



# Chalmers



Visions Trances Dreams

## The United Church of Canada

### The Season of Easter

**10:30 am    May 21, 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

*Psalm Prelude* Bk 1 No. 2 - Herbert Howells

## COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*stand VU 336*  
Procession

*Christ Whose Glory*

Choir

## PRAYER OF THE HEART

THE VOICE OF THE CHILDREN

Margaret

Moncrieff

*seated*  
Cohen

**Ring the bells that still can ring.** *Anthem*, Leonard

**Forget your perfect offering.  
There's a crack in everything.  
That is how the light gets in.**

Children leave for *Spirit Alive* to focus on Prayer.

*stand VU 267*

*Like a Mighty River*

## Word

**Proverbs 18**

selected

verses

- .One A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,  
but only in expressing personal opinion.
- All **The words of the mouth are deep waters.  
The fountain of wisdom is a gushing stream.**
- One It is not right to be partial to the guilty,  
or to subvert the innocent in judgement.
- All **A fool's lips bring strife and their mouth invites a flogging.**
- One The mouths of fools are their ruin. Their lips are a snare to themselves.
- All **The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels.  
They go down into the inner parts of the body.**
- One The name of God is a strong tower.
- All **The righteous run into it and are safe.**
- One The wealth of the rich is their strong city.
- All **In their imagination it is like a high wall.**
- One Before destruction one's heart is haughty,  
but humility goes before honour.
- All **If one gives answer before hearing, it is folly and shame.**
- One The human spirit will endure sickness,  
but a broken spirit, who can bear?
- All **An intelligent mind acquires knowledge.  
The ear of the wise seeks knowledge.**
- One From the fruit of the mouth one's stomach is satisfied.  
The yield of the lips brings satisfaction.

All     **Death and life are in the power of the tongue.**  
          **Those who love it will eat its fruit.**  
One     Some friends play at friendship  
All     **but a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin.**

**ANTHEM**

*The Lord is my Shepherd* (Requiem) - John Rutter

**Acts 10, 11**

*Visions and Trances and Dreams*     Rev. Drew Strickland

**Thanksgiving**

*Nimrod Variation* - Sir Edward Elgar

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

*stand*   **VU 333**     *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*stand*   **VU 682**     *O Day of Peace*

**BENEDICTION**

*sung*    **VU 318**     *Christ be with me*

*Fanfare* - Henry Purcell

**Gifts Shared**

Our thanks to

<b>Greeters</b>	Barb and Doug Logsdail
<b>Hospitality</b>	Ivan Brandsma
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Simon Kerr
<b>Counters</b>	Mike Hartlin, Doug Reid

**Today**

- Meet and Greet Coffee time is at the back of the Sanctuary.
- If you were unable to donate to the **Chalmers Benevolent Fund Program** last week, please use the designated envelope in your bulletin. Many depend on the help they receive on Tuesdays, or when in crisis, through *Metro* or *Food Basics* grocery cards and/or Martha's Table meal tickets, and assistance in accessing other available programs. On the chart below you will note that the need has more than tripled in the last few years. Display boards at the back of the sanctuary give detailed information. Take time to view them.

### Benevolent Fund 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>	
to Apr 30, 2017		266	\$ 3,909	
2016		754	\$ 11,354	
2013		630	\$ 7,267	
2010		291	\$ 3,370	

#### Did You Know?

144 rolls of toilet paper have been distributed over the last three months through the Benevolent Fund Program on Tuesday mornings. These are graciously donated by the Women of Chalmers.

### This Week

#### Tuesday May 23

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

#### Thursday May 25

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

#### Friday May 26

- **11 am – 1 pm:** There will be a meeting of the **Prayer Shawl Group** for those who knit, crochet or quilt, in the Sydenham Street United Church Conference Room (Chapel). Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting etc. along with a bag lunch. Tea provided. Everyone is welcome! **Qs:** contact <sdoerksenca@yahoo.ca> 613-766-3254.

