



Newsletter

September/October Edition | HC Update

HOPE CHAPEL
Centre of Community Care



HOPE CHAPEL
19 Cameron Street, Collingwood
Christmas Craft Sale
Saturday, December 2, 2023 (9:30-3pm)

Christmas fundraiser for Hope Chapel's Community Cupboard
Interested vendors are welcome to contact the church at 705-445-4972
or by emailing Pastor Jane at hopechapelpastr@gmail.com for details.

Forms can be found online at
<https://www.hopechapelcollingwood.ca/>

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Pastor's Blurb

Have you ever noticed that some people exude a natural joy about them? They aren't perfect people, they still have 'bad days,' and they are not immune from adverse life conditions that impact us all. Yet, they are not overwhelmed by anxiety, they are able to 'let it go' when needed and they tend to be more fun to be around. I am reminded that joyful people are grateful people and grateful people are thankful people. September 21 st of this year has been designated 'World Gratitude Day,' but I wonder how many of us will truly be able to experience gratitude on that day? These days, I perceive that too many of us have become weighed down by difficulties—ill health, broken relationships, lack of finances, addictions, and peace-robbing worry?



If and when you find yourself in a bit of a 'funk' it is easy to simply stay stuck, but may I suggest an alternative? Why not think of three things for which you are truly thankful for instead? And not just once, but for a month...identify three new things each day that you are thankful for. A number of years ago, I found myself letting negative thoughts effect my attitude, so I did this very thing. As I took the time each day to write down three new things I was thankful for I found my attitude changing from pessimism to one of gratitude. And as my attitude shifted to gratitude, I was able to experience an overall joy that I had been missing when I had let myself focus on the negative. Our thankfulness may not change our circumstances, but it can have a transforming impact on how we feel and how we respond.

One of the proverbs found in the Bible says, "A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit." (Proverbs 15:13, NIV). I have found that the best way to deal with life's challenges, in addition to praying to God for His help, is to remember those things for which I can still be thankful. We do not need to remain 'crushed.'

I sincerely pray that you will be able to experience a meaningful 'World Gratitude Day' and your resulting joy will be contagious!

Pastor Jane Peck

Give a Hoot?

Hope Chapel is looking to raise funds for their community programs. This is a cute way for you to order your own owl and custom design it. Keep it for yourself or make it for a friend! Get your order in today.



Help support Hope Chapel

ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Email / Text: _____

Design your hoot!

Size: Small Large
(checklist)

Talons: Yes No

Eyes: Yarn Buttons

Body Colour: _____

Solid Blended

Patches: White Black

\$8.00 small

\$20 large

thank you

thank you

thank you



GTYM Lunch Program



GTYM Needs Your Help!

The Georgian Triangle Youth Ministry is made up of a number of churches and organizations that are partnering together to provide a space for our area's high school students to enjoy lunch, gain Community Service Hours towards graduation, participate in lunch hour activities and explore a variety of other interests after school.

During this 2023-24 school year we are pleased to announce that Living Water Resort is once again sponsoring the Wednesday Hotdog Lunch. Many thanks to the resort staff for all their help in supporting the GTYM, not only with finances but with volunteers who help weekly in serving the students.

We saw the number of students who came over to the church, as well as the amount of food consumed (baked goods on M,T,Th,F, hotdogs on Wednesdays), more than double over the course of last school year. Now that Collingwood Collegiate Institute and Our Lady of the Bay have their lunch hours at the same time, there is good reason to believe that the numbers served will only increase. We ended the year in June with an average of 200 students coming over to the church four days a week and 400 on Wednesdays.

GTYM Lunch Program Cont'd

We could use your help!

- Bakers – we need individuals/groups to commit to bringing cookies on a regular basis...once a week or once a month (homemade or store bought)
- Set-up / Clean-up – more hands make lighter work and we could sure use some additional help in setting up the serving stations as well as cleaning up after students have returned to class each day (Food Safety Certification would be beneficial, though not required)
- Servers – students can gain Community Service Hours by serving their peers, but it is also very beneficial to have a minimum of three adults during the lunch hour to serve and connect with students (individuals serving in this capacity require a Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening)
- Prayer – the incredible success of the lunch program is God's doing...in many ways GTYM partners are trying to keep up with His work which is drawing so many high school students into Hope Chapel. We truly value your prayer support!
- Donations – even with the resort's sponsorship, the remaining costs of the program are significant. We invite you to consider how you might provide tangible support to this program for high school students. All donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt. Check out last year's posts on Facebook for 'Georgian Triangle Youth Ministry' and Instagram for 'gt.youth.ministry.' Like and Follow!



Community Cupboard Hours

Community Cupboard Notice of Change

Beginning in September, the regular drop-in hours to access Hope Chapel's Community Cupboard will be changing to Tuesdays from 2-4 and Thursdays from 3-5pm. If those times do not work an alternate afternoon time can be set-up by calling Hope Chapel and making arrangements with either Pastor Jane Peck or the Office Manager.

For those unfamiliar with the Community Cupboard, Hope Chapel has set up a room containing clothing, shelf stable and perishable food items, toiletries, cleaning supplies and small housewares. This program allows Hope Chapel to provide supplementary help to those who find themselves in need, free of charge.

For more information on accessing the Community Cupboard or to make a donation, please call the church at 705-445-4972 and speak with either Pastor Jane or the office manager.



New Initiative

Introducing a NEW Initiative beginning this fall on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00pm...

Hope Chapel will be offering Guided Discussions on a number of topics for simultaneous in-person and online participation. Subjects will include four week biblical studies, two week conversations on current issues and one week life support topics. Participation is open to anyone and expectations will be outlined to ensure our Guided Discussions remain safe spaces for all participants.



Here is our upcoming schedule:

September 12 – October 3 – “The Sermon on the Mount for Today’s World” – biblical study lead by Donald Peck

October 10+17 – “Gender” – conversation lead by Jane Peck

October 24 – “Understanding Alzheimers” – conversation lead by Jane Peck

October 31 – Break for Halloween

Guided Discussions will be held at Hope Chapel; those wishing to join online need to contact Pastor Jane

Peck via email (hopechapel@tr@gmail.com) who will provide information on how to join.

More topics to come in November!



Clothing Swap



Winter Clothing Swap+Giveaway
November 6-10

Gently used donations welcome!

For high school each day @ lunch hour
November 10 (2:30-5pm) for everyone!

Becoming an Advocate

Here at Hope Chapel, we see that the need in our community is great. The gratitude is overwhelming from those who visit our Community Cupboard and we know that in some way we have relieved some of their burden.

Our average monthly cost to run our programs has increased as you can imagine. We have over 200 young people come through our doors every weekday. We have multiple families accessing our community cupboard program.

We have many who visit our outdoor clothing area and giving tree. We have other nonprofit organizations using our space for their programs to meet needs.

Will you partner with us?

We are asking if you would consider becoming an advocate for our community by becoming a monthly donor. Every little bit helps.

Let's show up for our community and the youth of today and the future!

Ways to Give



Collingwoodhopechapel2@gmail.com



Cash or cheque made out to Hope Chapel



[hopechapelcollingwood.ca/donate](https://www.hopechapelcollingwood.ca/donate)

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How to receive our newsletter?

Go to... <https://www.hopechapelcollingwood.ca/contact> and request to be put on the mailing list for community news.

Gratitude is a powerful catalyst for happiness. It's the spark that lights a fire of joy in your soul.

- Amy Collette -

