

Chalmers



The United Church of Canada

Third Sunday of Creation Time

10:30 am September 24, 2017

Children are in the service today engaging in a worship activity with Margaret Moncrieff.

Hearing Devices. Large Print Bulletins. Available from Greeters.

Ringers Off on your electronic devices, please. Thank you.

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

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 are 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

Récit (from *Petit Suite in Blue*) - J. Matthias Michel

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION

stand VU 269 The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young

PRAYER OF THE HEART

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPIRIT ALIVE

Margaret Moncrieff

stand MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

Word

Sayings of Jesus *Lectio Divina*

Matthew 5 – 9 selected verses

Imagine Taking Jesus Seriously Rev. Drew Strickland

Thanksgiving

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

Bless Our Living

Margaret Moncrieff
arr. David Melhorn-Boe

Touch our hearts and bless our living. Let us love more like you.
Breathe your peace through our daily giving. Guide us in all that we do.
Let us hear your Spirit calling when our neighbour's in need.
Teach us ways to bring hope and healing, till all of your children are freed.
Let the winds of change blow. Let your love grow.
Help us to share in the bread till every soul is fed.
God of loving, God of sharing, fill our hearts with the joy of caring.
Build a world that's not despairing. Let us live and work in you.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

stand VU 535 For the Music of Creation descant, David Melhorn-Boe

BENEDICTION

Blessing in the Leaving - Susan LaBarr

**In the leaving, in the letting go, let there be this to hold onto at the last:
the enduring of love, the persisting of hope, the remembering of joy.
the offering of gratitude, the receiving of grace, the blessing of peace.**

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Be Thou My Vision - Zsolt Gárdonyi

Talents Shared

Our thanks to:

Greeters: TBA

Hospitality: Jean Sills, Jan Trites

Liturgical Animation Team: Jan Elliott, Katie Henderson, Faye Irving, Susan Irving, Rosalie Armstrong, Katharine Smithrim

Sound Tech: Shannon Dickson, Brigitta Holzschuh shadowing

Counter: Mary Davis Little

Today

- **10:30 am: *Spirit Alive*** This is Margaret Moncrieff's last day as our Coordinator of Children and Youth Ministry. We will greatly miss Margaret's special endearing presence, and creative and effective ministry among all ages of our Chalmers community and beyond. You are invited to contribute towards a **gift** in appreciation of Margaret's six years of service to the children, youth and all of us at Chalmers. Kindly enclose your gift in an envelope. Cheques, memo: "Margaret Gift." Please place in the Offering plate, or drop it off at the Church Office before this Wednesday Sept. 27th.
- **11:30 am: Chalmers Congregational Meeting**
 - To receive, prayerfully consider and vote on the acceptance of the Report of the Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) and its recommendations, the first stage in calling a new Ordained Minister to the Chalmers – Sydenham Street United Shared Ministry beginning in 2018.

Four Winds Presbytery JNAC representatives, the Rev. Lynda Price and Maureen O'Neil, will each chair today's meetings at Chalmers and SSUC.

It is critical that All Chalmers' Members attend. Your vote determines whether: a. the JNAC description of the needed Minister for our Chalmers SSUC Shared Ministry is best for our future leadership, b. our Shared Ministry initiative, approved in June, proceeds.

On the approval of the Report by the Chalmers Membership, we take the next step in the call process.

- To Recommend/Move the appointment of Chalmers and SSUC congregational representatives to the Joint Search Committee (JSC), with at least one rep from each congregation having served on the JNAC. Persons offering to serve to date: Al Fletcher (Chalmers). Sue Doerksen and Eileen Woloshyn (SSUC).

Nominations, from Members present, are called for to complete the complement of up to four reps from each congregation on the JSC.

- Upon the naming of the JSC, our report is forwarded to the 4Winds Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee (Chair, Joyce Holden of Chalmers) for consideration at its October 10th meeting. Upon approval our Report is presented to the 4 Winds Presbytery Executive for consideration and approval at its November 1st meeting.

- Our Report is then presented to the 4Winds Presbytery meeting, Wed. November 15th hosted by Chalmers, to which all are invited to attend.

Following this, the Chalmers SSUC Shared Ministry can declare a Ministry Vacancy and the JSC work begins.

Pick up a copy of the JNAC Report at the back of the Sanctuary.

2 pm: Sydenham Street United invites us to **The Book Launch and Celebration** of Norm Esdon's *Poems for God-Questers*. Refreshments and Book Sale to follow. \$25 (+ \$5 shipping)

Spirit Alive Fall Children's Ministry Opportunities

Times of change offer us new opportunities to be creative in our ministry. Will you support the ministry of Children and Youth at Chalmers this year? There is a Sign-Up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. The sheet will be moved to MacCallum Hall during coffee time. Please speak to Margaret Moncrieff about your ideas for:

- Sharing a Story and/or preparing an activity for the Children once or several times during Spirit Alive on Sunday mornings.
- Preparing quiet craft activities for Children to engage in the sanctuary during worship.
- Being part of a planning group for Chalmers' community events that include Children and Youth.

