

Chalmers

The United Church of Canada



10:30 am November 5, 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

Passacaglia in D minor - Christian Friedrich Witt

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Time To Sing

David introduces Songs and Refrains

A Litany of Sacred Space

One God is in the holy temple.
All **Let all earth keep silence.**
One We come to the house for the church
to the place of water, word and table,
to a safe place of home-coming.
One We come to an art object, the architecture of the soul
All **a place that worships with us,**
that speaks the human hunger for beauty.
One We enter ancient-future space, the geometry of wisdom,
All **the design for prayer, the cradle of transformation.**
One We enter old ruins well dressed
All **to re-imagine life and faith, to walk in the divine footprint.**
One We come to our spiritual playground
All **where there is no audience,**
but only holy people living love's liturgy.
God's mystery is here. The Spirit is with us.

stand

God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends.
God's love is strong and it never ends.

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PRAYER OF HEART

ANTHEM

Kyrie (from Memorial) - René Clausen

SPIRIT ALIVE

Sanctuary Tour

Children join Hope Yen and JoyYen

stand VU 679

Let There Be Light

Word

1 Peter 2: 1 - 8

Mark 13: 1 - 8

Space for Church

Rev. Drew Strickland

Thanksgiving

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

The Birches Stand

The birches stand—their arms in the air
their clothes on the ground—lie in despair.
The north wind blows through the grass at their feet.
Summer has gone and we are in retreat.
Oh summer, oh summer, why did you go,
leaving us alone—all alone in the snow.

Poem by David Spooner in memory of David and Rosalie's grandson, Patrick (Patty) McKay.
David invited David Melhorn-Boe to create a musical interpretation of the poem.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

for the Sunday after All Saints

seated Sung Response VU 695 *God Is Passionate Life*

stand MV 145 *Draw the Circle Wide*

BLESSING

Toccata and Fugue in A minor - Gottlieb Muffat

Talents Shared

Our thanks to:

Greeters: Marilyn Braden, Joan King

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

Hospitality: Bill and Cathy Galt

Sound Tech: Shannon Dickson

Counter: Marilyn Braden

Today

Spirit Alive Children's Ministry

Speak to Hope Yen and Joy Yen about how you can:

- Share a Story or prepare an activity for the children
- Prepare a craft activity, an art response
- Be part of a Planning Group for Chalmers' Community events

The Joint Steering Committee

Chalmers: Lynne Clarke <clarkelc@icloud.com>
Juliet Huntly (Co-Chair) <jhuntly6@gmail.com>
Bob Little <rlittle@cswan.com>
David Spooner <dspooneer@cogeco.ca>

SSUC: Kenn Doerksen, Lynn Freeman, Bruce Hutchinson,
Jim Leake, Barbara Parker, Ruth Wilson (Co-Chair)

The Joint Steering Committee has been working on aspects of the joint activities to begin in January 2018.

A Joint Worship Committee is planning worship.

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

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

A Working Group is planning the allocation of space for office and staff.

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. The Joint Steering Committee meets this week.

For information contact the Chalmers members of the Committee.



CANADA PROJECT

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

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

HALO is an effective tool that will evaluate our level of engagement with the wider community. Committee Chairs, Group and Program leaders, will be asked to give 30 minutes to complete a Survey, submitting it to the Church Office. Information will be forwarded for analysis to the HALO Project staff, who will provide answers from a municipal perspective, that 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 RETURNED YOUR FILLED IN FORMS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE, PLEASE DO SO. THANK YOU.

- **Chalmers Finance Committee: Thank you all** for your generosity. We are meeting our goals and hope for a strong finish at year-end. It is our hope to avoid or reduce the previously anticipated large deficits.

A number of you, who are on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance), have asked about having envelopes for the purposes of giving the occasional 'extra' gift. If you wish them, please contact Carol in the Church Office 613-546-3263 ext. 222
<carol.sleeth@chalmersunitedchurch.com>

There have also been questions about how our givings are being handled when we attend Worship at Sydenham Street Church. Know that giving envelopes marked 'Chalmers' are brought back to Chalmers and appropriately designated as per your wishes.

