



# COLLENBROOK UNITED CHURCH LINK -N-TOWER



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### FROM THE PASTOR

We're well into the season of Lent and Easter is fast approaching. The spring flowers have broken through the ground and are beginning to bloom and tree buds are starting to show promise of new life. As the earth comes awake from the slumber of winter, we are reminded of our own awakening to newness of life with God through Christ.

I challenged us all at the beginning of Lent to not only spend time in prayer with God, but to specifically spend time listening. We often do a lot of talking to God in prayer, but forget that in the silence we can hear what God is saying to us. I still hold us to this challenge as we continue toward the celebration of resurrection.

Yet while this journey through Lent is personal and spiritual, how we respond to God's voice through our listening becomes communal and even global. Through our listening, how is God calling you/us to:

- live differently
- get involved
- seek solutions
- make peace
- find ways to reconcile
- lift up to break the cycle of tearing down
- offer our time/talents
- gift financially



We could certainly make a very long list here. Instead, I challenge each of us to listen carefully to God's voice in our midst. What you hear will change you. What we hear will change us. What we do with it, will change the world around us in ways we can't even begin to imagine.

Shalom, Melanie

### ONA/MORE LIGHT MEETING

**April 7th after service**

Meeting after service to discuss and plan float design and schedule for Pride Parade. We are in desperate need of an open flatbed trailer to build float on. This float allows those that cannot walk the parade route to participate in parade. We are extending invitations to other churches to march with us this year.

### COMMUNITY DINNER THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH 5PM

Our dinners are a huge ministry of Collenbrook. We fed over 100 people in March and now that the warm weather is approaching we expect those numbers to increase. This ministry is not possible without the help of many. We need cooks, servers, cleanup crew etc to make this happen. If you are not receiving the monthly signup sheet via email please talk with Carolyn. The only way this dynamic ministry continues is through the dedication and help from all of us.

### CALENDAR

**Worship Opportunities:**  
Sundays 10:30am

April

- 7th ONA meeting (after service)
- 9th Council Meeting
- 13th Creek/Church CleanUp
- 14th Palm Sunday
- 18th ***Maundy Thursday Service***
- 19th ***Good Friday Service***
- 21st ***EASTER***
- 25th Community Dinner
- 28th Recessed Annual Meeting

*Choir rehearsals every Sunday morning at 9:30 and 11:45 am*

*Handbell Choir rehearsal every Wednesday at 7pm.*

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOW



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOW (April MOM)

Make A Difference (MAD) Now is a registered 501c(3) award-winning non-profit that has developed a unique model to help impoverished children. Upending the status quo of accepting a large number of children but only providing basic necessities, MAD seeks to concentrate resources on a small number of children at a time helping them from primary school to college.

Over the last eleven years, MAD has provided scholarships to hardworking, talented children from impoverished and war torn backgrounds. Additionally, MAD has created innovative programs and facilities for students ranging from educational outdoor trips, up-to-date science labs and technology centers, girls empowerment workshops, sports programs, and libraries.

The youth helped come from households with monthly incomes of \$30 (on average). Most have lost one or more of their parents. They come from impoverished areas in Africa, Peru and Nepal as well as near war zones in Syria and Burundi. Their desire is to study in peace, free from conflict and worry about how to afford paying for uniforms, books and tuition.

The students are ambitious, grateful and hardworking. All have to maintain a minimum of a C average and give back to their communities to continue to receive support.

To learn more about MAD and the youth please go to [www.gomadnow.org](http://www.gomadnow.org)

### Saturday, April 13th

9 am - ? We are once again taking time with the wider community to gather for Creek Clean-up. Yet while we work on the creek, we are also encouraging a church grounds clean-up as well. We have so much to do to get our grounds ready for summer. We need your help. We'll serve you lunch!

### Recessed Annual Meeting: Sunday, April 28th

At Collenbrook United Church we recess our winter Annual Meeting to meet again in the spring for the election of Elders and Nominating Committee. The meeting is Sunday, April 28th immediately following worship. As members of the church, we are responsible and accountable for our participation in these important events in the life of the church. We hope to see you there.

### Holy Week Schedule

April 14 Palm/Passion Sunday

Thursday, April 18 7 pm Maundy  
Thursday with Communion

Friday, April 19 7 pm Good Friday  
Tenebrae

April 21 9:00 Easter Breakfast  
10:30 Easter Worship with  
Communion