

# COMING UP

## AT CHALMERS UNITED AND SYDENHAM ST UNITED

Thursday, Nov. 29

- **11:30 am – 2 pm: A Keep in Touch Communion Service** will be held in the Sanctuary, followed by a **Luncheon** provided by Old Farm Fine Foods in MacCallum Hall. This will be followed by some favourite hymns plus a talk from someone from the transition team concerning worshipping together with Sydenham St. There will be a time for any questions you may have. Also try to remember how many years that you have been coming to Chalmers. We hope to see you there. Let your Pastoral Care person know if you plan to come and need a ride. If you haven't been contacted and wish to attend, call Mike Hartlin at 613-542-5883.
- **12 pm: Thursday lunch** in MacCallum Hall. Will be combined with the Keeping in Touch Service.

### Chalmers Christmas Cookie Sale



**Order your tray(s) of  
Homemade Christmas Cookies  
by TODAY**

**\$12 for 2.5 dozen goodies**

Delivered to your home Wed. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> or you can pick them up in Chalmers' MacCallum Hall.

**To place your order**

or to volunteer to bake some cookies  
email Joan Simeon [jsimeon601@gmail.com](mailto:jsimeon601@gmail.com)  
or call either 613-545-1099  
or the Church House Volunteer Desk  
613-546-3263 ext. 221

### 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](mailto:ksruthven@gmail.com)

#### Christmas Baskets Food Donation Schedule

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup>** Canned Vegetables (corn, peas), Instant Coffee, Jell-O (please no instant pudding as some of our families may not have milk to make pudding)

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>** Hot Chocolate, Tea, Juice

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** Boxed Stuffing, Canned Fruit, Cookies

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** Cranberry Sauce, Candy, Commercial Bar Cake (cherry, Spanish, lemon fruit or pound.)

Please check expiry dates on all items!

**Fri. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** Packing and Delivery day this year

### Advent Star Gifts Campaign

Both Sydenham Street and Chalmers United Churches join together this year in this stewardship campaign. It will run throughout the Advent season.

We are all encouraged to make a 'Star Gift' to either church, and a 'Gift Star' will be hung from the SSUC balcony, gracing the sanctuary over the Advent and Christmas season. In making your gift, you may honour a special person or event, or make an expression of gratitude, while helping our churches to meet our annual budgets.

The amount of your 'extra givings' Star Gift is up to you, and you will receive a charitable tax receipt for the full amount of your gift. Star Gift forms and envelopes will be available on each Sunday during Advent, beginning 2 December. Each subsequent week, the names of those who have given a Star Gift, along with their reasons for giving, will be published in the bulletin/announcements, as well as the number of Star Gifts and the total amount raised. The amounts of individual gifts will not be published. Star Gifts can also be made anonymously.

Watch with wonder as the number of stars hanging from the balcony increases each Advent Sunday. Join in, knowing your gift will be assisting your church to achieve its financial goals. And, while the stars will hang from Sydenham Street's sanctuary this year, next year it will be Chalmers' turn.

## 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. 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. 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

## A Message from Your Ministry and Personnel Committees

In this time of transition, we have become aware of some confusion about various responsibilities. We thought it would be useful to clarify our responsibilities.

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee acts under the guidelines of *The Manual* of The United Church of Canada. The committee functions around three roles: the consultative and supportive role, the healthy relationships role, and the supervisory role, which is sometimes shared. We provide resources and support for the staff and the congregation with respect to any issue affecting staff of our church, including ministry personnel and lay employees. The committee works to build positive and trusting relationships between staff and members and adherents of the congregation. If members of the congregation have praise or concerns about staff, both ministry personnel and lay employees, these can be shared in signed correspondence with the committee. The issues will be considered confidentially by the M&P Committee, who will recommend action.

The following is a list of the members of the M & P Committees of our two churches.

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