few months. *(continued on next page)*

Many thanks go to Alan and Edd for this work. Live stream worship has been a priority to help people feel and stay connected, and have a sense of belonging to the church and worship.

The Transition Team has worked faithfully amid all of this uncertainty with many unanswered questions. These are challenging times, but we continue to be the church knowing that Jesus journeys with us through it.

We are grateful for the many voices within the team who gather together, and consult regularly to make informed decisions. There are others within our community of faith who have stepped forward to assist in making our church building safe, and we thank them very much.

*Transition Team: Alan McGee, Peter Sullivan, Brenda Young, Islay Scott, Andrea Wheaton, Edd Taylor, Jim Macfarlane, Katie Pergau*



*(Alan monitoring the live feed while Katie is singing and playing.)*

## Worship and Music Committee

Each week it seems we worship a little differently and each brings its challenges and surprises, yet we still find joy in our faith community. We are so blessed to have such strong leadership in Andrea and Katie and our thanks to the Tech team and Transition team who have been so busy over the summer and now fall.

All services will continue to be live streamed even as we are able to offer in person worship. Our YouTube Channel remains the same and is always on the BAUC website.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMJ6wNePiCpykcZzfMonX6Q> Click on this link and you will find our livestream on Sundays. Once you are at the channel you may have to look for the live video. If you can't join us live, it will be posted to the YouTube channel once the livestream ends. If you subscribe, you can join the livechat. We begin with the Prelude and announcements at 9:50 a.m. If you have Celebrations & Thanksgiving that you wish named, email them to the church office by 12:00 p.m. on Friday.

We will celebrate World Wide Communion on Sunday, October 4 as we continue to live stream the service.

At present we are planning our first in person worship on Thanksgiving Sunday which is October 11. Attendance at this service will be by invitation only, with priority being given to those who have not been able to see our live streamed services. Services will continue to be by invitation only up to and including Sunday, November 1.

Sunday, November 8 will be our Remembrance Day Service and we hope we can have expanded in person attendance going forward from this date. How we organize our attendance from this time on is undecided at this point.

Sunday morning will not look the same, yet I believe that we will find joy in the opportunity to be in the Sanctuary and to see each other as we worship. So that you might have an idea of how we plan to keep each other safe I have described what you will find on a Sunday morning below.

### **What to Expect When You Arrive**

#### *For Those Attending In Person Worship*

- One entry door, on your right, as you enter from the school side.
- One exit door, on your right, as you exit, to the school side.
- Doors will be signed "Enter" & "Exit."
- Upon arriving and leaving the church parking lot, follow all the physical distancing protocols.
- Wait until you are admitted to the building by an usher.
- You must be masked and should you not have a mask, one will be provided.
- You will be reminded to hand sanitize upon entry and exiting
- Ushers will manage the entry door, traffic flow, seating and exiting the building.
- Masks must be worn by everyone during the entire time they are inside the building with the exception of a person who has a medical condition, or in the case of the Minister, the Minister of Music and Worship Leaders, when they are speaking or singing.

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- All outdoor clothing and footwear must remain with you at your seat.
- Once you have entered the building each usher will assist you as you progress to the sanctuary.
- Wait for an usher to seat you.
- Ushers will seat people as they arrive beginning at the back.
- If the usher is busy, wait at the appropriate floor marking.
- Offering may be put in the plate as you enter the sanctuary.
- Pews will be taped off and seating marked.
- Worshipers should remain in the seat which they are given.
- You will be asked your name to verify attendance in the event it is needed by the Health Unit for contact tracing.
- There will be no congregational singing.
- Unison congregational spoken responses and prayers are permitted.
- There are very limited washroom facilities. Ask an usher for direction.

My hope is that you do not find this overwhelming and that we all realize that this what we must do in order to care for one another.

*Brenda Young for Worship and Music Committee*

### **Your Pictures & Names on Livestream**

We have a collection of photographs that we use on our worship powerpoint slides that we have taken at church gatherings or you have submitted. If you **do not** want your image on those slides, since they are now being livestreamed, please let us know. We would not put your name with the image. If you have provided us with your photos/drawings and you **do not** want your name on the photo credit, also please let us know. If you **do not** want your full name spoken in the livestream at any point in the worship, please let us know. You can contact the church office with any concerns. Thank you.

**Sandwiches for The Busby Centre** - The David Busby Centre is once again accepting "prepared" sandwiches! If you are interested in volunteering to provide the traditional **"four loaves" (not two as previously communicated)**, please send Andrew Telford an email at [ajbtelford@gmail.com](mailto:ajbtelford@gmail.com) and he will coordinate and follow up with details. If not able to deliver, Andrew will make arrangements to pick them up at your door. Sandwiches are needed on Mondays now and the ideal drop time is between 10-3pm at the 88 Mulcaster location (McDonald St. entrance) **\*Also, the Busby will now issue tax receipts for all invoices collected and totalled at the end of the calendar year!**

## Property & Administration

Covid-19 has temporarily closed our Church doors but that does not mean there was no activity during this time. Maintenance activities never cease, especially for older buildings.

