

Doors Open for Guelph United Ministries (GUM)

Over the past five years, the United Churches of Guelph have gathered in November for a joint worship service. This year we are trying something different as our four local churches, the Chalmers Community Services Centre and the Ecumenical Campus Ministry throw open their doors and invite the people of Guelph to take a closer look at our communities of ministry and care. These are the events: (see back)

- Nov 17, 7pm Film Screening at Harcourt UC:
**Call of the Forest:
The Forgotten Wisdom of Trees**
- Nov 18, 1-4pm **Christmas Crèche Display** at Trinity UC
- Nov 18, 6:30pm **Heritage Auction** at Dublin UC: live and silent auctions in support of the Dublin Heritage Fund.
- Nov 19, 3pm **Covenanting Service at Harcourt**
- Nov 19, 5-6:30pm **Labyrinth Walk**
Ecumenical Campus Ministries (U of G)
- Nov 26, 1:30-3:30pm **New Building Tour**
Chalmers Community Services Centre will be delighted to welcome visitors. Volunteers will be on hand to provide hospitality just as we do with all our guests. A special Chalmers cake and other refreshments will be available.
- Nov 27, 8-8pm **Three Willows Advent: Mind, Body & Soul at Three Willows UC:**
A meditative labyrinth walk, Zentangle spiritual practice, and therapeutic touch sessions are yours to experience during this evening of preparing mind, body and spirit for the Advent season.

Harcourt Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm
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Our Life and Work at Harcourt Memorial United Church

Sunday, November 12 Remembrance 3

Nursery care available at the 10:30am services

For the latest news, check our Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube!

HEAD USHER: Joan Barham

USHERS: Dave and Jean Hume, Nancy Ryan and Jan Grottenthaler.

AV TECH: Mark Sears and Elizabeth Bone

- ▶ **Hearing assists** are available, please ask the ushers.
- ▶ **Do the pews feel hard?** Cushions are available by the door.
- ▶ **Large Print Hymn books** are at the back of the Sanctuary
- ▶ **Pray For:** Delhi United Church, Erie Presbytery
- ▶ **Weekly Scripture at Home:** Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78: 1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13
- ▶ **Readings Next Week:** Judges 4: 1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30

Chalmers Community Services Centre Food items for November: canned vegetables & peanut butter. Skim milk powder & toilet paper are always needed.

Weekly Opportunities

Prayer Shawl Circle Mondays 1:30pm, Rm 202/203

Handbell Ringers Tuesdays 7pm, Choir Room

Tai Chi Wednesdays, 1:30pm, Friendship Room

Mindstretch Thursdays, 8:45am, Chapel

Park'n Dance Thursdays, 1:30pm, Gym

The Choir Thursdays, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Today's Opportunities

Nov 12, 12pm: From J&O Standing with Indigenous people and those in poverty. Join us in the Friendship Room for a time to share our concerns and hopes for Harcourt's response to these issues. Sandwich makings will be provided.

Nov 12, 1pm: Reindeer Building Session Join us to have fun and express your creativity building these popular creatures for the All Things Christmas Sale.

All Things Christmas: Please bring any donations to the box set-up in the Library. Any questions or offers to help? Meet Janet in the greeting area after the 10:30 service. SignUp Genius is now ready. Donations of soil and large plastic pots can be delivered to 25 Monticello Crescent by **Nov 19**.

Coming up at Harcourt

Attention all Harcourt Bakers!! It's time once again to get ready for The All Things Christmas sale. And once again, the bake table is an important part of this event. We need your help to make this a success. Start thinking about Christmas shortbread, special cakes, muffins, tarts, jam, cinnamon buns and gluten free goodies! Anything and everything that you enjoy baking and sharing will be a welcome addition to the Bake Table. Items can be dropped off the day before the sale, Friday Nov 24, and before 9am on Sat Nov 25. Any questions, please call Heather Hoeg at 519.265.5956.

Nov 13, 11:45am: Caroline Harcourt Women's Fellowship Annual Memorial Meeting will take place in the Friendship Room. Ben Fear, a war veteran will speak about the "*Music of the War*" and we'll sing some songs. All women are very welcome. Bring your own brown bag lunch and desserts. Tea and Friendship will be supplied.

Nov 18, 5:30pm: Potluck and Games Night Join us in the Friendship Room for a fun, social evening sharing in games and laughter. Come on your own, with your family, or with friends. We ask that you contribute a cold or hot entrée or dessert to the meal. Some games and cards are provided, but feel free to bring your favorite games too! Hosts for the evening are Peter and Heather Sullivan.

Nov 19, 3pm: Covenanting Service for Miriam, Harcourt and Waterloo Presbytery We will be celebrating the covenant between Waterloo Presbytery, Harcourt Memorial United, and Miriam Flynn. The speaker will be Rev. Morar Murray-Hayes from Maple Grove United in Oakville and the Presider will be John Benham. Please join us as you are able.

Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20: Vocal Meditation for Advent
Take a break each week during Advent and join in vocal meditation. The group will be led by Jane Lewis, a local musician, singer/songwriter. Spend some time tuning up and tuning in. We'll explore various relaxing sounding-exercises as well as chants and simple songs. The group is intended to give you a sense of calm and grounding to carry through the week; time to reflect on the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love; and the energetic lift that comes with vocalizing together in a group. Join each week or come on a drop-in basis - free will donation. The sessions will be held from 10 to 11:15am in the Chapel. If you would like more information or to sign-up, please call Elizabeth Bone, at 519.821.0682 or send an email to dambonee1@sympatico.ca.

Opportunities for Support

Dec 2, Saturday Night Supper (SNS) at Royal City Church
Harcourt's next opportunity to host SNS will be December 2. Volunteer to serve dinner or prepare food for our menu. A sign-up sheet is available in the Greeting Area or sign-up via SignUp Genius by going to the Harcourt website. Food and volunteers should be at the Royal City Church (back door) by 5pm. Volunteers will be needed until 8pm. If you have questions, call Jill Gill at 519.767.1244 or email to peter.gill@sympatico.ca. See page 12 of the November Herald for more information.

Worship Services: Season of Remembrance

November 19 Remembrance 4
Remembering Community (GUM open doors weekend)

November 26 Remembrance 5
Remembering the Church Year Joining of new members.