

# Chalmers



**The United Church of Canada  
Christian Family Sunday  
Mother's Day**

**10:30 am    May 14, 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

*Largo* (Trio Sonata in G Major) - J. S. Bach

Flute: Bill Egnatoff, Katie Henderson Piano: Mark Sirett


## COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*stand* **VU 625** *I Feel the Winds of God Today* Choir  
Procession

## PRAYER OF THE HEART

*seated* **VU 642** *Be Thou My Vision*

**THE VOICE OF THE CHILDREN** Margaret  
Moncrieff

Children leave for *Spirit Alive* to explore Family,  and Leonard Cohen. Facebook often gives us a slanted perspective on people's lives - the grass is often greener. Do we do this in our families or our church family as well?

*seated* **Ring the bells that still can ring.  
Forget your perfect offering.  
There's a crack in everything.  
That is how the light gets in.**  
*Anthem, Leonard Cohen*

## Word

**John 15: 12 - 17, 16: 7**

## ANTHEM

*Make a Joyful Noise* - Rollo Dilworth

*Friendship* Rev. Drew Strickland

## Thanksgiving

*Adagio* (Trio Sonata in G Major) - J. S. Bach

Flute: Bill Egnatoff, Katie Henderson. Piano: Mark Sirett

## PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*stand* **VU 317** *I Bind Unto Myself Today*  
*Lúireach naoimh Pádraig* (Gaelic) The Lorica St. Patrick's Breastplate

## BENEDICTION

Sung VU 318

*Christ Be With Me*

*Caim* (Gaelic) Celtic Christian Circle Prayer

*Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes-Sohn* - J. S. Bach

## Gifts Shared

Our thanks to

<b>Greeters</b>	Bill and Cathy Galt
<b>Hospitality</b>	Hassen Butler
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Simon Kerr, Brigitta Holzschuh (shadowing)
<b>Counter</b>	Jean Sills

## Today

- **10:30 am: Friendship** Jesus said, "I do not call you servants any longer, I call you friends" - John 15. The way of spiritual friendship and companionship, expressed in Celtic spirituality as the soulfriend or *anamchara* (Gaelic), can be an invaluable help to us in how we view and care for each other.

## Chalmers Benevolent Fund

- Today is our quarterly Benevolent Fund Program Appeal. Consider a donation to those in need within our community using the **envelope** provided in your bulletin. Many in Kingston depend on the help they receive on Tuesdays, or when in crisis, through *Metro* or *No Frills* grocery card(s) and/or Martha's Table meal tickets, or assistance in accessing other available programs. The chart (on the next page) shows that the need has more than tripled over the last few years. The display boards at the back of the sanctuary give much important detailed information. Please take time to see them.

### Benevolent Fund Program Disbursements

	Persons Visited/ Assisted		Grocery Cards, Martha's Table Meal Tickets given	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
January	86	70	\$ 1,100	\$ 906
February	56	62	\$ 841	\$ 956
March	82	62	\$ 1,234	\$ 960
April	68	72	\$ 934	\$ 1,087
May	64		\$ 905	
			<b>Annual Outlay</b>	
<b>to Apr 30 2017</b>		266	\$ 3,909	
<b>2016</b>		754	\$ 11,354	
<b>2013</b>		630	\$ 7,267	
<b>2010</b>		291	\$ 3,370	

#### Did You Know?

Every Tuesday when people come to receive assistance through the Chalmers' Benevolent Fund Program, they are offered the *Where to Turn* brochure, and sundry items such as soaps, shampoo, laundry detergent, etc. Last Tuesday, one of our guests said, "No thank you. I am not in need. I actually have extras that I accepted from someone else, because they didn't want them." Two hours later, the Church House doorbell rang. The same person stood at the door holding a grocery bag full of packaged bars of soap to donate to others! How awesome is that! So often people without much, think of others.

## This Week

### Tuesday May 16

- **Noon Discussion Group** meets in Church House, exploring *A New Harmony* by John Philip Newell. Brown bag lunch. Rev. Drew Strickland speaks on the distinctives of Celtic Spirituality and the ancient Irish High Cross.

