

COMING UP AT SYDENHAM ST UNITED AND CHALMERS UNITED

Chalmers Christmas Cookie Sale



Pre-ordered cookies will be delivered to your home **Wed. Dec. 5th** or will be available for pick up in Chalmers' MacCallum Hall from 9am to 1pm.

Thursday, Dec. 6

- **12 pm: Thursday lunch** in MacCallum Hall. \$7.-per person. Everyone is welcome to join our group. If you have not attended but would like to attend, please phone Jane MacEwen at 613-546-3905.
- **5 pm: Help Serve a Meal to Brain Injured Patients and Families** For several years members of SSUC have assisted Princess Street United Church in the serving of a dinner to brain injured patients and families at Princess St UC. We need at least six volunteers to help serve the meal prepared by a team at Princess St. Volunteers are invited to have a turkey dinner with the Princess Street volunteers after families are served. We normally finish by about 7:30pm. **If you can also help in food preparation, please come on Wed. Dec 5 from 3-5 pm.** To volunteer or get answers to questions please contact Bruce Hutchinson at 613-328-3093 or hutchinb@queensu.ca.

Tuesday, Dec 11

- **11:30 am: Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** will meet at the Best Western Bistro Stefan Restaurant, 1217 Princess St. **(Please note the new location as of this Fall).** Our speaker will be Daryl Bell, Lead for Patient and Family Centred Care, Kingston Health Sciences Centre. The title of his talk is: *Partnering with Patients and Families to Improve the Patient Experience*. Everyone from Sydenham S.U.C. and Chalmers U.C, is invited to attend. Individuals on call lists will be contacted by email. Others wishing to attend and/or to have their name added to our call list, please contact **Meikle Turner 613-542-7744** or meikle_irish@yahoo.com before 5 pm on Sun. Dec. 9. The cost for the luncheon, including tax & gratuity, is \$22. per person (a \$20 bill plus a toonie, please).
- **7 pm: Chalmers' CCE will meet in MacCallum Hall.**

Friday, Dec. 14

- **12 pm : Just Lunch** is a monthly event sponsored by SSUC from September though June and is open to everyone from both our congregations. Our December date features a Christmas Buffet Lunch at DOX restaurant in the Holiday Inn Waterfront Hotel. Enjoy Turkey & Ham and all the trimmings plus delightfully delicious desserts. The cost is \$ 21.95 per person, plus tax & gratuity and each person or couple is responsible for payment through their server. We have reserved space for 25 persons. Please register with Meikle Turner – 613 542 7744 meikle_irish@yahoo.com before Dec. 11th.

Sunday, Dec. 16

- **12 pm: Chili Lunch** Please mark your calendar and plan to attend in this “chilly season” in the SSUC upstairs hall for food and fellowship, following worship and the choir’s special Advent presentation.

2018 Christmas Basket Campaign

The Tuesday Morning Food Voucher Group at Sydenham Street is asking for your help in their 2018 Christmas Basket Campaign. In the last 3 years the Campaign distributed over 100 Christmas baskets to needy families in our community. This meant a festive Christmas dinner for over 325 individuals, 95 of who were children.

Please give generously - either grocery money, and/or grocery items as listed below. We need significant funds to buy perishable items: turkeys, potatoes, onions, carrots, oranges, apples & margarine.

Would you like to pick up food items, pack or deliver one of these baskets? If so, please sign the sheets posted at coffee hour or talk to Kirby Ruthven : 613-531-0865 ksruthven@gmail.com

Christmas Baskets Food Donation Schedule

Dec 2nd Hot Chocolate, Tea, Juice

Dec 9th Boxed Stuffing, Canned Fruit, Cookies

Dec 16th Cranberry Sauce, Candy, Commercial Bar Cake (cherry, Spanish, lemon fruit or pound.)

Chalmers Stamp Program

Please save your cancelled actual stamps (not from a metered machine) from home or business mail, especially through the Christmas season. The corner of the envelope is all that is required.

Please drop them off at the Church Office. (Use mail slot if the Office is closed).

If that's not possible, please save them to when we are back at Chalmers.

The value of used stamps goes toward new stamps, saving the church hundreds of dollars annually in postage costs. Thank you.



SSUC Mission and Service

When we approved the congregational budget for 2018, we also passed another motion to endorse the goal of raising \$50,000.00 for Mission and Service this year. I can report that as of 31 October we have contributed \$39,321.08 toward that sum. Thank you! And please keep up the good work so that we may reach our target. You should know that at this time the program of M and S is devoted solely to funding the mission and ministry of the church; none of the M and S offerings are being used to fund the governance or shared services of our denomination. I like Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber's brief exhortation: "Extend grace." That is exactly what M&S is about. And you and I are those who make it possible.

- Peter G. Goheen, Social Justice & Outreach Committee