

Chalmers

The United Church of Canada



November 19, 2017

Children meet with Hope Yen and Joy Yen.

Hearing Assists and Large Print Bulletins available from Greeters

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

Ringers Off 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 shared territory of the *Anishinaabek* and *Haudenosonee* Peoples, grateful for their historic stewardship.

Gather

And I Will Exalt Him from Israel in Egypt – G.F. Handel
Flute Choir arr. Carol Warner

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME TO SING

David and Choir teach the Baptismal Sung Response

stand VU 644 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

PRAYER AT THE WATER

THE SIGN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT

David Evans

THE SIGN OF LIGHT

Baptismal Sung Response

**Baptized in water, grafted to Jesus,
Sealed with the sign of grace,
I am commissioned with all believers
To show God's human face.**

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Stacey Andrews

stand

THE INTENTION OF THE PEOPLE

**We welcome our new saints – David and Stacey.
We commit ourselves to be your faithful companions
Seeking justice, affirming all people,
striving to love and serve with Jesus.**

Baptismal Sung Response

SPIRIT ALIVE

Children join Hope Yen and JoyYen

Word

ANTHEM

I Will Praise Our God - Craig Cassils

Psalm 146

I will praise our God as long as I live. I will sing praises to our God.
I will praise our God as long as I live. I will sing praises while I have any being.
Happy are those whose hope is in Creator God who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever.
I will praise our God, who delivers justice to the oppressed,
who feeds the hungry and sets the prisoner free.
Our God opens the eyes of the blind,
and lifts up those who are bent and bowed down.
Our God loves the righteous and watches over the stranger.
God's love shall live forever.

1 Peter 3: 18 – 21

Luke 24 selected verses

Public Death

Rev. Drew Strickland

Thanksgiving

Exultate Deo - Giovanni Palestrina

Flute Choir

arr. Laura Walter

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

stand VU 567 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

stand MV 161 *I Have Called You By Your Name*

BLESSING

Praise to the Lord (from a Sacred Collection for Flute Choir Vol. 2)

Flute Choir

arr. Amy Rice-Young

Talents Shared

Our thanks to:

Greeters: Susan Irving, Sheila Menard

Liturgical Animation Team: Jan Elliott, Katie Henderson,
Faye Irving, Rosalie Armstrong, Katharine Smithrim (Chair)
David Melhorn-Boe, Rev. Drew Strickland.

Hospitality: Bruce & Janet Elliott, Faye Irving

Sound Tech: Brigitta Holzschuh

Counters: Al and Barb Fletcher



CANADA PROJECT

Exploring the economic impact of faith communities on their surrounding neighbourhoods.

What would it cost our City if Chalmers were not here, to replace programs and services, that the Chalmers faith community provides in our neighbourhood?

HALO is an effective tool that will evaluate our level of engagement with the wider community. Committee Chairs and Group and Program leaders, have been asked to give 30 minutes to complete a Survey, and to submit it to the Church Office. Information will be forwarded for analysis to the HALO Project staff, who will provide answers from a municipal perspective. This will help us reflect in a deep and more focused way on our mission in this community, and will assist us with long-term planning. Visit haloproject.ca

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET TURNED IN YOUR FORMS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE, PLEASE DO SO. THANK YOU.

The Joint Steering Committee

Your Joint Steering Committee has been working on aspects of our shared ministry to begin January 2018.

For information contact Chalmers members of the Committee.

Chalmers: Lynne Clarke <clarkelc@icloud.com>
Juliet Huntly (Co-Chair) <jhuntly6@gmail.com>
Bob Little <rlittle@cswan.com>
David Spooner <dspooner@cogeco.ca>
SSUC: Kenn Doerksen, Lynn Freeman, Bruce Hutchinson,
James Leake, Barbara Parker, Ruth Wilson (Co-Chair)

A Joint Worship Committee is planning shared worship services beginning 10:30am Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 7 at Chalmers.

CUC: Susan Irving, David Spooner, Barb Fletcher

SSUC: Lynn Freeman, Eileen Woloshyn, Rosemary Thoms

A Joint Search Committee:

CUC: Peter Clarke, Sheila Menard, Al Fletcher, Katharine Smithrim

SSUC: Jim Leake, Eileen Woloshyn, Donna Delyea, Rosemary Robinson

A Joint Ministry and Personnel Committee is preparing job descriptions for joint Staff members.

CUC: Peter Clarke, Michael Cooke, Heather Faris

SSUC: Barbara Parker, Peter Goheen, Robin Mallory, Sylvia Mann

An IT and Technology Working Group is examining the current computer and program situation and planning for future needs.

CUC: David Spooner

SSUC: Kenn Doersken

A Working Group is planning the allocation of space for Church Office and Staff.

CUC: Lynn Clarke

SSUC: James Leake

Treasurers of both congregations are working with representatives from the Joint Steering Committee on expenses associated with joint staffing, to enable the preparation of 2018 Budgets for each of our congregations.

CUC: Joan Simeon

SSUC: Kirby Ruthven

This Week

Tuesday Nov. 21

- **Noon: Book Discussion Group** meets in Church House. Brown bag lunch. All Welcome.
- **3 pm: Pastoral Care Committee** meets in Church House.