### Thursday May 18

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

### Sunday May 28

- **2 pm: Signs of Spring** An inspiring story about creating Haiku poetry with persons living with dementia. A presentation by Marjorie Woodhouse and Philomene Kocher, poet. Marjorie was Chaplain to Rideaucrest and ran a series called *Soul Sessions* for persons living with dementia, emphasizing spirituality through connection to the natural world and to other people. The sessions resulted in restored relationships with memories, family members and nature and the publication of a book of Haiku poetry by the dementia patients. Just another example of how the arts can be used for healing on many levels - spiritual, social and personal. Free admission. Refreshments following the presentation.

## Pentecost Weekend

### Friday June 2

**3:30 – 6:30 pm: Community Kitchen Party!** Food and Music  
In MacCallum Hall. We will bake bread and cook soup together for a community dinner. Some of the bread will be made for Pentecost Communion! This will be followed by a community kitchen party. Bring an instrument - your voice or a set of spoons would be wonderful additions!  
Baking and cooking will begin at 3:30pm. Supper will be around 5:30pm with music throughout. Come for all or part of the event. B.Y.O.V. (**Bring Your Own Vegetables**) for the soup.

### Saturday June 3

Join in the **Barndemonium!** at Drew's place outside of Westport. All are invited to the **1 – 6 pm: Open House Drop-in** food, friends and music. RSVP: [NendrumNow@gmail.com](mailto:NendrumNow@gmail.com)  
613-876-0118. Bring a lawn chair.

### 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. 2017 Proposed Budget, and the 2018 Staffing Proposal of the Chalmers Sydenham St. Joint Committee. Our thanks to Women of Chalmers for providing the luncheon.

**Saturday June 10**

- **7:30 pm: 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: Community Picnic** at City Park.

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 **10:30 am 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

*Our Mothers*

from Doug and Jean MacLean



During April, donations have been made in memory of

*Bob Gordon*

- **Community Craft Group:** Knitting, Crocheting, making Jewelry, painting Pots ... What crafts do you enjoy making with your hands? We hope to include enthusiastic crafty people from the neighbourhood.  
Contact: Abby Foote 613-766-6628 <abigailfoote1@gmail.com>  
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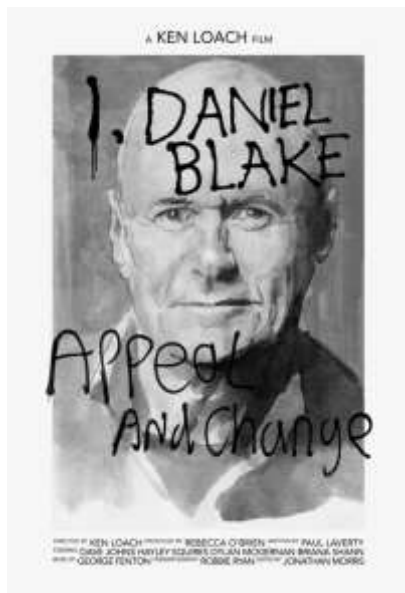
## Sunday Perspectives

at The Screening Room **120 Princess St.**

Our monthly series of specially-selected contemporary films offers an opportunity to explore connections between contemporary culture and the realm of the Spirit, with a brief discussion following each screening.

7 pm Sunday May 28

*I, Daniel Blake*



A 59-year-old widowed carpenter must rely on welfare after a recent heart attack leaves him unable to work. Despite his Doctor's diagnosis, British authorities deny Blake's benefits telling him to return to his job. As Daniel navigates his way through an agonizing appeal process, he develops a strong bond with a destitute, single mother struggling to take care of her two children.

**Tickets: \$10 Screening Room  
Members and Seniors: \$8**

Hosted by Chalmers United, St. Andrew's  
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Dr. Mark Sirett, Minister of Music, Supply May 1 – July 2  
David Melhorn-Boe, Sabbatical May 1 – July 31, Holidays in August  
The Rev. Nancy Clarke resignation, July 1  
The Rev. Drew Strickland retirement, July 1  
The Rev. Drew Strickland, Ordained Supply for July 2 - 30



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