#### Sunday May 28

- **10:30 am: The Rev. Grace McBride** of Chalmers leads us in worship. The Rev. Drew Strickland is attending meetings of the Bay of Quinte Conference of the United Church of Canada in Brockville.
- **11:30 am: OutReach** meets in the Sanctuary.
- **11:30 am: CCE** meets briefly in the Sanctuary.

- **2 pm: *Signs of Spring*** in MacCallum Hall. A presentation by Philomene Kocher, poet, and Marjorie Woodhouse, former Chaplain to Rideaucrest. An inspiring story about creating Haiku poetry with persons living with dementia that emerged from a series by Marjorie called *Soul Sessions* for persons living with dementia, that emphasized 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 spiritual, social and personal healing. Free admission and refreshments.
- **7 pm: *Sunday Perspectives*** at The Screening Room, 120 Princess St. Our monthly series of specially-selected contemporary films offers an opportunity to explore connections between the realm of the Spirit and contemporary culture. A brief discussion follows the screening. Tonight: *I, Daniel Blake*. (see back page for details)

## Pentecost Weekend

### Friday June 2

- **3:30 – 6:30 pm: Community Kitchen Party!**  
Food and Music in MacCallum Hall.
- **3:30 pm: Bread Baking and Soup Making** begin. Some Bread will be kept for our Pentecost Communion! BYOV (**B**ring **Y**our **O**wn **V**egetables) for the Soup.
- **5:30 pm Community Supper** with Music throughout.  
Bring an Instrument - your voice, spoons are great additions!  
Come for all or part of the Party!

### 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** with 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.

## OutReach

### The Joint Truth and Reconciliation Action Group

Chalmers and Sydenham St. United Church, St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Seeking to host events and educate ourselves and others in the legacy of colonialist policies and practices with respect to Canada's First Peoples.

#### Saturday June 10

- **7:30 pm:** *The First Nations Nutrition Project* Fund Raising Concert, in Chalmers sanctuary.

#### Sunday June 11

- **10:30 am:** **The KAIROS *Blanket Exercise***, describing the history of Canada's Indigenous People, with guest Lynda Gerow, who is chair of local chapter of Ontario Native Women's Association and our guest/ facilitator for the Blanket Ceremony

**We need 20 Blankets** for the service.

*Used* blankets are preferred as we will be walking on them.

(Sydenham Street United Church will offer the *Blanket Exercise* experience on Sunday June 18 )

#### Sunday June 11

- **11:30 am:** **Community Picnic** at City Park.

## 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

*Edmund Hartlin*

from Muriel (Mike) and family

## Church Family

By  
Marilyn  
Perry  
2017

When we come to church we are part of  
a community that sees us, hears us,  
cares for us, welcomes us

is silent together, stands in awe together,  
laughs, cries, says sorry together

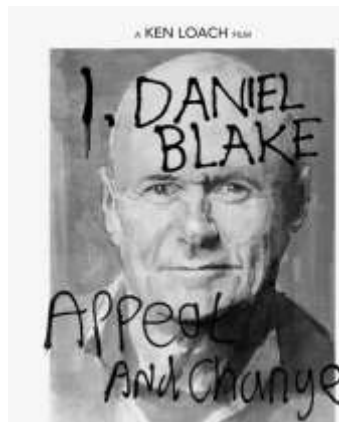
encourages each other, calls out the best in each other,  
dares us to try new things,  
is diverse, welcomes difference

comforts, grieves together, prays, listens to each other,  
yearns for wholeness together

encourages, stands firm together,  
reconfigures together, breaks down barriers

and becomes a people who are God-imbued  
going into our other communities  
as other Christs bringing our truth with us

7 pm Tonight Sunday Perspectives



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 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 Presbyterian and St. Mark's Lutheran Churches

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Dr. Mark Sirett, Minister of Music, Supply to July 2  
David Melhorn-Boe, Sabbatical to July 31, Holidays in August  
The Rev. Nancy Clarke Resignation, July 1  
The Rev. Drew Strickland Retirement, July 1  
The Rev. Drew Strickland, Appointment July 2 – December 31



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