

# Chalmers



Sour Grapes and Bitter Wells

## The United Church of Canada Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 am April 30, 2017

**Assists** Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

**Song Books** VU *Voices United* MV *More Voices*

**Ringers Off** please, on all electronic devices. Thank you.

**Prayers of the People** Prayer requests for persons ill (with permission) and for global, national and local concerns may be left at the Prayer Desk at the south back wall of the sanctuary. These will be brought to the Communion Table with the Offering and included in the Prayers.

For millennia indigenous people have inhabited this land. We gather on the traditional shared territory of the *Anishinaabek* and *Haudenosonee* Peoples, grateful for their historic [stewardship](#).

# Gathering

*The Musical Clocks (Flötenuhr)* - Franz Josef Haydn  
*Minuet (Song of the Quail)* *Andantino*

## COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*As Comes the Breath of Spring*

Words: Margaret Moncrieff, Soloist

*stand VU 291*

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Choir procession

## PRAYER OF THE HEART

*seated MV 50*

*Alleluia*

## THE VOICE OF THE CHILDREN

Margaret Moncrieff

Children leave for *Spirit Alive* to enjoy the theme of weaving  
a Tapestry of Generosity in Christian Community.

*stand VU 187*

*The Spring Has Come*

# Word

**Exodus 15: 22 - 16: 4**

**Jeremiah 31: 27 - 32**

*Cantate Domino* - Giuseppe Pitoni

Psalm 149

*Cantate Domino*, canticum novum. Laus ejus in Ecclesia Sanctorum.  
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum, et filii Sion, exultent in rege suo.

Sing to God a new song. Let God's praise be in the church of the saints.  
Let the people of Israel rejoice in their maker.  
And let the children of Zion be joyful in God.

**Romans 8: 28 – 31**

*Bitter or Better?*

Rev. Drew Strickland

# Thanksgiving

## PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

*How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* - Franz Josef Haydn

Psalm 84 KJV

Duet: Sunkeun "Sunny" Bang, Michael Cooke

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O God of hosts.  
My heart crieth out for the living God.  
O blessed are they that dwell with thee, that dwell in thy house,  
For they will still be praising thee. O God of hosts, hear thou my prayer.  
Give ear to my prayer. I would dwell with thee. Be thou my sun and shield.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

stand VU 276

*O God Who Shaped Creation*

### OUR INTENTION

All **We go into the world with a daring and tender love.  
We go in peace. The world is waiting.  
Whatever we do, we do it for love, and  
In the Spirit of Jesus, who is the Christ.**

The Rev. Dr. Clifford Elliott, adapted

### BENEDICTION

Sung **Amen**

*Coronach (A Highland Lament)* - Edgar Barratt      Mary-Stewart Ross, piano

### Gifts Shared

<b>Greeters</b>	Janice and Molly Moncrieff
<b>Hospitality</b>	Bev and Harold Todd
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Simon Kerr, Brigitta Holzschuh shadowing
<b>Counter</b>	Grace McBride

### Today

- Our Minister of Music, David Melhorn-Boe, begins a three month sabbatical. Starting next Sunday Dr. Mark Sirett will be our organist and Choir Director to July 2<sup>nd</sup>. David returns in early September.
- Copies of the Easter sermon, *Who is Risen? Jesus or Christ?*, are available at the back of the sanctuary.
- **Noon:** We gather for a shared coffee time, presentation and discussion of the United Church of Canada's **Remit 4**, at Sydenham Street United Church. **Qs?** Contact our Chalmers' Four Winds Presbytery Representatives: David Holden 613-634-2426 <dholden10@cogeco.ca> or Rosemary MacLachlan 613-549-6008 <rosymaclachlan@gmail.com> or go to [GC42.ca/remits](http://GC42.ca/remits).

## This Week

### Tuesday May 2

- **Noon Discussion Group** meets in Church House, exploring *A New Harmony* by John Philip Newell. Brown bag lunch.

### Wednesday May 3

- **11:30 am:** *Keeping In Touch* Service of Communion and Easter Luncheon.