Margaret Moncrieff

Welcome Hope and Joy Yen who will be offering leadership for children's programs on Sunday mornings. **We thank Bruce Elliott** for his continued support as Christian Education and Faith Formation Chair.

This Week

Tuesday Sept. 26

- **Noon Book Discussion Group** meets in Church House. Brown bag lunch. All Welcome.

Thursday Sept. 28

- **11:30 am: Centering Prayer Session** at Church House.
- **7:15 pm:** Choir Rehearsal in MacCallum Hall.

Chalmers-Sydenham Street Joint Worship Committee

The Joint Chalmers-Sydenham Street Worship Committee has begun its work and planning for Shared Worship Services to begin Epiphany Sunday Jan. 7, 2018. Chalmers representatives are Susan Irving and Barb Fletcher. Barb and Susan will remain behind after the service on **October 8th and 15th**, if anyone would like an update or to share something that they would like brought forward to the Committee.

Upcoming

Sunday Oct. 1

- **11:30 am: It's a Party!** to celebrate and honour Margaret Moncrieff' ministry.

Wednesday Oct. 4

- **1:30 pm: The OutReach Committee** meets at Church House.
- **5 – 6:30 pm:** Meet at Church House for **Pizza at 5**, followed by the beginning of the study of *The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of the Lord's Prayer*, by Jesus scholar and theologian John Dominic Crossan. Book \$20.
Contact facilitator Marilyn Perry, 613-548-8462, with any Qs and to indicate you're coming.

Sunday Oct. 15

- **10:30 am:** We join with Sydenham Street United for a **combined Service of Worship at the SSUC Sanctuary**. There is no service at Chalmers on this day.

Wednesday Oct. 11

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

Tuesday Oct. 17

- **11:30 am:** The next Luncheon meeting organized by the Joint Mens' Group will be at Mino's Village Restaurant, 1762 Princess St., with speaker **The Rev. Norm Esdon**, a member of our group. Norm will speak on: *Why I am a Christian: How Scripture Helped Transform Self-Rejection to Self-Acceptance*. Everyone from both of our congregations are invited to attend. Individuals on call lists will be contacted by team captains. If you wish to attend or have questions, contact Meikle Turner <meikle_irish@yahoo.com> 613-542-7744 before 5pm Sunday Oct. 15, so that adequate accommodation can be arranged. Cost: \$20. per person. (tax and gratuity included).

The Hilliker Preaching Lectureship, Saturday Oct. 28

- with special guest Dr. Andrew Donaldson. See back page.

Reformation Sunday Oct. 29

- **10:30 am: Dr. Andrew Donaldson** preaching in Word and Song. Presbytery **Book Sale** in MacCallum Hall following the Service.

Community Pastoral Care

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

Our thanks to **Blaney's Flowers** for the flowers in the Sanctuary.

Chalmers Circles of Companionship

Thanks to all who came to the Circles of Companionship Luncheon last Sunday and participated in the formation of our circles. We invite you to look at the display map at the back of the Sanctuary showing how we are spread out geographically and also to pick up your envelope. We continue to strengthen this new program as we move forward towards joint ministry.

Needed:

A Wardrobe and Two single beds or Bunk bed set: for the Syrian Hamdan family. Please contact Marilyn Braden 613-546-2155.

A Double or a Queen Size bed for a family in need: please contact Carol in the Church Office 613-546-3263 ext. 222

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

Fridays: Administration day. Emergencies only please.



Singing For Our Lives

Chalmers United Church

2017 Hilliker Preaching Lectureship

DR. ANDREW DONALDSON

Composer Lyricist Guitarist Lutenist Teacher Recording Artist

International *animateur* of Global Song Pastoral Musician

Saturday October 28

Public Workshops

1 pm Songs of the Whole Inhabited Earth

*“When we sing together we renew our strength. Walls fall down. Prisons vanish.
Life is renewed. Apartheid is dismantled. A dream becomes a reality.”*

Expect lots of effective tips and practical teaching and fun participation.

3 pm Singing Proclamation

“When we sing together, we give brief life to a world of good things.

We flirt and make love. We settle arguments. We roar out in anger,

Tell our side of the story, Celebrate a victory, Lament a loss, Worship.”

Learn how to empower the musical gifts of the people in 2017.

6 pm Chalmers Fall Community Banquet

with Andrew Donaldson, in MacCallum Hall

Sunday October 29

10:30 am *Singing For Our Lives*

Community Worship Service of Congregational Song,

recognizing the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther and the Reformation

Dr. Andrew Donaldson playing and preaching.

Workshop Registration Preferred

212 Barrie St, Kingston ON in the triangle of Barrie, Clergy and Earl Streets

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