Thursday Nov. 23

- **Noon:** Weekly Lunch in MacCallum Hall. All welcome. \$7. Contact Jane MacEwen 613-546-3905 if you have not yet attended.
- **1:30 pm:** Centering Prayer Circle at Church House.
- **7pm:** Choir Rehearsal in MacCallum Hall.

Saturday Nov. 25

- **10 am:** Chalmers Flute Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary.
- **7:30 pm: *Hearts & Holly Toy Drive Christmas Concert*** sponsored by Chalmer's United Church. Admission: New toy, new children's book, or cash donation. A Dessert Buffet follows the concert.



Sunday Nov. 26

- **10:30 am:** Sharing what is lost. In our movement to shared ministry with Sydenham Street United Church there are feelings of loss. It is the last Sunday of the Christian Year, the end of the liturgical cycle and the beginning of a new one in Advent. We are also ending worshipping together in this configuration of Chalmers that we have known since 1888. We celebrate what we have been, but mourn what feels like a loss – the loss of a future with the Body of Christ as we have known it, a sense of our Church being pulled out from under us, uncertainty, wondering. We will be given opportunity to share our loss, offering this time and ourselves to the healing Spirit. “Holy Comforter, draw near ...” for strength, trust, unity, intention to step into the new era and a new shape of our community of faith and worship experience.
- **11:30 am: A presentation and discussion of the UCC Remit 6** proposing the unifying of the three Orders of Ministry (Ordained Minister, Diaconal Minister, Designated Lay Minister) into one.

Friday Dec. 1

- **Noon: Eleanor Neil Lunch Bunch Annual \$5 Christmas gift exchange** at Grecos 167 Princess St. Please call the Office to confirm you are coming. 613 546 3263

Sunday Dec. 3

- **11:45 am: Hilliker Preaching Lectureship Committee** meets in Church House.

Wednesday Dec. 6 St. Nicholas Day

- The Women of Chalmers are distributing **Homemade Christmas Cookie Trays. Bakers are needed** to continue our community outreach tradition. To offer your help or to order a tray, contact the Church Office 613-546-3263 ext. 221, or <jsimeon601@gmail.com> by Sunday Nov. 29th. See back page.

Friday Dec. 15

- **Noon: The 2 Church Just Lunch Christmas Buffet** gathering will be held at Dox Restaurant in the Kingston Waterfront Holiday Inn. Advance Register in advance with Meikle Turner 613-542-7744 <meikle_irish@yahoo.com>

The Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve are the same day this year, Dec. 24.

- **10:30 am:** Christmas Eve Service of Readings, Carols and Communion.
- **4 pm:** The Nativity Play for all ages with Carols.

Chalmers' Benevolent Fund

Our program continues to be incredibly active, with over 1,000 people in our Church database, bringing light and hope into the lives of many people who share their stories. Through your support the Benevolent Fund Program Team distributes Grocery Cards, Martha's Table meal tickets and provides people with other much needed assistance such as:

- a payment towards Hydro to avoid a disconnect for a single mother of three.
- a payment to avoid eviction of an 80+ year old women through no fault of her own.

More often than not, our volunteers help those who fall between the gaps in the system. **Please offer your support** to provide this essential ministry. Consider giving to help those in our very own neighbourhood who are less fortunate than ourselves. **Benevolent Fund Envelopes** are in your Bulletin to make giving easy. *Warm Socks for the Street* will be distributed to those who come to Chalmers on Tuesdays.

Benevolent Fund Volunteer Team: Joan Hauser, Mary Davis Little, Jane MacEwen Isabel McLeod, Joan Simeon, Jan Trites, Carol Sleeth (Admin), Rev. Drew Strickland

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	82	\$ 905	\$ 1,333
June	60	77	\$ 953	\$ 1,216
July	Closed	64	Closed	\$ 1,235
August	58	Closed	\$ 979	Closed
September	63	74	\$ 980	\$ 1,238
October	63	71	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,097
			Annual Outlay	Total Received through Givings
to Oct 31 2017		634	\$ 10,063	\$ 12,849
2016		754	\$ 11,354	\$ 13,294
2013		630	\$ 7,267	\$ 13,691
2010		291	\$ 3,370	

Donations of shampoos, conditioners, soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste are needed and most welcomed by our Tuesday visitors. Please drop them off at Church House, or at the back of the Sanctuary.

Community Pastoral Care

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

Flowers

Wishing to donate Flowers for the Sanctuary for a Sunday Service?

To offer flowers in memory or in honour of a loved one,
contact Isabel McLeod 613-546-2809.



Flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of
Maureen Bale
from Rosalie and David Spooner

Christmas Cookie Sale Chalmers United Church



Order your tray(s) of
Homemade Christmas Cookies
by Sunday Nov. 26th

\$12 for 2.5 dozen goodies
Pick up or delivery Wednesday Dec. 6th

To place your order call the Church House
Volunteer desk 613-546-3263 ext.221,
Or <jsimeon601@gmail.com>

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Live Online at chalmersunitedchurch.com Sundays 10:30 am

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Church House Office: Mon. – Thurs. 9:30 am to 4 pm

Fridays: administration only. Emergencies only please.