

CHALMERS AND SYDENHAM STREET
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA
SHARING WORSHIP



"A FRIENDLY UNIVERSE?"

10:30 am May 12, 2019

The Rev. Barry King INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTER
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Hours: SSUC Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30am - 1:30pm
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Open: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Mon. - Thurs.

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

May Services are at Chalmers United Church, 212 Barrie St.

June and July Services will be at Sydenham St United Church.

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Growing Spirits Children are invited to meet with Hope Yen and Lynn Freeman for Christian stories and activities. Please meet in Clergy St. foyer when prompted.

Washrooms are located in the Clergy St. foyer.

Song Books *VU Voices United* *MV More Voices*

Ringers Off on 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.

CHURCHES

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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Rentals/room bookings 613-546-3263 x 222

Live Online when at the 212 Barrie St. Chalmers location. 10:30 am Sundays
<www.chalmersunitedchurch.com>

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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OFFICE HOURS

Chalmers and Sydenham St Church House Office: Mon. to Thurs. 9:30 am-4 pm

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

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

Please send announcements by end of day Monday, or late editions by end of day Tuesday for inclusion the following Sunday.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**"The opposite of faith is not doubt;
the opposite of faith is control."**

Richard Rohr

☞ indicates you are invited to rise in body and spirit as you are able
Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Air on a G String - J. S. Bach, arr. Ronald Herder

Marian Holobow, Juliet Milsome

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

INTROIT

seated **VU 179** *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks*

Refrain 2x

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

You, O Holy One, are the cathedral of love,
inviting us to enter and rest in the sacred space of your being.

**You are the evolutionary urge sending us out beyond
the safety of sanctuary into the world to know
you in and as our own becoming.**

You are the soothing voice reminding us that you are the lover.

**We trust and release now as we worship,
into the grace of being and becoming.**

☞ **VU 268** *Bring Many Names*

CENTERING PRAYER

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 help 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...**

COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

Children may leave for their programs.

A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

VU pg. 749

Psalm 23 - 2nd Refrain Rosemary MacLachlan

ANTHEM

The Earth Adorned - Waldemar Åhlén

Poem *Where to Find the Faith*
Esdon

Norm

SERMON

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☞☞ MV 39 *Mother Earth, Our Mother Birthing*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

Sheep May Safely Graze - J. S. Bach, arr. Mary How
Marian Holobow, Juliet Milsome

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

☞☞ VU 540 *Grant Us, God, the Grace*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

☞☞ MV 135 *Called by Earth and Sky*

SENDING FORTH AND SUNG CHORAL BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring - J. S. Bach, arr. Henry Geehl
Marian Holobow, Juliet Milsome

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

Soloists	We offer thanks to Marian Holobow and Juliet Milsome for their piano duet voluntaries today.
Reader/Greeter	Rosemary MacLachlan, Mike Hartlin
Hospitality	Property Committee
Counter	Marjorie Mason
Sound Techs	Dan Bergeron, Matthias Melhorn-Boe

TODAY AND COMING UP

- **Please Note: Rev. King** will be away on vacation from Mon. May 13 to Mon. May 20. Please contact Marylil Megginson for Pastoral Care emergencies at 613-544-9420 or marylil@kos.net.
- **Following Service: Chalmers' Vision Statement Discussions** will take place for all Chalmers' people interested in a discussion about a proposed new Vision Statement. Please join us at the back of the sanctuary. Following the recent congregational forum, at which there was a good discussion and much agreement about Mission and Vision, a small group has been working on crafting an updated Vision Statement for Chalmers. The group has drawn on our current statement, the suggested one from the Jubilee Report and all the comments from the Saturday participants. It is hoped we can present a new Vision Statement for approval at the June 9th AGM. It would then be our guide as we consider the broader scope of our Mission.
- **7 pm: Sunday Perspectives: *Amazing Grace*** showing at the Screening Room. A documentary presenting the live recording of Aretha Franklin's album *Amazing Grace* at The New Bethel Baptist Church in Watts, Los Angeles in January 1972. *"It will make you feel as if you've seen the face of God."* *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. Hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Chalmers United, St. Mark's Lutheran and St. Luke's Anglican.

Monday, May 13

- **7 pm: Helen Tufts Nursery School Annual General Meeting** at 559 Bagot St. For more info call Margaret Bly 613-531-1441

Tuesday, May 14

- **11:30 am: Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** The final meeting for 2018-19 will be held at the Best Western Bistro Stefan Restaurant, 1217 Princess St. As has been our tradition, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our meeting will be informal with an opportunity to reflect on the past year's program and begin planning for next year. Everyone is welcome! Individuals currently on call lists will be contacted by their team captains. Others wishing to attend and/or to have their name added to a call list, please contact Meikle Turner at 613-542-7744 or <meikle_irish@yahoo.com> before 7 pm Sun. May 12, so that adequate accommodation can be arranged. The cost for the luncheon, incl. tax & gratuity, is \$22 pp (a \$20 bill plus a toonie, please).

Wednesday, May 15

- **7 pm: Mindfulness Meditation** This will be the last session for the season. Grace McBride <grace-mcbride@live.com>.

Thursday, May 16

- **12 pm:** Thursday **Catered lunches have ended** for the season.

Tuesday, May 28

- **7 pm: Chalmers' CCE** will meet at the back of Chalmers' sanctuary. Please **NOTE** the May 14th meeting has been postponed.

