

# Chalmers

The United Church of Canada

*“Every new  
beginning  
comes from  
some other  
beginning's  
end.”*

Seneca

**10:30 am November 26, 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

Chorale Preludes *Bevan* and *O wie selig* - Healey Willan  
*Alle Menschen müssen sterben* - J.S. Bach

## COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TIME TO SING

*stand* VU 664      *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

### PRAYER OF THE HEART

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### SPIRIT ALIVE

with Hope Yen and Joy Yen

The Children join in stories and activities centered  
on peace, justice and the world in which we live.

*Pie Jesu* (from *Requiem*) - Andrew Lloyd Webber

Margaret Moncrieff, Katharine Smithrim

Blessed Jesus, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them rest eternal.

#### Psalm 139 VU p. 861

"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?  
Your right hand shall lead me and hold me fast."

#### Isaiah 6: 1 - 8

"Woe is me! I am lost ... Whom shall I send? Here I am. Send me."

### Silent Self Reflection

*stand* MV 78      *God Weeps*

#### Romans 8: 18 – 27

Malignancy or Pregnancy? Mourners or Midwives?

"The Spirit intercedes for us according to the will of God."

### Group Reflection and Sharing

*stand* VU 367      *Come Down, O Love Divine*

#### Offering of our Record

We are invited to come forward to members of our Pastoral Care Committee,  
bringing our Record of Loss, placing it in the Basket and receiving a Blessing.

"The Peace of Christ be always with you."

Rosemary MacLachlan and Marilyn Perry

#### Romans 8: 35 – 39

"I am convinced that neither things present nor things to come  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus."

## PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## ANTHEM

*There We Shall Rest* - Kim André Arnesen

"There we shall rest and see. We shall see and love.

We shall love and praise. Behold what will be at the end without end.

For what other end do we have, if not to reach the kin-dom that has no end?"

St. Augustine (5th century CE)

*stand MV 83*

*Let My Spirit Always Sing*

## BLESSING

*Litany (Rest in Peace)* - Franz Schubert

## Talents Shared

Our thanks to:

**Greeters:** David and Joyce Holden

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

**Hospitality:** Two Church Lunch and Learn Group

**Sound Tech:** Dan Bergeron, Matthias Melhorn-Boe shadowing

**Counter:** Gail Blackwood

## Today

- **10:30 am:** 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 one new next week one in Advent. We are also ending worshipping together in the configuration of Chalmers that we have known since 1888 in this sanctuary. 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, maybe a sense of our Church being pulled out from under us, uncertainty, wondering. We have opportunity today to share our loss, offering this time and ourselves to the healing Spirit of God.  
"Holy Comforter, draw near to us with courage and trust, unity and intention to step into a transformed worship experience and a renewed shape of our community of faith." Amen
- **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.
- **Your 2018 Offering Envelopes** are at the back of the sanctuary for pick up. Please notify the Church Office if your Envelopes are not there, if you would like to have Offering Envelopes, or would like to give through Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). Note: Some Envelope numbers have changed. Check your new number.
- **5 pm: Student Supper** in MacCallum Hall.

## Property Committee

### New Storm Windows for MacCallum Hall

Since the building of MacCallum Hall in the 1920's, its exterior windows have served us well. They have now been replaced by custom-made windows - a project gratefully completed after four years of development. A \$2000. Heritage Grant and the generous pro bono work of Heritage Architect Bruce Downey, helped off-set the \$30,000. approximate cost, to be paid from Chalmers' funds managed by our Board of Trustees. If you wish to contribute toward the cost of this much needed upgrading of our Chalmers facility, the Coordinating Council of Elders encourages you to make a donation using your Offering Envelope, or a pew envelope, denoting *MacCallum Hall Windows*. Thank you.

### The Joint Steering Committee

Planning and Coordinating Shared Ministry for 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)

**Joint Worship Committee – Chalmers and Sydenham Street United congregations will begin worshipping together at Chalmers 10:30 am Epiphany Sunday January 7, 2018.** We will be alternating between our two sanctuaries on a monthly basis, with Worship services moving to SSUC in February. Our monthly Worship site schedule will be communicated in weekly Bulletins and on our Church doors and signs beginning in the new year. Chalmers Coordinating Council of Elders and the Sydenham Street Executive recently approved these further recommendations proposed by the Joint Worship Committee - the continued participation of lay persons in worship, a single roster of representatives from both congregations serving as Greeters, Scripture Readers, Offering takers and other roles at each location, the establishment of a new (Joint) Worship Committee, with a minimum of four persons from each congregation and ex-officio members being the Minister of Word, Sacraments and Pastoral Care and the Minister of Music. **The Joint Worship Committee is currently seeking to engage a full-time Supply Minister for January,** or as soon as possible thereafter. See the full report of the Joint Worship Committee on our website [chalmersunitedchurch.com](http://chalmersunitedchurch.com). Printed copies are available at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday, and at the Church Office Mon.-Thurs.  
CUC: Barb Fletcher, Susan Irving, David Spooner  
SSUC: Lynn Freeman, Rosemary Thoms, Eileen Woloshyn

### **Joint Search Committee**

CUC: Peter Clarke, Al Fletcher, Sheila Menard, Katharine Smithrim  
SSUC: Donna Delyea, Jim Leake, Rosemary Robinson, Eileen Woloshyn

**Joint Ministry and Personnel Committee** - preparing job descriptions for joint Staff members.

CUC: Heather Faris, Peter Clarke, Michael Cooke,  
SSUC: Peter Goheen, Robin Mallory, Sylvia Mann, Barbara Parker

**IT and Technology Working Group** - examining current computer and program situation and planning for future needs.

CUC: David Spooner. SSUC: Kenn Doersken

**Working Group** - planning allocation of space for Church Staff Offices.

CUC: Lynn Clarke SSUC: James Leake

**Treasurers** - working with Joint Steering Committee representatives on expenses associated with joint staffing, to enable 2018 Budget creation for both congregations.