This Week

Tuesday Nov. 7

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

Thursday Nov. 9

- **Noon:** Weekly Lunch in MacCallum Hall. All welcome. \$7
- **1:30 pm:** Centering Prayer Circle at Church House.
- **7pm** Choir Rehearsal in MacCallum Hall.

Saturday Nov. 11

- **10 am:** Chalmers Flute Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary.
- **7:30 pm: PeaceQuest** co-hosts "The World Remembers: An Evening for Peace" with the Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts. Hosted by distinguished Kingston writer Marilyn Simonds, the concert features performances by Digging Roots, the Cantabile Youth Choir and Open Voices Community Choir. Dr. Geoff Hodgetts (Queen's Family Medicine) will talk about his experiences in the war zones of Bosnia and Afghanistan. R.H. Thomson's *The World Remembers* will provide a powerful visual backdrop for this evening of active remembering and imagining. For tickets (\$29 each), call Michael Cooke at 416-209-6156 or The Isabel Box Office at 613-533-2424 or 1-855-533-2424 or <ibcpaboxoffice@queensu.ca>.

Sunday Nov. 12 Peace Sabbath

- **10:30 am:** The Rev. Dr. C. Wayne Hilliker preaching. Rev. Drew Strickland is away for a continuing education week.

Tuesday Nov. 14

- **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 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> *before 5 pm on Sunday, Nov. 12th*, to ensure 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).
- **7 pm: Affirm United:** The *Report of the Combined Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Church Joint Needs Assessment Committee* noted that Chalmers places prime importance on [Practicing] "consistent and deep hospitality" and [Considering] "becoming an Affirming Congregation". The Co-ordinating Council of Elders invites you to a short conversation with Linda Hutchinson, a representative of *Affirm United* (affirmunited.ause.ca) and member of Sydenham Street United Church. She who will give an overview of the vision of *Affirm United* to give "support for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities" and to support human diversity in all its manifestations. Everyone welcome.

Monday Nov. 20

- **Noon: A 2 Church "Just Lunch"** gathering is scheduled for at The Greek Islands Restaurant at 331 Bath Rd. Access from the westbound lane only approaching Portsmouth Ave.
The Friday Noon Dec. 15th Christmas Buffet Lunch will be held at Dox Restaurant in the Kingston Waterfront Holiday Inn. Advance registration required with Meikle Turner 613-542-7744 <meikle_irish@yahoo.com>

Saturday Nov. 25

- **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.



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 <js@comsvc.on.ca> by Sunday Nov. 29th. See back page.

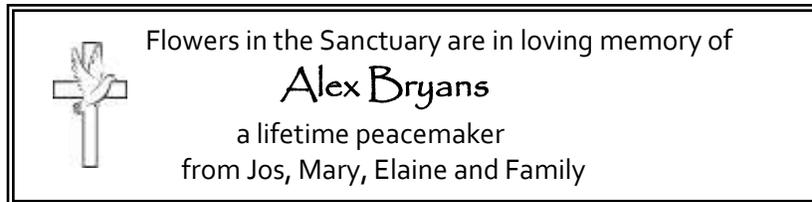
Community Pastoral Care

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.



Chalmers' Benevolent Fund Program

The Program continues to be incredibly active with over 1,000 people in our Church database. Through your support the Chalmers Benevolent Fund Program Team continues to distribute grocery cards, Martha's Table meal tickets and provides various individuals with 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. The Team has worked with Mental Health Services and Kingston Police regarding concerns for one woman's well-being. The Team continues to bring light and hope into the lives of many people who share their stories. More often than not, our volunteers help those who fall between the gaps in the system. **We need your support** to carry out this essential ministry. Consider giving to help those in our very own neighbourhood who are less fortunate than ourselves. Benevolent Fund Envelopes will be in your bulletin Nov. 12 and 19 to make giving easy.

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
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