

Chalmers



The United Church of Canada Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am May 7, 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

Oboe tune - William France

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

One Welcome to the Living Stone, the Source of Life.
The workers took one look and threw it out.
But God set it in the place of honour.

All **We present ourselves as building stones for
the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life.
We are living stones built into a spiritual house.
We are Christ's circle of friends.
He is precious to us, the head of the corner, our Rock.**

1 Peter 2:4 – 7 The Message paraphrased

stand VU 315 verses 1, 4 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

Choir procession

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever.
Amen**

1 Peter 2: 4 – 10

adapted

One Come to Christ, a living stone, rejected by mortals
but chosen and precious in God's sight.

All **Like living stones, we are built into a spiritual house,
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.**

One For it stands in scripture,
"I am laying a cornerstone in Zion chosen and precious.

All **Whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."**

One To you who believe, he is precious, but for those who
do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected
has become the head of the corner, a stone that makes
them stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

All **We are a chosen race. We are a royal priesthood.
We are a holy nation. We are God's own people proclaiming the
acts of the one who called us out of darkness
into marvelous light.**

One Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received
mercy.

All **Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Jesus, Your Boundless Love - Mark Sirett



The Chalmers Sydenham Street Joint Committee on Shared Ministry
Chalmers members: Lynne Clarke, Juliet Huntly, Ian Johnston, Bob Little, David Spooner

stand VU 679 Let There Be Light

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 VU 969 Amen

Finale Jubilante – Healey Willan

Gifts Shared

Our thanks to

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Greeters | Sarah Muma |
| Hospitality | Jeff and Florence Boyd |
| Sound Tech | Simon Kerr |
| Counters | Alex Hutchinson, Sarah Muma |

Today

- **Meet and Greet Coffee Time** is at the back of the Sanctuary.
- **Noon – 2 pm: *Being There in a Better Way: Deepening our ability to do Pastoral Visiting***, in MacCallum Hall. *An Old Farm Foods* catered lunch is provided. This is a joint initiative of Chalmers and Sydenham St. United Churches.

This Week

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 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 <meikle_irish@yahoo.com> 613-542-7744, by 7 pm tonight so that accommodation can be arranged. \$20 pp (tax and gratuity included).
- **Noon Discussion Group** meets in Church House, exploring *A New Harmony* by John Philip Newell. Brown bag lunch.
- **7 pm: The Coordinating Council of Elders** meets in MacCallum Hall.

Thursday May 11

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

Sunday May 14 Christian Family Sunday, Mothers' Day

- **10:30 am: *Friendship*** Jesus said, "I do not call you servants any longer, I call you friends" - John 15: 12 - 17, 16: 7. 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.

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 – 5 pm: Open House Drop-in** all afternoon with food, friends and music. **5 pm: Pot-luck Supper** with main course by Chef Ben. RSVP for supper

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. 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

- **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

Wesley, Elizabeth and Gary Reid

from Doug Reid

- **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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Did You Know?

Several members and affiliates of Chalmers have been recipients of the Queen's University Padre Laverty Award, presented by the Kingston Branch of the Alumni Association to a degree recipient, usually a resident of the Kingston area. The award is presented for outstanding service to the University, or jointly to the Queen's and Kingston communities.

2005 - Bob Little BA '58, LLB '61 QC

1997 - The Honourable Peter Milliken BA '68

1985 - John W. Bannister, BCom '47

1983 - The Rev. Dr. Marshall and Frances Laverty

1981 - Helen Mathers

1978 - Gordon P. Eligh BCom '39

1971 - Dr. G. W. Mylks BA '27 MD '29

Chalmers Benevolent Fund Program

This month we appeal for your support of this vital pastoral ministry. Our thanks to all you generous donors. This year, 100% of over \$62,000 has been given directly to over 1,000 marginalized and needy people in crisis who come to Church House each Tuesday morning. Many on ODSP (Ontario Disability Support Program) receive up to \$1,128./month, of which \$479 is designated for housing. The average rent for a one-bedroom apartment in our City is \$942. Those on OW (Ontario Works) receive \$706/month, when the average bachelor unit is \$694, often forcing them to stay in shelters. Our Benevolent Program provides \$10 *Metro* or *Food Basics* gift cards and/or \$1 *Martha's Table* meal tickets. Our volunteer team shares information with our Tuesday visitors about how to obtain further specific help, such as where to get free pet food, where to find programs for low-income households to apply for reduction in Hydro bills or dental subsidies, how to access the City's discretionary assistance program for Rent and Hydro arrears, etc.

We have asked a local department store to make an in-kind donation of laundry detergent. In the meantime a member of Chalmers prepares baggies of powdered soap for distribution. Women of Chalmers donate cases of toilet paper. Additional grocery cards, *Giant Tiger* gift cards (for underwear etc.), small soaps and shampoo, City bus passes, dental assistance, and opportunities to work and give back, are much requested items. A baby gate and a baby monitor are needed now. Drop off your contributions at the Church House Office or call 613-546-3263.

We are grateful to Jean Sills who has temporarily taken over the Sunday deposit data entries and to Joan Hauser who is creating a data base of the Program users and their specific needs.

Be proud of our team of compassionate volunteers and you, our donors and supporters, who make Chalmers the Good Neighbour Church.

Program Report

| | 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 | |
| | | | Annual Outlay | |
| to Apr 30 2017 | | 266 | \$ 3,909 | |
| 2016 | | 754 | \$ 11,354 | |
| 2013 | | 630 | \$ 7,267 | |
| 2010 | | 291 | \$ 3,370 | |

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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