



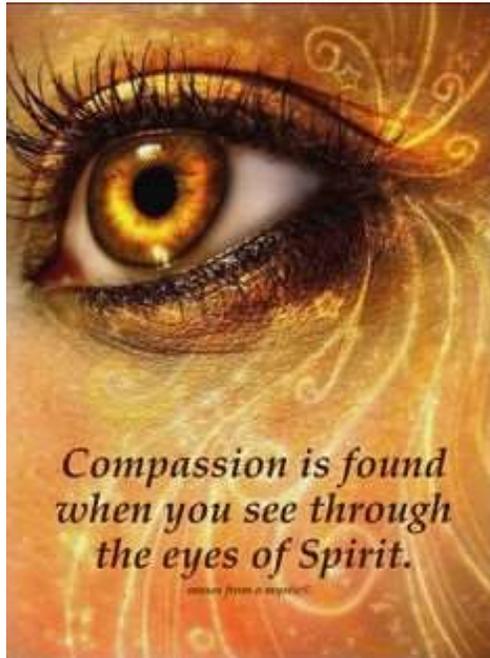
Sydenham Street and Chalmers

United Churches of Canada

Sharing Worship

10:30 am October 21, 2018

"COMPASSION STARTS HERE"



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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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Services in October are at Sydenham St United Church, 82 Sydenham St.

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Growing Spirits Children are invited to meet with Hope Yen and Brigitta Holzschuh for Christian stories and activities. Please meet in the Conference Room, First Floor, when prompted.

Washrooms are in the office foyer area through the right front doors of the Sanctuary.

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 given to a Greeter at the front door.

CHURCHES

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.

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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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OFFICES

Chalmers and Sydenham St Church House Offices:

Monday to Thursday 9:30 am to 4 pm

The Spire/SSUC Office: Monday to Thursday 9 am to noon

For bulletin materials please use: <bulletins@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com>

**"COMPASSION AND LOVE ARE NOT MERE LUXURIES.
AS THE SOURCE OF BOTH INNER AND EXTERNAL PEACE,
THEY ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO THE CONTINUAL SURVIVAL OF OUR SPECIES."
- H.H. THE DALI LAMA**

☞ indicates you are invited to rise in body and spirit as you are able

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Andante con moto (Op. 72, No. 4) - Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

INTROIT

Abundant Life - MV 143, verses 1, 2

☞ MV 10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

One: We all drink from one water.
We all breathe from one air.
We rise from one ocean. And we live under one sky.

All: We are one

One: The newborn baby cries the same.
The laughter of children is universal.
Everyone's blood is red.
And our hearts beat the same song.

All: What affects one, affects all.

One: We are all brothers and sisters.
Only one family, only one earth.
Together we live. And together we die.

**All: We are connected in the One God.
We strive for peace by practicing respect.
We strive for justice by practicing compassion.
And we learn to love.**

Anwar Fazal

PRAYER OF THE HEART

**Holy One in this sacred time, by the tender encouragement of Spirit,
may the door of our hearts open just enough
to remember what it's like to trust,
to allow Spirit light to illumine and lead us back to you.
Receive our confession, or our gratitude, or our concern
For self or others....hear our silent meditation.**

(Silence)

seated MV 85 Take, O Take Me As I Am (x3)

Charter for Compassion Link: <https://youtu.be/wkltwCPDd94>

Children may leave for their programs.

A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

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 7: 24-37

Faye Irving

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Verses of Peace - Dan Locklair

Pax Dei. Pax vobiscum. Vade in pace. Dona nobis pacem.

The peace of God. Peace be with you. Go in peace. Grant us peace.

