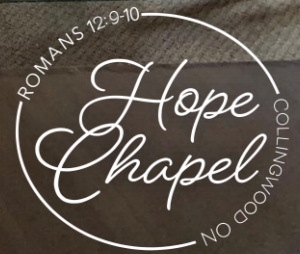




Monthly Newsletter



January Edition | HC Update

HOPE CHAPEL *Centre of Community Care*

Even from the outside, it is easy to see that things are changing at Hope Chapel. A visit inside only makes that fact clearer. Gone are the pews and in their place a space has been created that is both comfortable and relational.

We are fully committed to providing a safe space for those who enter our doors and have also taken steps to provide for the needs of our community—whether that be inviting students in at lunch or providing for the practical needs of our neighbours.

Over the past two years, Hope Chapel has been expanding our mission and today we are focused on truly becoming a center of and for community care.

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Georgian Triangle Youth Ministry

The GTYM is a partnership of churches and ministries serving our region's high school students. This partnership currently includes Hope Chapel, Journey Community Church, Christian Reform Church, Clearview Community Church, New Life Church, and Youth Unlimited/YFC. We have also had the support of others such as Walmart, Living Water Resort, and a number of community members.

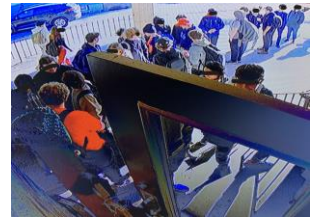
Food goes fast around here. Every Wednesday, we serve over 300 young people lunch, which equates to over 400 hotdogs. The other weekdays we host more than 200 students each day who come for the tasty baked goods and beverages...we go through approximately seventeen dozen cookies each day and countless drinks such as water, coffee, tea, iced tea, hot chocolate when it's chilly outside and iced coffee in the warmer months. Students can come for the works or just to hangout.

The opportunities that arise from this connection have proven to be priceless.

Facebook: Georgian Triangle Youth Ministry

Instagram: gt.youth.ministry

“And let us
consider how to
stir up one
another to love
and good works”



Students lining up to enter Hope Chapel

If you are passing by Hope Chapel during the students' lunch hour, don't be surprised by the activity. The GTYM is loving the chance to be able to show care and kindness to our regional high school students, both those who attend CCI and OLB.



Ready to Serve!

Volunteer Hour Opportunities

To graduate high school, students need to gain forty volunteer hours of community service. Here at Hope Chapel students are given a variety of opportunities.

There are three main areas where the students get to serve. One opportunity is during the GTYM lunches where they serve food and drinks to their peers. Danielle White of Youth Unlimited/YFC has interested students helping to sort clothes for the Community Cupboard program and Pastor Jane has had students baking cookies for the GTYM lunch program and even preparing meals for the Out of the Cold Shelter.

Overall, students have really connected with what began as a simple gesture of being provided a cookie and a drink, and in turn have begun giving back.





Welcome Officer Christine

Officer Christine Dineen has been 'setting up shop' on Wednesdays at Hope Chapel and is available to meet with students throughout the day. Students are encouraged to come over and say 'Hi!' and/or stay to chat as needed. We also welcome Amanda who accompanies Christine as she is able in her role as Crisis Counselor.

GTYM partners and students are loving Officer Christine's participation to serve up hotdogs each week.

Ways to Give



Collingwoodhopechapel2@gmail.com



Cash or cheque made out to Hope Chapel



hopechapelcollingwood.ca/donate

Community Cupboard

Amongst our current partnerships, Hope Chapel is providing Youth Unlimited/YFC office space in our facility. This has allowed our two ministries to further partner in the meeting of needs within our community. Our Community Cupboard provides donated clothing to those in need through Youth Unlimited/YFC's "Clothing Room" and Hope Chapel is able to provide fresh/frozen and shelf stable food items, as well as toiletries and cleaning supplies to individuals on a supplementary basis, free of charge.

You may have also noticed our "Giving Tree" located outside Hope Chapel at our side entrance which is kept stocked with seasonal items for community members who may have difficulty sourcing these items for various reasons. We are grateful this winter for the many donated hats, gloves and scarves that are blessing our community.

Want to Connect?

Our mission, to be a center of and for community care, requires a committed group of supporters. Hope Chapel's members as a congregation are too small to be able to do this alone, which is why we are so committed to partnering with others of like passion. If you've been encouraged by what you've read, would like to know how you too can be involved or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Jane or our Office Manager, Gwendelyn.

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