



Newsletter

May/June Edition | HC Update

HOPE CHAPEL

Centre of Community Care

Quilt Raffle Fundraiser

Win this single panel, machine stitched quilt made and donated by lindleygeneralstore.ca!

Raffle Tickets - \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00

Draw Date - Saturday, July 1st

Purchase Tickets by cash or cheque (made out to Hope Chapel) or by sending an EFT with your name and phone number and "raffle" in the memo line to collingwoodhopechapel2@gmail.com

All funds raised will go to buying more for our Community Cupboard!



Pastor's Blurbs

The Reciprocal Nature of Generosity



“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.” (Romans 12:9-10)

Here at Hope Chapel, we are so thankful for the many ways we are able to show love to others...whether it is opening up our space for the high school students at lunch, providing needed items such as food, clothing, household items, toiletries and cleaning supplies through our Community Cupboard, keeping our seasonal Giving Tree stocked with hats, socks, etc., or simply providing space to others who also share our passion for caring for our community.

How many times have I been witness to the overwhelming gratitude of another? What the recipients of our love and generosity don’t always understand is how thankful we are for having the opportunity to assist them in their time of need! It is far harder to ask for help than to be the one doing the helping, and we consider it a privilege to be able to do so. And there is something else that many people don’t realize...as we have put our love into practice, we ourselves have been the recipients of others’ generosity, so that we can continue to be a center of community care. It truly is a win-win.



Chatting with ... “Golden Girl” Holly

A little bit about Holly...

- Likes to go to Collingwood YMCA
- Enjoys swimming and walking
- Practices being a good neighbour
- Is a Bingo-caller extraordinaire



Over the course of a few short years, Holly has gone from feeling like an awkward visitor to being a member of the family at Hope Chapel.

What has her journey been like?

Holly heard about a community BBQ being held at Hope Chapel and decided to check it out. She again reached out to the church in a time of struggle and was impressed with the care she received. She felt treated like a person—which was both different and refreshing.

Holly shared with Pastor Jane about her desire to find some part-time work doing cleaning and when Hope Chapel found itself in need of some custodial help, Holly was offered the position.

During this time, Holly also began coming out to ‘Fun Family Events’ at the church; one Easter she found herself winning the ‘Hunt the Bunny’ contest and becoming the happy recipient of a rather large plush rabbit.

The next step in Holly’s journey with Hope Chapel was to begin attending Sundays, which she has done regularly now for the better part of a year. She appreciates the afternoon Interactive Bible Study rather than a typical morning service.

When Pastor Jane asked her if she would consider helping out with the high school lunch program, Holly didn’t hesitate and is now helping out once a week to serve cookies and hot chocolate to the students.

What impresses Holly most about Hope Chapel?

She appreciates how the people at the church are very caring and accepting—the church is open and friendly and everyone is welcome.

In short, what is Hope Chapel to Holly?

Our name says it all, “HOPE!”



Laundry Room



Our laundry room is close to complete (all we need to do now is replace the smaller top loader washing machine), but it is fully operational and has been getting lots of use. God's good blessings!

Summer Camp Options



Summer is almost here...and summer camp. Hope Chapel's staff know the value of camp...Pastor Jane volunteers two weeks each summer as a speaker (plus whatever else is needed) at Camp Mishewah and our office manager, Gwendelyn, works at Stayner Camp. Why not consider adding a week of camp to your summer?

<https://mishewah.ecmcamps.ca/>

<https://stayner.ecmcamps.ca/>

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Donations

A BIG thank you to Karen of Desjardins for the recent gift of \$500 worth of supplies for our Community Cupboard and cookie baking for the students. We are grateful that you thought to nominate us!



Sitting at my desk, uploading updates about recent support for our programs at Hope Chapel when the door bell rings and I am handed 5.5 dozen of these amazing goodies...thanks so much, Lia and Rose! I have no doubt your donation will be appreciated by the high school students. 😊



Giving Tree/ Closet



SIGNS OF SPRING - A tell-tale sign that spring has arrived is the changing of the items available on Hope Chapel's seasonal Giving Tree and in our Closet. Because the weather can be so fickle this time of year, items range from winter toques to sandals, heavy socks to bug repellent, winter coats to spring vests. If you can't come by during daytime hours to check out our Community Cupboard, accessibility to this out-of-doors resource is always available for those who need it.

Community Park



PICNIC ANYONE? As the weather warms up, Hope Chapel wants to remind everyone of our Community Park located at the front of the church. It is available for use by all community members, we just ask for your assistance in keeping it tidy and to be respectful of our neighbours by limiting use to the hours between 6am-10pm.

Good-bye David



We are going to miss Pastor David, but wish him all the best in his new career as a Prison Chaplain. It's not a job that just anyone could do, but we have every confidence that David will do well in this new ministry area. Congratulations!

Praying for you, David!

Ways to Give



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Cash or cheque made out to Hope Chapel



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