SERMON

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🌀 **VU 384** *The Lone, Wild Bird*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

Andante sostenuto (Op. 72, No. 2) - Felix Mendelssohn

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

🌀 **MV 143** *Abundant Life* (verse 3)

All God calls humanity to join as partners in creating a future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating, that new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavour, that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

🌀 **VU 896** *Blest Are They*

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

🌀 **MV 222** *May the Peace of God Be Your Peace*

POSTLUDE

Allegro non troppo (Op. 72, No. 1) - Felix Mendelssohn

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

Greeters Jack Soule, Norm Esdon
Hospitality Mary Ev Wyatt, Diane Soule
Counter Joan Simeon

TODAY

- **7 pm: Sunday Evening Music and Reflection Service at Chalmers.**
For info please contact Mary-Stewart Ross 613-384-0952 or <marystewartross@gmail.com> or Grace McBride <grace-mcbride@live.com>.
- **Warm Feet for the Street:** As in past years, volunteers will be filling socks for those folks who come to the Chalmers' Benevolent Program on Tuesday mornings. Socks will be distributed during November and December. The socks are stuffed with a pair of gloves, a toque, practical items, treats, a \$10 gift card for Giant Tiger and a candy cane. We invite you to make a financial contribution to this community project using the envelope provided in your bulletin. If you and your family wish to fill a sock for a child, please do so. When you return it, pin the age and gender of the intended child in a note on the sock. Watch for the upcoming "sock stuffing gathering" date, following a Sunday service in early November.
- **Celebrating a New Affirming Ministry!** Everyone is invited to sign the card of congratulations for Atherley United Church in Atherley ON which will be celebrating becoming Affirming Ministry on Oct. 28th. It is our tradition at SSUC to send a card to all new Affirming Ministries in Bay of Quinte Conference. Chalmers people – please join us in this outreach. The card is on the table at the front of the sanctuary and will be out at coffee time.

THE CHARTER FOR COMPASSION

The principle of compassion lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves. Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the centre of our world and put another there, and to honour the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect.

It is also necessary in both public and private life to refrain consistently and empathically from inflicting pain. To act or speak violently out of spite, chauvinism, or self-interest, to impoverish, exploit or deny basic rights to anybody, and to incite hatred by denigrating others—even our enemies—is a denial of our common humanity. We acknowledge that we have failed to live compassionately and that some have even increased the sum of human misery in the name of religion.

We therefore call upon all men and women ~ to restore compassion to the centre of morality and religion ~ to return to the ancient principle that any interpretation of scripture that breeds violence, hatred or disdain is illegitimate ~ to ensure that youth are given accurate and respectful information about other traditions, religions and cultures ~to encourage a positive appreciation of cultural and religious diversity ~ to cultivate an

informed empathy with the suffering of all human beings—even those regarded as enemies.

We urgently need to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is the path to enlightenment, and indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community.

Resource: <https://youtu.be/wktlwCPDd94>

Karen Armstrong was awarded the TED Prize in 2008, for her wish to create a Charter for Compassion. Thousands of people contributed to the process and the Charter was unveiled in November 2009. Since then, the Charter has inspired community-based acts of compassion all over the world. From Seattle to Karachi, Houston to Amsterdam, in schools, houses of worship, city governments, and among individuals everywhere, the message of the Charter is transforming lives.

THE TRANSITION TEAM WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Every Sunday after the service, 2 members of the Transition Team will be waiting for you at the coffee hour. **They want to hear your thoughts about our Shared Ministry & Staffing. What do you need the Transition Team to know to help them facilitate where we're going in the future and how we will get there?**

Worshipping Sundays Together
at Sydenham Street in October and at Chalmers in November

COMMUNITY PASTORAL CARING

- **Chalmers Needs you:** With an aging congregation, more people look forward to a visit or phone call. Please consider joining our small group of five active members. We need a coordinator of Pastoral Care. Please call Muriel Hartlin if you can participate or if you would like more info. 613-542-5883.
- **To place Flowers in the Sanctuary for the Worship Services in November:** Contact Isabel McLeod 613-546-2809.

COMING UP

Tuesday, Oct. 23

- **Tuesday Noon Book Group:** At this time the group will discontinue after decades of enjoyable and challenging studies and companionship. Reference: Ecclesiastes 1: 3

Thursday, Oct. 25

- **12 pm: Thursday lunch** in MacCallum Hall. \$7.00 per person. Everyone is welcome to join our group. If you would like to attend, please phone Jane MacEwen at 613-546-3905. We also need more volunteers for clean-up after the lunches. If you are willing to come eat and clean up occasionally, please call Jane.