The largest expenditure in quite a few years is the replacement of the flat roof. We received three quotes and work will commence on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and completion date should be October 9<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

Other activities included repairs to the elevator, furnace and foundation repairs.

We also interfaced with our external user groups to address their responsibilities with regard to resuming their meetings in our building - most pressing issues revolved around cleaning, sanitizing and procedures for contact tracing – following guidelines set out by the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit.

Special thanks to Catherine Fletcher and Ken Down for creating the door “STOP” signs for the main office as well as for Andrea’s office door, and the plexiglass shield in the office.

*Lyle Edwards, Eric Boone, Jim Macfarlane and Norm Lusty*





## BARRIE NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

### Truth and Reconciliation

As I breathe in an autumnal breeze, and gaze upon the deep rust red of leaves changing colour and the pumpkin oranges in the fields, I am reminded of the full measure of blessings we are so privileged to enjoy at this time of year and of the generosity of a Thanksgiving harvest that is already sharing its sustaining goodness.

The TRC Committee is also hard at work, seeking support for a new project that has arisen out of a need we learnt of this spring past. Having discovered that the Barrie Native Friendship Centre 2021 Pow Wow may not be able to go ahead due to financial difficulties, we have made an application to the Justice and Reconciliation Fund of the United Church of Canada. (Check out their website if you are interested in knowing more about this.) Though uncertainties exist due to COVID-19, we are requesting grant monies to assist, in the hopes that the Pow Wow will be able to proceed. We are very grateful to the boards of all four United Churches in Barrie - Burton Avenue, Collier Street, Grace United and Northwest United - for pledging matching funds of \$500 each towards the cause.

We offer thanks again too to all who contributed to the spring-summer food garden project at the BNFC. That harvest is in full abundance now and is providing much needed food to many grateful folk. They pass along a heartfelt Miigwetch!

Keep your eye out for more news to come!

*Rev. Colin MacDonald, Julie McGonegal, Jane Rees and Selene Taylor*

## Listening Post Barrie

### Covid and Listening

With the restrictions that came with Covid, the Listening Post Barrie took a break from in-person listening for April, May and June. As you have probably seen in our announcements, we are offering safe telephone listening on Fridays from 130-330 pm. Please feel free to call. 705-230-6656, 705-230-6161 or 705-230-6078.

It is our joy to have been invited back to the Busby Centre at their emergency shelter location. This connection has allowed us to build a relationship with the Elizabeth Fry Society as well. As of yet, we are the only volunteers that are allowed back through the Busby Centre. Sara Peddle has expressed how meaningful it is for us to be there for the staff and the people who have found temporary housing there. We are also excited that the Downtown Library has invited us back! We will share the time for that shift on Facebook and would ask you to please share it widely through your contacts. The Listening Post Barrie is open to anyone because we all need to be heard and accepted just as we are.

### T-Shirts come in all sizes! Diversity of Volunteers Welcome.

In July we started listening outdoors with Covid protocol, social distancing and facemasks. One of the things we did to allow us to be easily recognized and trusted without our signage is to design and wear t-shirts.

We are seeking to grow and diversify our listening volunteer team. We trained 5 new volunteers in August and are excited to get them going in their listening roles. We train online through a zoom platform. If you are interested in in person listening and able to follow our Covid protocol please reach out. If you know someone who believes in the power of connection through non-judgmental listening please share our website with them or put them in contact with Ruth, our director.

If you are interested in learning more about the Listening Post Barrie please visit our website at [listeningpostbarrie.weebly.com](http://listeningpostbarrie.weebly.com). Contact: Ruth McDonald [listeningpostbarrie@gmail.com](mailto:listeningpostbarrie@gmail.com).



## Local and World Outreach

*"Be the change you want to see in the world"*

2020 has been an interesting and challenging year. The changing regulations, public health guidelines and restrictions have made the work of the Outreach committee very challenging so far. Our BAUC Vision statement ***To know God through Jesus Christ, and to reflect God's love as the church in a changing community and world*** serves as a reminder, though these are unprecedented times we are living in, the world is constantly changing. We as the church are called upon to adapt, and to serve in ways that meet the current needs of our community and world. I hope that as we move into a new normal we will continue to find ways to do.