Saturday, June 1

- **9 am to 4 pm: Re-Imagining Places of Faith** (*see back page for details*)

Monday, June 3

- **7 pm: CFB Kingston's Community Volunteer Communications & Electronics Band's Annual Spring Concert** at The Spire, in support of the Outreach Activities of SSUC. No tickets required. \$10 suggested donation.

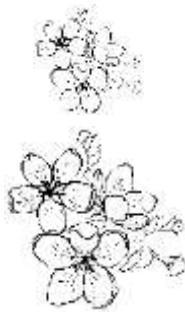
Tuesday, June 11

- **12 pm: SSUC Just Lunch** Members and friends of Sydenham St and Chalmers are invited to come to the gathering in Rockport, past the 1,000 Islands Bridge. Location TBD. Note: A car convoy & car-pooling option will be available for this location. Please register with Meikle Turner 613-542-7744, <meikle_irish@yahoo.com> by 6 pm June 9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Community Round Table Conversation: The Transition Team** will be sending out invitations to a variety of organizations in the surrounding community to take part in a Community Round Table discussion on Wednesday June 5th from 8:30-12:30 at SSUC. Our hope is to build on and strengthen the many connections we might have with local community organizations and businesses. To better understand the needs of the surrounding downtown community and how we together might collaborate and play an active role in serving our downtown neighborhood. We will be looking for persons who can assist us on this day to serve as a facilitators or scribes for table groups. As the day draws closer we will know how many extra people we need. If you are able and willing to do so, please speak to any of the Transition Team members or Barry for more information.
- **Invitation to explore more at Chalmers:** Each week running up to the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 09, we are sending out the Annual Reports from the various committees. Should you be interested in any more information, or even better, in joining one of the teams, please contact Lynne <sirwinstonis@cogeco.ca>, Bob <rlittle@CSwan.com> or Joan <jsimeon601@gmail.com>

- **Chalmers needs a new Transition Team member:** There should be four from each of Chalmers and Sydenham Street and Chalmers needs one more member to be even. The Transition Team plays a vital and prescribed role in this period of interim ministry: members work collaboratively with our Intentional Interim Minister, Rev. Barry King, "to implement agreed upon goals and guide the community of faith in the process of determining its future mission." For more information, or if you are interested in joining, in your role as part of this essential and enthusiastic team, please contact a current Chalmers' team member: Al Fletcher <afletcher8@cogeco.ca>, Monika Holzschuh <monika.holzschuh@queensu.ca>, Rosemary MacLachlan <mmlachlan@cogeco.ca> or Barry King <barry.king@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com>.
- **The Chalmers' Benevolent Fund Program** is in need of shampoos, conditioner, small bags of laundry soap, toothbrushes and tooth paste that are shared on Tuesday mornings. The Blessing Box, a cupboard outside church house that reads: "Give what you can, take what you need" could use some foods such as pasta, porridge, Kraft dinners – any foods that won't explode if they heat up or freeze. Thank you.



Flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of
Our beloved Joan (Nyomya) and her parents
 from the McGrath Family in Kingston, Oakville, Auckland
 and Cairo and the Kerrs in Aberdeen.

and for

**Enid and Allen Richardson and
 Catherine and Kenneth Richardson**
 from Sherry and David Richardson.

Worshipping Sundays Together
 at Chalmers United in May
 then at Sydenham Street United for June and July

Re-Imagining Places of Faith

A workshop for Eastern Ontario in Kingston ON



June 1, 2019, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
The Spire at Sydenham Street United Church
 82 Sydenham Street, Kingston, ON

Come and Learn – Come and Share

Places of faith anchor and shape our communities. Yet many congregations are facing declining attendance and insufficient funding to maintain and operate their historic buildings. These important community assets are in a period of transition, and the Eastern Ontario area is no exception.

Join us at this unique event where local faith groups, heritage and community organizations will share their experience, concerns, creative solutions and hope to the challenges confronting places of faith in *Eastern Ontario* in an interactive and engaging format.

Speakers/workshop leaders include:

- Robert Pajot - National Trust
- Kendra Fry - Faith and the Common Good & National Trust
- Tricia Baldwin – Director, Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts, Queen’s University
- Carla Leon – EDGE, United Church of Canada

Workshops – architectural/zoning/building issues, fundraising, sharing your building for fun and profit, rural strategies, governance models, heritage building tour, shared workspace tour and more

To register online, visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/re-imagining-places-of-faith-tickets-57529514326>
 For those who wish to register by mail please fill in the form below. **Please register by May 27, 2019**

Cost: \$25 pp Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

For more information: Contact Penny Sharman PSharman@coreco.ca 613-766-2599

Workshop organized by Frontenac Heritage Foundation in cooperation with an ecumenical team and with the assistance of The National Trust and Faith & the Common Good

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Registration Form

If you wish to register by credit card, please do so via Eventbrite at –

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/re-imagining-places-of-faith-tickets-57529514326>

To register by cheque, please fill in the form below and include with your cheque.

First Name:	Last Name:
Address:	
Title:	Organization:
Email:	Phone:

Please make cheques payable to Frontenac Heritage Foundation. Cheques and registration form can be mailed to Frontenac Heritage Foundation, PO Box 27, Kingston, ON K7L 4V6. HOWEVER, to ensure your registration information is received on time, please email the information to PSharman@coreco.ca as well.