

# harcourt

*Life and Work at Harcourt Memorial United Church*

**Sunday, April 8, 2018 Easter 2**

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**HEAD USHER:** Ben Fear

**USHERS:** Anne and Gary Parsons, Norma Fear and Marg Bates

**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:** Pelham Community Church (Niagara Presbytery)
- ▶ **Weekly Scripture at Home:** Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31
- ▶ **Readings Next Week:** Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

**Chalmers Community Services Centre:** Food items for April: canned meat (tuna, salmon, chicken), peanut butter. Harcourt donated 167.8 pounds of food to CCSC in March. Thank you so much!

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## ***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

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## ***Today at Harcourt***

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**Fundscrip Grocery Cards** Available in the Greeting Area.

**Spring Flowers in the Sanctuary today:** are from Sarah Lowe in loving memory of her brother Martin Lowe.

**April 8, 12-1pm:** Anyone interested in participating in this year's Harcourt Communal Garden which produces local, organically-grown, fresh vegetables, fruit and herbs for donation to Chalmers Community Services Centre food pantry is invited to the planning meeting at noon- 1 p.m. **today** in the Chapel. Unable to attend the meeting? Just contact Jill Gill at 519-767-1244 or email [peter.gill@sympatico.ca](mailto:peter.gill@sympatico.ca)

## ***Coming up at Harcourt***

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**Mindstretch:** As always, we meet in the chapel between 9 and 10 am Thursdays, and all are welcome. For more information, call Jean Jackson at 519 824 4364.

**Sundays in April, 3-4pm: SWESH.** Free exercise and wellness classes for women, by women Open to all women age 16+, of all fitness levels. In the Harcourt gym. Contact 519.803.3887 for more information.

**Apr 4, 11, 18, 25, 10am in the Chapel: Vocal Meditation for the Easter Season** We're happy that Jane Lewis is returning to Harcourt to lead ***Vocal Meditations for the Easter Season***. Once again, the Spiritual Life committee and Alison are sponsoring the group. We'll be asking for a free-will donation to replenish the Music Pillar for future activities. Come and join Jane and Elizabeth to celebrate Easter. Spend an hour 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, along with the energetic lift that comes with vocalizing together in a group. You can join us each week or come on a drop-in basis. If you would like more information, please call Elizabeth Bone, at 519-821-0682 or send an email to [dambonee1@sympatico.ca](mailto:dambonee1@sympatico.ca).

**Apr 9, 11:45am: Carloline Harcourt Womens Fellowship** will feature an illustrated talk by Dr. Shelley Hunt, Executive Director of the University of Guelph "Arboretum." Whether you've lived in Guelph for many years or just a few months, you may not know a lot about the many interesting programs available at the Arboretum for everyone's enjoyment and participation. Bring a brown bag lunch; we'll provide the tea and treats. This is the ideal season to share nature's beauty along with congenial women young and not-so-young; and bring a friend. All women are most welcome, so please join us in the Friendship Room.

**Apr 11, 7:45: Harcourt Men's Group.** Murray Woods has arranged for the Rev. Dr. Herb Gale to be the guest speaker. He will give a talk on "The Light Still Shines: The Enduring Value of Legacy Gifts." He is a former Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and is now doing consulting work as well as serving part time as the Minister of Generosity and Stewardship at Knox Presbyterian Church in Guelph, where the Endowment Fund grew from \$150,000.00 in 2005 to a million in 2017. After years in congregational ministry in both North Carolina and Ontario, he served as Associate Secretary for Planned Giving for The Presbyterian Church in Canada from 2004 until his retirement in 2015.

All men are welcome to attend. You are invited to bring a friend or a neighbour who would enjoy this session. Paul Webb will have coffee and tea ready at 7:45 a.m., the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. Murray Woods will be the leader. Please record the date of **May 9** for the next meeting. The speaker for the May will be announced at the meeting.