### Thursday May 4

- **1:30 pm:** **Centering Prayer Circle** in Church House.

### Sunday May 7

- **10:30 am: Worship** with a presentation by the Chalmers members of the Chalmers Sydenham St. Joint Committee, including dialogue and Q&A's for information and clarity on next steps.
- **Noon – 2 pm: *Being There in a Better Way: Deepening our ability to do Pastoral Visiting***, in MacCallum Hall. A catered Lunch by *Old Farm* is provided. **RSVP or sign up today.** Info and Qs? Marilyn Perry 613-548-8462 <djp@queensu.ca>  
Linda Hutchinson 613-542-7645 <hutchinl@kingston.net>

### Tuesday May 9

- **11:30 am: The Chalmers Sydenham St. Joint Men's Group** gathers for its final meeting before the summer at Mino's Village Restaurant, 1762 Princess St. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion with our ministers the Rev. Drew Strickland and the Rev. Rienk Vlietstra. We will reflect on the past year's program, confirm our Leadership Team and begin planning for next year. Members of our Group will be contacted by their Team Captains. Wishing to attend or have Qs? Contact Meikle Turner before 7 pm May 7<sup>th</sup> that adequate accommodation can be arranged. <meikle\_irish@yahoo.com> 613-542-7744. \$20 pp (tax and gratuity included).
- **7 pm: The Coordinating Council of Elders** meets in MacCallum Hall.

## Pentecost Weekend

### Friday June 2

- **3:30 – 6:30 pm: Jam House Kitchen Party.** Food and Music in MacCallum Hall. Baking bread for Pentecost Communion.

### Saturday June 3

Join in the **Barndemonium!** at Drew's place outside of Westport. All are invited to the **1 - 5pm: Open House Drop-in** all afternoon with food, friends and music. **5pm: Pot-luck Supper** with main course by Chef Ben. RSVP for supper [NendrumNow@gmail.com](mailto:NendrumNow@gmail.com) 613-876-0118. Bring a lawn chair. **Music after:** by surprise friends and guests.

### Pentecost Sunday June 4

- **10:30 am:** Worship Service with Communion.
- **11:30 am: Congregational Luncheon and AGM** in MacCallum Hall, to consider the 2016 Annual Report, 2016 Audit, the July – Dec. Proposed Budget and the 2018 Staffing Proposal of the Chalmers Sydenham St. Joint Committee. Our thanks to the Women of Chalmers for providing the luncheon.

### Saturday June 10

#### **The Joint Truth and Reconciliation Action Group**

presents *The First Nations Nutrition Project* Fund Raising Concert, in Chalmers sanctuary.

### Sunday June 11

- **11:30 am:** Picnic in the Park

#### Did You Know?

Dorothy Stewart and Mike Hartlin have for many years , been the organizers of *Keeping in Touch* Communion Services and Luncheons for those unable to easily attend services.

## OutReach

Chalmers and Sydenham St. United Churches and St. Mark's Lutheran Church have formed a **Joint Truth and Reconciliation Action Group**, that seeks to host events and educate ourselves and others in the legacy of colonialist policies and practices with respect to Canada's First Peoples. The KAIROS *Blanket Exercise*, describing the history of Canada's Indigenous People, will be presented at these **10:30am Sunday Worship Services**:

June 11 - Chalmers United Church

June 18 - Sydenham Street United Church

**We need 20 Blankets** for the Chalmers' service. *Used* blankets are preferred as we plan to use them outside.

## Community Pastoral Caring

Please refer persons in hospital or care facility, ill at home, needing contact or a *Thinking of You* card, to the Rev. Nancy Clarke at home 613-384-4698 or cell 613-532-4431 <revnancyclarke@gmail.com>, or Rev. Drew Strickland 613-546-3263 (ext. 226) or cell 613-876-0118 <drew.strickland@chalmersunitedchurch.com>



Flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of

*Maurice, Laretta and Bob Galt*

*and Tom and Ruth Burns*

from Bill and Cathy Galt

## Staffing

David Melhorn-Boe, Sabbatical May 1 – July 31, Holidays in August

Dr. Mark Sirett, Organist and Choir Director, May 1 – July 2

The Rev. Nancy Clarke resignation, July 1

The Rev. Drew Strickland retirement, July 1

The Rev. Drew Strickland, Ordained Supply for July 2 - 30

## Chalmers Benevolent Fund

In May we will be coming to you to consider supporting the Benevolent Fund Program again, something we do three times a year. With this in mind, we would like to share with you some of the activities and information about the Program.