Here are some of the ways we have and will continue to serve our community:

### Backyard Campout for Youth

This summer Youth Haven held it's first annual Backyard Campout for Youth. It was a way for people to come together while staying apart. The event was to raise both money and awareness of Youth Homelessness. Christine and Tom along with their grandson Colton camped outside in the rain to raise funds for this event. With the support of our BAUC family we were both the top individual and team fundraisers, raising over \$720 for Youth Haven. As the top fundraiser we won a portable BBQ and a beautiful barn board mirror. With our help they raised over \$2400 from the Backyard Campout for Youth. This money was used to purchase sleeping bags, tents and other necessities for youth on the waiting list for Youth Haven



### Social Justice Lending Library

Our building is closed but our hearts and minds remain open. We have started a new lending library in partnership with TRC and the Affirm Committee. We have books available for loan for all ages on a variety of topics. We will be compiling a full list of books to share with you soon. In the meantime here are some of the titles available. Policing Black Lives- Robyn Maynard, The Skin We're In - Desmond Cole, White Fragility -Robin Diangelo, How To Be An Antiracist - Ibram X. Kendi. Some of the children's books available are The Proudest Blue, Stepping Stones- A Refugee Family's Journey, Sometimes People March and The Color of Us. If you would like to borrow any of these books email [cnayler@gmail.com](mailto:cnayler@gmail.com).

### Little Free Library

A Little Free Library is a project that we have wanted to make happen for a while now. This summer we were finally able to get it going thanks to two BAUC men that stepped up and volunteered to build it for us. Our dream of having our very own LFL is that much closer to coming true thanks to Andrew Telford and Ken Down. It has been built and is now being painted by our resident artist Grace Taylor. Stay tuned for details about our Grand Little Opening and Ribbon cutting ceremony. We will be looking to you to help us keep it stocked. If you are not familiar with what a LFL is visit their website <https://littlefreelibrary.org/> to learn more.





## Making Changes

On September 15<sup>th</sup> the Outreach committee hosted an Anti-racism presentation led by Michele Newton and Stephanie Gourlie from Making Changes. They shared their lived experiences as Black women, discussed the current Black Lives Matter movement and informed us about local initiatives and how and why they created their not-for-profit organization Making Change. Michele shared some valuable resources with us and she said is open to answering any further questions that people may have. Contact Christine or Greg for list of resources. For more information about how Making Changes is making a difference visit their website <https://www.makingchangesc.com/>.

## Socktober is coming, Socktober is coming!

As Socktober has become an annual event at BAUC we will once again be hosting a sock drive this October. This year's Sock Drive will be a drive thru event. Members of BAUC will be invited to drive by and drop off their donations in the BAUC parking lot on Saturday Oct. 24 between 1-3 pm. Members of our Local & World Outreach Committee will be on hand, in costume, to collect your socks and toiletries and to hand out treats. Bonus treats will be given to those arriving in costume! We will have two vehicles there, one collecting socks and one toiletries. We will be collecting new men and women's socks as well as new underwear. Long underwear is especially welcome. Underwear in small and medium sizes is in most need. We are also collecting new unused toiletries. Travel sizes are great! Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, and feminine hygiene products are welcomed and needed. Items collected will be distributed to those in need through The Busby Centre, Youth Haven and Elizabeth Fry.

## Movember

As we decided last year to make Movember an annual BAUC event to promote Men's Health and particularly Men's Mental Health we will be participating in Movember virtually this year. BAUC Bro members will be encouraged to Grow a Mo for Men's Health, and will be invited to share their Mo photos on our Facebook group all month long! We will share info about Men's Health throughout Movember through the weekly announcements and our Facebook group. BAUC Mo sisters will be encouraged to participate in fun ways too!

Though it has been a while since we have been able to gather together in fellowship and song let us always remember this

*'I am the church! You are the church!*

*We are the church together!*

*All who follow Jesus,*

*all around the world!*

*Yes, we are the church together!'*

*The Local and World Outreach Committee*

*Christine Nayler, David Pipher, Grace Taylor, Greg Taylor, Joan Belecque*





## Joanne Black

We are pleased to welcome Joanne Black to BAUC as our new Office Administrative Assistant. Joanne and her family have lived in the Barrie area for over 25 years. She has worked in both private and public sectors and ran a small business with her husband in Barrie for 7 years. She spent over 15 years in training and supporting IT applications at the Ministry of Health and Long -Term Care.

More recently, she worked as an office assistance for some of the Barrie High Schools. And says she particularly enjoyed the energy and enthusiasm of the young people she was able to help.

She and her husband spent many years involved in the Barrie Girls Softball Association and proudly sponsored many of the teams.

Community participation has always been important to her.

Welcome Joanne!

*Selection Committee: Susan Cole, M & P rep  
Catherine Fletcher  
Linda Gray  
Cathy Manzato  
Andrew Telford*

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