

Chalmers and Sydenham Street Sharing Worship



United Churches of Canada

10:30 am September 16, 2018

Services in September are at Chalmers United Church 212 Barrie St.

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Children are invited to meet with Hope Yen and Brigitta Holzschuh for Christian stories and activities. Please meet in MacCallum Hall foyer when prompted.

Washrooms are found in the Clergy St foyer.

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 will be included in the Prayers.

Called by Name Sydenham St and Chalmers folks are encouraged to wear their name tags.

For millennia indigenous people have inhabited this land.
We gather in gratitude on the shared territory of the *Anishinaabe* and
Haudenosaunee Peoples, as they continue to share their land with us.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Doves - Lorna Paterson

Seagulls - David Duke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Alleluia, Amen - David Melhorn-Boe

stand MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

PRAYER OF THE HEART

SACRED ONE

...from the beginning of time you call us into relationship.

You call us into communities that are real.

May we become salt and light that helps to create beams
of compassion, community and hope.

We give thanks for places where we feel we belong.

We give thanks for those who help us feel accepted,
for those who welcome us.

Receive our confession, or our gratitude,
or our concern for self or others....

Hear our silent meditation. SILENCE

WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: We open now to Sacred Mystery, to the Holy One, infinitely
greater than words can express, whose love for us
and all creation exceeds our capacity to imagine. Amen

Mark 8: 27-37

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

stand MV 37 Each Blade of Grass

SERMON

Barry's Story – In Trust

Rev. Barry King

ANTHEM

I See the Universe - David L. Brunner

THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

Blue Sky I (from *Star Light, Star Bright*) - Alexina Louie

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

With this offering, we present also ourselves:
all that we have been,
all that we are, and all that we shall become.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

stand VU 510 We Have This Ministry

BENEDICTION

Go, Make a Difference

MV 209, verse 3
with refrains

CHORAL POSTLUDE

God Is Here - David Melhorn-Boe

Bill Egnatoff, flute

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

Minister Rev. Barry King

Joint Worship Committee of Chalmers & Sydenham St United

Bill Egnatoff, Joan Egnatoff, Lynn Freeman, Faye Irving,
Mary LeRoy, Ann Patteson, Victoria Ruthven,
Rosemary Thoms, Eileen Woloshyn

Greeters Jack Soule, Charmaine Puszkas

Hospitality Mary-Stewart Ross

Sound Techs Dan Bergeron, Brigitta Holzschuh

Counter Grace McBride

Worshipping Sundays Together

at Chalmers in September
and at Sydenham Street in October

Please Note:

**Congregational members wishing to reach their
church office should call 613-546-3263 ext. 221.**

WELCOME REV. BARRY KING

The congregations of Chalmers and Sydenham Street Churches wish to welcome the Rev. Barry King as our Intentional Interim Minister



Reverend Barry King received his Master's in Divinity from Queen's University in 1985 and accepted his first charge later that same year in Bonnyville, Alberta. His Ministry work has taken him to various parts of the country with much of it being in the greater Toronto area. Reverend King has had extensive training in Mediation & Arbitration and in Conflict Resolution. More importantly, he has a Certificate in Interim Ministry and has a wealth of experience in this area, including 2½ years as the Interim Minister at Sydenham St United Church, during a particularly difficult time of transition – from January 2000 to June 2002. His strengths include: leadership development, visionary work and the ability to help congregations discern their ministry. In 2014, Rev. King was chosen by General Council – Division of Mission along with 17 other UCC ministry personnel from across Canada to be involved in a 2-year program on developing new models of ministry in faith communities.

When asked what he would like us to say as an introduction of him, he provided the following:

"I was born and raised in the city of Kingston, as was my wife Linda. Enthusiasm and excitement embrace me as I prepare myself to begin this new spiritual journey in Intentional Interim Ministry with the Chalmers and Sydenham Street faith communities.

Before entering ministry, I spent time in the business world in different vocations. During my time in ministry I have been fortunate to live in a variety of places in Canada and experience the great multi-cultural diversity we share as a country.

A couple of my passions in ministry are in the areas of social justice, Habitat for Humanity, multi-faith dialogue and contemplative spirituality.

I consider myself to be an evolutionary mystic who is passionate about "living the questions". Always wondering how as a faith community we can use the sacred texts, tradition and experience to lead people into new places with the Holy One, with life, with themselves.

I look forward in joining you on this new spiritual journey as we wrestle with what it might mean for us to be the church, in new and relevant ways in the 21st century. - Shalom"

TODAY

Sunday Sept. 16

- **Sydenham Street Small Group Ministry Sign-up:** Sheets will be available after worship today on a table at Coffee Hour. Small Groups gather people together to meet and enjoy an activity. The gatherings are opportunities for members to be church to one another.

The list of active Small Groups is:

- Coffee Hour Hosts
- Community Garden
- Pop-up Discussion Groups
- Evening Book Group
- Meal Team for Youth Theatre Group
- Just Lunch with Chalmers
- Movies & Coffee
- Noon Hour Book Chat
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Hiking Group
- Fixers
- Greeters & Readers

Anyone is welcome to sign up. There is always room for a group with a new interest, or a different meeting time. For more information, please contact: Barbara Parrott 613- 389-3601.

