



# The Poet Sings

*And everyone burst into singing, And I was filled with such delight...*

*Siegfried Sassoon*



Saturday November 4, 7:30 pm

The Spire, Sydenham St United Church

Great music inspired by great poets: Tennyson, Goethe, R. L. Stevenson, Dickinson & more  
Featuring special guests *Triola* string trio, *Wolf Tormann*, *Paul Clifford* & *Clare Gordon*

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**Subscriptions to the Cantabile Choirs 2017-18 season “Let Me Sing” may still be purchased by calling Hollie at the office (613) 549-0099.**

Full subscriptions offer a special rate of 5 concerts for the price of 4. Don't miss out on season highlights: Cantabile Christmas concerts, guest conductor, Jonathan Willcocks of the UK, 'Willy Wonka' and one of Canada's most innovative ensembles, the Bicycle Opera Project. There are wonderful discounts for seniors as well. Be sure to purchase your season subscription before the November 4<sup>th</sup> concert.

**Sydenham Street and Chalmers United Churches are working towards a shared staffing model.** We anticipate beginning worshipping together on Epiphany Sunday, January 7, 2018. A joint worship committee, chaired by Eileen Woloshyn from SSUC and Barb Fletcher from Chalmers, is working on plans; please let them know your ideas.

As recently approved by both congregations, four members from each of our two congregations have been appointed to a joint search committee (JSC) to find an ordered shared full-time minister of word, sacraments and pastoral care. We are currently awaiting Presbytery approval of the JNAC report and the membership of the JSC, following which the committee will begin its important work. A joint Ministry and Personnel committee is finalizing job descriptions for other staff positions.

The joint steering committee, chaired by Juliet Huntly from Chalmers and Ruth Wilson from SSUC, continues to guide this process, reporting regularly to the executive of SSUC and the Coordinating Council of Elders at Chalmers. Your thoughts and prayers are welcome as we move through this process together.

**Who is Jesus?** This is the central theme for our "Questions of Faith" discussions facilitated by Rev. Rienk Vlietstra and Rev. Norm Esdon, in the conference room. Proposed meeting dates (to be confirmed by the group) are November 5, November 19 and December 3, 2017. Everyone is welcome to attend one or all of these discussions which are intended to complement last year's exploration on "Who is God?" For more information, please see Rienk, Norm or Lynn Freeman, chair of the Engaging the Spirit Circle.

### **Zatoun Peace Gift Box**

Once again, you are invited to participate in the **Zatoun Peace Gift Box** program to support Fair Trade purchase of Palestinian produced products. This year the gift box will consist of a bottle of Zatoun Olive Oil, a package of Za'atar spice (a favourite of our Syrian friends) and olive oil soap. The cost of the gift box is \$35.00 of which 10% goes to the United Church Mission and Service Fund. You must pre-order at the table set up in the lower hall. Order taking closes on November 12. Gift boxes will be delivered at the church

early in December. Thanks for participating in "Peace for Palestine". For information contact Bruce Hutchinson, [hutchinb@queensu.ca](mailto:hutchinb@queensu.ca) or 613-542-7645.

The next luncheon meeting of our **Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** (formerly the Joint Men's Group but now a non gender-specific group) will be at 11:30 am, **Tuesday, Nov.14**, 2017, at Mino's Village Restaurant, 1762 Princess Street. Our guest will be Julie Salter-Keane, Community Projects Manager, City of Kingston. She will speak to us about the redevelopment of the Portsmouth Olympic Harbour / Penitentiary Site. Everyone from Sydenham St. U.C. and Chalmers is invited to attend. Individuals on call lists will be contacted by team captains. Others wishing to attend and/or to have their name added to our call list, please contact **Meikle Turner at (613) 542-7744 or** [meikle\\_irish@yahoo.com](mailto:meikle_irish@yahoo.com) **before 5 pm on Sunday, Nov.12th**. This is to ensure that adequate accommodation can be arranged at Mino's. The cost for the luncheon, including tax & gratuity, is \$22. per person (a \$20 bill plus a toonie, please).

### **Circle Gatherings**

**The West End and Far West End Circles of Companionship** are gathering at the home of Marylil Megginson, 65 Grosvenor Court for a Pot Luck at 5:30 on Friday, November 3rd. We look forward to seeing many of you there to share stories of our summers and just too be together. Call Marylil 544 9420 or Susan Davis 546 4450 to let us know that you are coming.

### **Wider Church and Community Announcements**

**First United Church**, Downtown Eastside Vancouver, appears to be in 4th place, with the top 5 in the Aviva Community Fund contest receiving funding. Rev. Dr. Carmen Landsdowne has sent a heartfull thank you to those who voted for First United in their bid for funds to purchase a van to transport community members on short excursions out of the city. Final results will be known by early December.