Saturday, Oct. 27

- **6 pm: Chalmers Annual Fall Banquet to Welcome our new Minister** Rev. Barry King and his wife, Linda. Come and enjoy a delicious roast beef buffet from Old Farm Fine Foods, a glass of wine, and the company of friends. All Chalmers and Sydenham St. friends welcome. Tickets are \$30, from Jane MacEwen, Joan Simeon or the Chalmers' office.

Sunday, Oct. 28

- **Following Worship: Speaker Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald, Four Winds Presbytery Rep. on the Region 11 Transition Commission:** will talk about and respond to questions on the process and progress that is being made in advance of Jan. 1, 2019. This is when Four Winds Presbytery and Bay of Quinte Conference (along with all the other presbyteries and conferences across the church) will no longer exist and 16 new regional councils will assume responsibility for the oversight and support of communities of faith and their staff, as well as encouragement and support of networks and clusters engaged in ministry and mission in the name of The United Church of Canada.
- **7 pm: SSUC Movie and Coffee small group!** We will meet on Sunday, Oct. 28th at the Screening Room for any of the movies that start about 7 p.m. Check the newspaper or the Screening Room website for exact start times. After the movies, we'll gather for refreshments and conversation at Chez Piggy's. Our regular movie night is the last Sunday of the month. For more info, contact Barb Carr 613-544-4081 or <barbecarr@hotmail.com>. All are welcome to join.

Sat. Nov. 3

- **7:30 pm 82 Sydenham St. Cantabile's Children's, Teen and Adult Choirs pay tribute to 'Truth & Reconciliation' and Canada's Indigenous peoples.** This concert will feature *Words, Stories, Truth* awarded Choral Canada's 'Outstanding Composition 2018' to special guest Vera Wabegijig, Anishinaabe poet and Mark Sirett.

Saturday, Nov 10

- **PeaceQuest** is organizing a national gathering at Memorial Hall to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. The program will feature Paul Rogers, Professor of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford and Global Security Consultant with Oxford Research Group. He is the author of *Why We're Losing the War on Terror* and regular guest on CBC-Radio's *Sunday Edition*. Other guests include John McGarry (Political Studies, Queen's), Shannon-Monk Payne (Sakatay Global), Bianca Mugenyi (The Leap), Mona Rahman (Islamic Society of Kingston) and author Lawrence Scanlan.

Sunday, Nov 11

- **PeaceQuest** is collaborating with The Isabel to present the third Remembrance Day event featuring Open Voices Community Choir, the Juno Award winning Okavango African Orchestra, PeaceSong, Kate Johnson, Paul Rogers and more. The music will be backed by the poignant projections of The World Remembers displaying the names of the millions who died on both sides of the tragic conflict. Details and tickets are available from Michael Cooke (mcooke253@gmail.com or 416-209-6156) or <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/imagining-peace-a-peacequest-gathering-tickets-47470466443>

Tuesday, Nov. 13

- **11:30 am: Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** will be at the Best Western Bistro Stefan Restaurant, 1217 Princess St. (Please note the new location as of this Fall). Our speaker will be John Fielding. The title of his talk is: *British Home Children: A Canadian, Communal, and Personal Story*. Everyone from Sydenham St. and Chalmers is invited to attend. please contact Meikle Turner at 613-542-7744 or <meikle_irish@yahoo.com by 5 pm on Sun. Nov.11. The cost is \$22.

