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Life and Work at Harcourt Memorial United Church

Sunday, March 11, 2018 Lent 4

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

HEAD USHER: Frank Webster

USHERS: Don & Carolyn Johns, Murray Woods
and Janet McCallum

AV TECH: Helen and Dave Mowat

- ▶ **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:** Mount Forest-woodland (Bruce Presbytery)
- ▶ **Weekly Scripture at Home:** Numbers 21:4-9,
Psalm 107:1-3,17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21
- ▶ **Readings Next Week:** Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12 or
Psalm 119:9-16, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

Chalmers Community Services Centre: Food items for March are Pasta or Brown rice, peanut butter, skim milk powder, toilet paper

Harcourt donated 210.8 pounds of food to Chalmers Community Services Centre in February!

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

The Choir Thursdays, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Today at Harcourt

Fundscrip Grocery Cards Available in the Greeting Area.

Save the Date!

April 14, 8:30am to 12pm: Garage Sale in support of Harcourt: Gently used items accepted on Friday April 13.

Coming up at Harcourt

It is Pysanka time again! Mary, Sue, Lisette and Cisca will help you to “write” a Ukrainian Easter egg. The cost is \$10 and all profits will be donated to Harcourt. All materials will be provided. Possible dates are **March 14, 16, 17, 23 and 24**. There will be both daytime and evening sessions. Interested? Contact Cisca at 519.766.4998. Sessions will be at 11 Latenda Place.

Mar 12, Noon: The Caroline Harcourt Friendship Circle The topic will be "**Getting to know you, Getting to know all about you**"! Please bring an item that you have purchased at a Thrift store since our last meeting...All women are welcome to join us with their bag lunches. Tea and treats will be served.

Mar 14: Harcourt Men's Group Meeting

Jim Shute will be the guest speaker. He will give a talk on "**African Creeks I Have Been Up?**" Jim has attended our group on occasion and is retired from being the Director, International Development Office at the University of Guelph. All men are welcome to attend. You are invited to bring a friend or a neighbour who would enjoy this session. Henk Dykman will have coffee and tea ready at 7:45 a.m., the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. Sandy Middleton will be the leader. In your date book please record the date of **April 11** for the next meeting. The speaker for the April will be announced at the meeting.

Mar 17, 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 favourite games too! Hosts for the evening are Peter and Heather Sullivan.

Mar 25: Garment Sunday. Harcourt's tradition of offering garments on the Sunday before Easter continues again this year. If you are able, please bring a **spring or summer garment** to worship on the 25th. These items will be donated to Chalmers Community Services Centre as it begins to distribute spring/summer clothing. For those who wish, small clothing cut-outs will be available for purchase before each service and these can be offered at the same time as the clothing is brought forward.

Opportunities in the Community

March 13, 1-3pm: Workshop for Older Adults Sponsored by the Pastoral Care committee, this is a free 6 week course from the Guelph Wellington Seniors Association. Learn how to make physical activity, good nutrition and other healthy habits a daily routine. In the Friendship Room. Contact Dorothe Fair at 519.820.2993 or dorothe.fair@gmail.com for more information.

Mar 17, 9am to 12pm: Garage Sale in support of Chalmers
*****NEW location** Centennial CVI, 289 College Ave. W.
Donations of quality household items, books, collectibles, and small furniture, may be dropped off March 12-16 9am to 3pm to Centennial. For more information or to make an early donation, please call 519.766.0874.

March 22, 7:30pm: TCOW Information Evening, at Dublin Street United Church. Youth and Parents of Youth! For all United Church Youth (Grades 10 and up as of 2019) who might consider taking part in our 2019 Service and Learning year and March

Break return travel trip to Colombia. Please come with all your questions, hopes, fears and dreams. See you then and there!. More information <http://www.waterlootcow.ca/>

Mar 23, 5-6pm and 6-7pm. Chili Cook-Off Dinner, \$13 each, children under 12 eat free. 519.821.7623. Followed by a Hootenanny, 7 to 9pm. Sign up for your time in the spotlight or just sit and enjoy. Arkell United Church, [600 Arkell Road, Arkell](#).

Apr 28: Look Ahead With Joy! A Day to Gather, Share & Celebrate with Guelph United Ministries (G.U.M.) It has been five years since a partnership was first formed between four Guelph United Churches (Harcourt, Dublin, Trinity and Three Willows) and two community based ministries (Chalmers Community Service Centre and the Ecumenical Campus Ministries.)

To celebrate this occasion, deepen our connections and explore together the “new thing” that God is creating in and through our ministries, members are invited to gather on **Saturday, April 28**, at the **Holiday Inn**, Guelph from **8:45 to 3 pm** for a day to worship, pray, dream and sing together.