Thanks to generous donors, 100% of over \$62,000 in funds has been directed towards supporting those people who come to Church House, on Tuesday mornings. Among those, are people who are marginalized and in need, or in crisis and they live right here in our community. Over 1,000 people have visited for assistance. Discouragingly, the need still continues to increase. Many people who come are on ODSP - Ontario Disability Support Program and cannot make ends meet. A single person could receive up to \$1,128, of which \$479 is designated for housing. The average rent for a one-bedroom in Kingston however, is \$942. Those on OW - Ontario Works receive \$706, forcing many to stay in shelters, since the average bachelor unit is \$694.\*<sup>1</sup>

Assistance from the Chalmers Benevolent Program takes the form of providing a \$10 grocery gift card to Metro or Food Basics and/or a \$1 meal ticket to Martha's Table. That translates to over 5,000 possible interactions with people during the past eight years.

When people come in for help, a conversation takes place to establish if there are other needs that the volunteer team can help with. Surprisingly volunteers often hear that the information we share on resources available in Kingston, are heard for the first time. We share what options there are, where people can go or what they can do, to receive further help. Often it is at Church House where they get information such as:

- Where to get free pet food
- Where there are programs for low-income households to apply for a reduction in hydro bills
- How to find out about the City's discretionary assistance program for rent and hydro arrears, which can be accessed once every three years
- How to find out about \$400 towards dental work through the City

Chalmers recently carried out a survey with about 100 participants and discovered a need for laundry soap. As a result, a

request has been sent to a local department store to see if they would be willing to make an in-kind donation of detergent. In the meantime, a parishioner has been kind enough to bring in small baggies of powdered soap for distribution. Also in response to the survey, the Women of Chalmers is donating cases of toilet paper on a regular basis to the Benevolent Program. On the survey wish list, many people suggested the need for additional grocery cards, Giant Tiger gift cards (for underwear etc.), bus passes, assistance with dental care, and opportunities to work and give back.

As we receive requests, you may find appeals in the bulletin, for much-needed items. Currently, someone is looking for a baby gate, as well as a baby monitor. Small soaps and shampoos would also be gratefully accepted for distribution. If you can help, please call the office at 613 546 3263 or drop them off.

Currently, Joan Hauser is working on building a data base program, so that we may have a better grasp of who we serve and what needs need to be met, with the goal to better assist. Andrew Pilon, a St. Lawrence Behavioural Science student has volunteered to gather the information for the data base. In the meantime, Jean Sills has currently taken over the Sunday deposit data entries from Joan Hauser, who will continue to develop the data base. Chalmers should be proud of the work this team of volunteers is doing and the contributions Chalmers is providing to help people in our community. Chalmers is the Good Neighbour church.

We will continue to share the activities of the Benevolent Fund Program with you, as we find ways to maximize Chalmers' ability to meet the needs of our Tuesday morning visitors. We can only hope that over time, our society will find more ways of helping low-income individuals and families attain adequate housing, food, and health and dental care.

<sup>\*1</sup> source: City of Kingston 2016 Housing and Homelessness Report

Benevolent Fund Program Volunteers: Isabel McLeod, Mary Davis Little, Jan Trites, Joan Hauser, Joan Simeon, Jane McEwen, Dorothy Stewart, Heather Faris, Andrew Pilon, Carol Sleeth (ex officio)

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**Church House Office:** open Monday to Thursday 9:30 am to 4 pm