CUC: Joan Simeon SSUC: Kirby Ruthven

## **This Week**

### **Tuesday Nov. 28**

- **Noon: Book Discussion Group**, on *The Greatest Prayer* by John Dominic Crossan, meets in Church House. Brown bag lunch. All Welcome.

### **Thursday Nov. 30**

- **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.
- **2:15 pm: Liturgical Animation Team** meets in Church House.
- **7pm: Choir Rehearsal** in MacCallum Hall.

### **Friday Dec. 1**

- **Noon: Eleanor Neil Lunch Bunch Annual \$5 Christmas Gift Exchange** at Grecos, 167 Princess St. Contact the Church Office to confirm you are coming. 613-546-3263 ext. 222 <carol.sleeth@chalmersunitedchurch.com>

## **The Season of Advent and Christmas**

"This is the irrational season, when love blooms bright and wild.  
If Mary'd been filled with reason, there'd have been no room for the Child."  
Madeleine L'Engle

### **The First Sunday of Advent Dec. 3**

- **10:30 am: *The Messengers***. The Advent Wreath with the lighting of the first Candle of Advent - The Candle of Surprise. The Annunciation and Song of Mary.
- **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 this Wed. See back page.

### **Tuesday Dec. 12**

- **11:30 am:** 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 Mino's Village Restaurant, 1762 Princess St. Our guest will be **Ron Lirette**, Executive Director of Hospice Kingston. The title of his talk is "A Compassionate Community That Celebrates Life." Everyone from Sydenham St. UC and Chalmers UC 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, contact Meikle Turner 613-542-7744 or <meikle\_irish@yahoo.com> *before 5 pm Sunday, Dec. 10*, to ensure that adequate accommodation can be arranged at Mino's. The cost for lunch, incl. tax and gratuity, is \$22 per person (a \$20 bill plus a toonie, please).

### **Friday Dec. 15**

- **Noon: The 2 Church Just Lunch Christmas Buffet** gathering will be at Dox Restaurant in the Kingston Waterfront Holiday Inn. Register in advance by Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> with Meikle Turner 613-542-7744 <meikle\_irish@yahoo.com>

### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent Dec. 24 Christmas Eve**

- **10:30 am: Christmas Eve Service**  
The Sacred Story and Carols, Communion and Candlelight
- **4 pm: Christmas Nativity Play and Carols** for all ages.
- **7 pm: Christmas Eve Service**  
Readings and Carols at Sydenham Street United Church.

### **Chalmers' Benevolent Fund**

**Thank you** to all who gave to the Benevolent Fund Program in support of the valuable work the team carries out.

**Donations needed** of shampoos, conditioners, soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste. Any size, new or opened, is welcomed by our Tuesday visitors. Please drop them off at Church House, or at the back of the Sanctuary.


### News from the Inter-Church Refugee Partnership

Chalmers Representatives: Monika Holzschuh Sator, Mary Davis Little

**The ICRP is happy to be sponsoring our 5<sup>th</sup> Syrian household, a family with four children, currently in a Refugee Camp in Lebanon.** The family is from the Canadian Government's pre-approved list, and should be arriving in 4 - 8 weeks.

Contact Anya Hageman <hagemana@econ.queensu.ca>, Mary <davislittlem@gmail.com>, or call Monika 613-541-3939, to contribute any of the following:

- Mattresses - Twin and Queen (new)
- Mattress protectors: Twin (waterproof) and Queen
- Fitted Sheets and Blankets for twin beds, new Pillows
- Crib with mattress
- Infant Car Seat and Booster Seats (new or less than three y-o)
- Tools for family toolkit - screwdrivers, wrenches, flashlights
- New Vacuum Cleaner

	<b>CANADA PROJECT</b> Exploring the economic impact of faith communities on their surrounding neighbourhoods. Visit <a href="http://haloproject.ca">haloproject.ca</a>
<b>HANDED IN YOUR FORMS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE? PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY. THANK YOU.</b>	


### 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 Celebration of <b>Pamela Carson</b> <b>101<sup>st</sup> Birthday last Tuesday</b> from daughter, Barbara
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## **Christmas Cookie Sale** **Chalmers United Church**

**TODAY** is the last day to order  
your tray(s) of **Homemade Christmas Cookies** \$12 for 2.5 dozen goodies  
Pick up or delivery Wednesday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

**To place your order Contact the Church House**  
**Volunteer desk 613-546-3263 ext. 221 or <[jsimeon601@gmail.com](mailto:jsimeon601@gmail.com)>**

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**Live Online** at [chalmersunitedchurch.com](http://chalmersunitedchurch.com) Sundays 10:30 am

[Facebook.com/chalmersunited](https://www.facebook.com/chalmersunited)

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

Fridays: administration only. Emergencies only please.