Our guest speaker is Rev. John Pentland, lead minister at Hillhurst United Church, in Calgary and author of *Fishing Tips: How Curiosity Transformed a Community of Faith*. Tickets are \$20.00 each and lunch will be provided. Come, to worship, celebrate and anticipate with joy the new ways God is calling us to be the church in Guelph.

~Upcoming Lent / Easter Services~

March 11: Lent 4

March 18: Lent 5

March 25: Garment Sunday

~Holy Week Services~

March 29, 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday
Shared Service at Dublin Street United Church

March 30, 10:00 am: Good Friday Service
Readings, reflections and song in the Sanctuary

March 31, 3:00 pm: Holy Saturday Vigil in the Chapel

April 1, 10:00 am: Celebrate Easter with us!

One service only. A 'good news and great joy' worship opportunity for all ages! Nursery care available.

Easter Flowers: We will be decorating the sanctuary with hydrangeas again on Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a family member or friend or to celebrate a special occasion, please contact Ann Middleton by March 27.

Opportunity to Support

The Memorials Book has been updated with the names of friends or family who have been remembered with donations to Harcourt Church, along with the names of their friends and donors during 2017. The Memorials Books are always available for viewing in the Greeting area – a good time to reminisce and remember. Memorial donation cards are also available on the Book Stand or from the church office.

Many thanks to all those generous folks who volunteered to serve and provide food for the **Saturday Night Supper at Royal City Church** this past weekend. Great food and fellowship was shared by all who attended. Your kindness was heartily appreciated. Our next opportunities to host SNS are **June 2, Sept 22 and Dec 22.**

Notes from the Office

Annual Meeting Follow-Up from Council Chair:

Thank you to those who participated in our March 4th Annual Meeting (approx. 75). It was an important time to provide input to our Harcourt 20/20 journey. Copies of two discussion handouts are available outside the office. Briefly, here are key points that were confirmed by accepting the 2018 budget, with a projected deficit of \$39,000.

- Our community of faith reinforces our focus on the narratives of Revitalization and Radical Change.
- \$4000 seed money will provide small initiatives: enhanced, intentional welcoming; ongoing exploration and definition of 'community development'; exploring future use of Harcourt's facility/spaces.
- Revitalization is supported. The current Office & Technical Worship Support position will be expanded to include staff time to coordinate and create integrated internal and external communications (e.g. print, website, Facebook, Twitter).
- Radical Change is supported through additional part-time paid staff to focus on what options will best serve our plans for change within church and society today. This could be either a community support worker or a youth minister. Much more work and discussion will unfold in the months ahead about these options.
- We are called to support the decisions made at the meeting - financially as well as with our time and talents. Congregational givings need to increase significantly (+10%) to support the decisions made on March 4.

Our personal and family stewardship is critical to Harcourt's ability to survive and flourish. Please consider how you can contribute to our narratives of Revitalization and Radical Change and our many aspects of ministry. We know that you value Harcourt in your life.

Look upwards in the Sanctuary

The two columnar, cylindrical, rear lights above the balcony have been refitted with LED fluorescent tubes and LED spotlights in the bottom of the fixtures. Please let Dave Hume (dhume@uoguelph.ca) Chair of the Property Committee know which colour of fluorescent lighting you prefer for the sanctuary.



Harcourt Nametags If you are new to Harcourt you may have noticed many in the congregation wearing a nametag. If you too would like a nametag please let Anne, in the office know, office@harcourtuc.ca There is no fee for your first nametag. If you have lost your nametag, replacement tags are available for \$6.00. Thank you to Marilyn Reilly for arranging for and picking up the nametags!

Photographs for Harcourt:

We invite you to share your photos with us!!

“A picture is worth a thousand words”. This is the reality when people view our Harcourt website, facebook, twitter, Herald, Sunday worship material on the sanctuary screens, archives, flyers and bulletin boards.

We need your help in building our collection of photographs for use across these seven different avenues where we tell people about the heart and soul of Harcourt.

If you decide to share your photos with Harcourt :

If you have a lot, sort/eliminate some of them and break them down into groups of 10-15. (Or less than 25Mb per batch if you know how to figure that out.) File size depends on who you are using as an internet mail provider.

Also, it is requested that you date and name the pics. (eg Christmas 2017-1, Christmas 2017-2 etc.)

Send to: nate79plan68already@photos.flickr.com

In sending us your personal photos you are agreeing that they may be used for the Harcourt website, Facebook, Twitter, Herald, Sunday worship material on the sanctuary screens, archives, flyers and bulletin boards.

Here's a link to our YouTube Channel showing a video about the 50th Anniversary Project at Harcourt 2006-7:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQNX5pzB91c&feature=youtu.be>

April 6: Observer Renewals... \$25 payment due to the office. Please make cheques payable to Harcourt Memorial United Church.

Harcourt Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

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