Sunday, Nov. 18

- **1:30 pm: 8th Fire** In the spirit of the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission report, Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Churches are jointly presenting, *8th Fire*. In this 4-part CBC production, broadcaster Wab Kinew introduces viewers to "a high energy journey through Aboriginal Country". The four parts will be shown on the big screen at Chalmers over the course of 4 Sundays on Nov 18, Nov 25, and Feb 03, 24, 2019. No Admission Fee. To see the poster on your screen, search: Sydenham Street United Church 8th Fire. To view the poster, search: [facebook.com/Sydenham-Street-United-Church](https://www.facebook.com/Sydenham-Street-United-Church)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The United Church Observer Magazine:** Read it each month to learn what is happening in Canada and elsewhere in relation to living a faithful life in our world today. Sample copies of “*The Observer*” are available at a display table in the foyer near the new elevator at coffee-time. Join or renew your subscription with the **SSUC group subscription** at the display – Oct. 14th and 21st. New subscribers are encouraged and welcome! Donations of \$25 are invited to cover the cost of your subscription. For more info, please call Linda Hutchinson at 613-542-7645 or email <hutchinl@kingston.net>
- **Re-Gifting at its Best:** For the last two years, SSUC has provided our regular Voucher Program recipients with items to give as gifts to others. As you can imagine, this initiative has been very well received. You can help make this year’s initiative a success as well! Everyone has things in their closets that they’ve received as gifts, or that they purchased for themselves but know they will never use. Why not de-clutter your closets, etc. and help us re-gift those items? Please bring any small, UNUSED items that you have to SSUC – our regulars in the Voucher Program will be afforded an opportunity to select items that they, in turn, can give as gifts to a friend or relative at Christmas. Recommended items include: candles, candle holders, picture frames, small purses, makeup bags, scarves, toques, warm socks, gloves, etc. Please bring your donated items to Donna Delyea, Barb Landon, or leave them in the SSUC Church Office to Donna’s attention no later than Sunday, Nov. 11th. Thank you! If you have already contributed to this cause – Thank You!!!
- **Palestinian Peace Gift Box available:** Once again, the Bay of Quinte Fair Trade Coordinator is partnering with Zatoun, a not for profit volunteer organization operating in Canada, by making a **gift box of Palestinian Fair Trade products** available. This year the gift box will consist of one 750ml bottle of extra virgin olive oil, one package of Za’atar spice and a bar of soap made from olive oil. The total cost for the gift box is \$35 of which \$3.50 is donated to the United Church Mission and Service Fund. Yearly Zatoun pays over \$250,000 to farmers, press operators, bottlers, printers, carton makers and labourers in Palestine. Since 2004, Zatoun has planted over 30,000 olive trees on small farms in Palestine. It has donated almost \$124,000 from its proceeds to Project Hope to bring volunteers (many from Canada) to offer art as therapy - painting, drawing, drama, music, photography - to youth living in refugee camps. Pre-order with payment is required. Contact Bruce Hutchinson, 613-542-7645, <hutchinb@queensu.ca> or Rosemary MacLachlan, 613-549-6008, <mmaclachlan@cogeco.ca>. Orders will be taken Sun. Oct. 21 & Nov. 4.
- **Stamp Program:** Please save your cancelled stamps from home or business mail. The corner of the envelope is all that is required. Place stamps in the Box at the back of Chalmers’ sanctuary or drop them off at the Church Office. (Use mail slot if the Office is closed). The value of used stamps goes toward new stamps, saving the church hundreds of dollars annually in postage costs.

MOVING FORWARD

- **Bulletin Announcements:** if you have announcements for the church bulletin, please send them by end of day Monday for inclusion the following Sunday to <bulletin@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com>
- **Reminder to Chalmers' Committee Chairs** to ensure copies of committee meeting Minutes are filed in church office and that your binders are up to date. (some are years behind!) Please verify asap.
- **Contacting Your Church Office by Phone:** As a transitional measure, members of both congregations wishing to reach their church office should call 613-546-3263 ext. 221
- **Booking a Room at Sydenham Street United:** please call 613-542-9616 ext. 201 or e-mail your request to <thespire@kos.net>
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**CHALMERS ANNUAL FALL BANQUET
TO WELCOME OUR NEW MINISTER!**

BOOK YOUR TICKETS BY WED. OCT 24!

Come and enjoy a delicious roast beef buffet
from Old Farm Fine Foods, a glass of wine,
the company of friends and
a chance to personally meet our new minister,
Rev. Barry King and his wife, Linda.
All Chalmers and Sydenham Street friends welcome.

Tickets are \$30,
Book your tickets through
Jane MacEwen,
Joan Simeon or
the Chalmers' office.