- **5 – 8pm: Youth Theatre Program - Sharing our Stories,** begins on Sunday evenings. There will shared meal for the first hour, followed by 2 hours of theatrical work. It is an 8-week, theatrical exploration process, centring on the experiences of the participants and on questions of identity, spirituality and community is beginning this fall. We are seeking youth, ages 14 to 18, to participate in this program. We are also seeking adult volunteers to plan and prepare a meal, who would also join us for the meal. This program will happen at SSUC and is free to all participants. It is supported by SSUC, by Faith and Arts Ottawa, and inspired by similar projects in Ottawa. For more info, contact Rosemary Nolan at rosemary.margaret.nolan@gmail.com

COMING UP

Tuesday, Sept. 18

- **12:30 pm:** **Book Group** will meet to discuss a new book *A New Harmony* by John Phillip Newell. New readers welcome!

Tuesday, Sept. 18

- **2:30 pm:** Pastoral Care Committee will meet in Church House.
- **7 pm:** **CCE will NOT meet** but will be meeting in October.

Sunday, Sept. 23

- **7 pm: Sunday Evening Music and Reflection Services** will begin again and will continue weekly thereafter. For info please contact Mary-Stewart Ross <marystewartross@gmail.com> or 613-384-0952 or Grace McBride <grace-mcbride@live.com> at 613-549-2730.
- **7pm: *Sunday Perspectives*** is a monthly series that offers an opportunity to explore connections between contemporary culture and the realm of the Spirit, with a brief period of discussion following a screening of a specially-selected contemporary film. All are welcome to attend and participate. **The Children Act:** Smart, elegant, and deeply moving, *The Children Act* stars two-time Academy Award-winner Emma Thompson in a riveting performance as Fiona Maye, a British High Court judge who, in the midst of a marital crisis, must rule on a life-changing legal case concerning the survival of a teenage boy. At issue whether to order a blood transfusion on the boy, a Jehovah's Witness who, just months short of his eighteenth birthday, is refusing on religious grounds the procedure that would save his life. Adapted by Ian McEwan from his own novel, *The Children Act* is a deeply affecting portrait of strength, devotion, and love. Hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Chalmers United Church, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Sunday, Sept. 30

- **5-7 pm: Student Suppers** Chalmers Church invites post-secondary students to an evening of meeting new friends and a delicious home-cooked dinner on the last Sunday of each month. This is our first evening of this term and will be held in MacCallum Hall (behind the sanctuary). Please enter through the Clergy St side door. If you need the accessible entrance, please use the main Earl St. entrance. – just let us know you're coming so we can open that door. To ensure we have enough food, please sign up by emailing Mary at davislittlem@gmail.com. Welcome back, students!

PLEASE NOTE - MOVING FORWARD


- **Transition Team:** The Transition Team welcomed Rev. Barry King to our two churches on Wednesday evening at a Pot Luck & Joint Transition Team Meeting. The Transition Team's mandate is to work closely with our Interim Minister in establishing the best future for our two churches. The Transition Team is the conduit for all communication between the two congregations and Rev. Barry King. For more information about the Transition Team's Role, see the UCC Transition Team Handbook at the following link:
http://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/handbook_transition-teams.pdf
Questions, concerns and information for The Transition Team and Rev. King should be directed to the Co-Chair of your congregation:
Chalmers Co-Chair: Mary-Stewart Ross at 613-384-0952 or <marystewartross@gmail.com>, SSUC Co-Chair: Deb Elliot <elliotd33@gmail.com>
- **Contacting Your Church Office by Phone:** As a transitional measure, starting Sept. 10, members of both congregations wishing to reach their church office should call 613-546-3263 ext. 221.
- **Bulletin Announcements:** if you have announcements for the church bulletin, please send them by end of day Monday for inclusion the following Sunday to <bulletins@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com>
- **Reminder to Chalmers' Committees** to ensure copies of committee meeting Minutes are filed in church office and that your binders are up to date. This resource will also be of help to Rev. King.
- **Name Tags: Please take note** There are new Chalmers name tags at the back of the Sanctuary. If you have an old one, please leave it in the basket so it can be repurposed. If your name is missing please call the office and let us know, 613-546-3263 ext. 222.

COMMUNITY PASTORAL CARING – NEEDS YOU

- With an aging congregation more people look forward to a visit or phone call. Please consider joining our small group of 5 active members who are all over the age of 80. While Marilyn Perry and Doreen Morrison are taking time off this fall we have no one to be the overall coordinator of the Pastoral Care.
- The *Keep In Touch Fall Communion Service and Luncheon*, which many of our shut-ins look forward to, also needs someone to coordinate it. Rosemary MacLachlan will pass over all her papers for you to follow.
- Our next meeting is Tues.Sept.18 at 2:30 pm in Church House. Come and join us. You can phone or talk with Mike Hartlin @613-542-5883.
For both Sydenham St. UC and Chalmers UC,
please contact Marylil Megginson <marylil@kos.net> 613-544-9420
- **Flowers** : If you wish to donate flowers (tax receiptable) for placement in Chalmers, please contact Isabel McLeod, 613-546-2809. Flowers are then delivered to members who are ill.

During the summer donations have been made

In Memory of

Rev. Millard Schumaker  Catherine Carty

SHARED WORSHIP

Chalmers United Church is a community of God's people who embrace Christian tradition and encourage new ideas. We gather to: Celebrate God's love; Search and be challenged; Nurture and be nurtured. We seek to: Welcome all who come; engage all ages in Ministry; be guided by faith in daily life; and be a compassionate, hopeful presence in the world. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. (1997)

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Sydenham Street United Church as an Affirming Congregation seeks to be a vital faith community within The United Church of Canada engaged in spirituality, justice and creativity, informed by Jesus Christ and the Bible, and discerning the call of the Trinity as we celebrate diversity, inclusivity and abundant life. Indigenous land acknowledgement as stated on the front cover of bulletin.



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