**April 12, Creative Intentions:** painting evening with local artist Sonal Raje. Sonal is going to facilitate a painting evening, with each of us creating the attached painting. Cost (including materials) will be between \$15 and \$25, depending on the number of participants. Advance registration is required. Email Lisa Browning at [lisa@onethousandtrees.com](mailto:lisa@onethousandtrees.com)

**Apr 14, 8:30am to 12pm: HARCOURT Garage Sale**  
**in support of Harcourt** *In the Harcourt Gym*. Donation drop-off and set-up: Friday, Apr 13, 9:30am to 7:30pm. Gently used items accepted.

Saturday sale volunteers needed from 8am to Noon

Saturday clean-up volunteers needed Noon to 1:30pm.

Friday set-up volunteers needed 9am to 7:30pm.

Any time you are available to help is appreciated. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Janet Webster at [fwebst0953@rogers.com](mailto:fwebst0953@rogers.com) or Anne Purkis in the office at 519.824.4177; or use SignUp Genius.

**April 19, 7-9pm:** Sharing Evening, The focus is Indigenous Issues. Guest speaker is Brian Hawker. Contact [lisa@onethousandtrees.com](mailto:lisa@onethousandtrees.com) to reserve your spot.

**April 21, 9am: *An Invitation*** The Property Committee will host the **annual spring clean-up of the Memorial Gardens** on Saturday April 21, (the rain date will be April 28.) Participants are awarded an extra hour of sleep on the day of the event so we don't start until the dew is dry or 9 am whichever comes first. All the regular gardeners welcome spectators and gardening fans because of the favourable publicity which is important in an election year. Of course you are welcome to join in and many just can't resist helping to plant the Ranunculus. Just bring your own garden gloves. Free Admission. Ben Fear.

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### ***Opportunity to Support***

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**April 8, 2pm:** Chalmers Community Services Centre will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 41 Macdonell St. (Please enter on Macdonell.) Please join us as we celebrate our new downtown location and plan for the future.

## *Look Ahead With Joy!*

**A Day to Gather, Share & Celebrate with Guelph United Ministries (G.U.M.)** Plan to join members of our sister churches for a day of worship, sharing and imagining together where God is calling us as the United Church in Guelph. 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*. The event is taking place **Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018** at the Holiday Inn, Guelph, from 9:15 to 3 p.m.

This is a ticketed event (as space is limited and a light lunch is provided). Tickets are \$20.00 each and available from Miriam Flynn or Roz Stevenson or from Anne Purkis in the Harcourt office.

**Jul 27-29: The Skylight Festival** stands for justice, faith and the arts. It creates a gathering place for people of diverse backgrounds to dialogue and be in community. The workshops and music are great! This year, it is being held at Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre.



Camping is included in the fee, but if a more comfortable bed is to your liking, it is possible to commute each day, or stay in a variety of accommodations on site.

The cost for each member of a group of more than six is \$145 and seniors are \$129. Youth and young Adults are \$99 (ages 13-25) Children under 12 are free, and there is a program for children ages 5-12. Last year the group planned communal meals, prepared by two or more families, so each of us only had to prepare one meal for the weekend! If you would like to attend this great event, please contact Merrill Pierce ([mpierce@sympatico.ca](mailto:mpierce@sympatico.ca)) (519-836-8867). Cheques will be due in May.

If you would like to read more about the festival, the website is [www.skylightfestival.ca](http://www.skylightfestival.ca).

## ***Opportunities in the Community***

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**April 14, 3-5pm:**

**What Happened in Syria? *Pathways to Peace.***

Speakers: Monia Mazigh, Haroon Siddiqui

Welcome by Karen Farbridge,

Moderated by Craig Norris, CBC Radio One

Location: Harcourt United Church

Event info: <https://goo.gl/5GUxf6>

The Guelph Bridging Group together with PeaceRiders.org, Council of Canadians, Muslim Society of Guelph and the Muslim Students' Association of the University of Guelph present a public lecture. Guelph's response to the emergency Syrian refugee crisis was the right thing to do. Out of terrible violence and destruction Guelph has become stronger by welcoming new Canadians into our community. New friendships have been forged and learning has been shared. To honour these friendships and to honour peace, we are asking the question: What happened in Syria? We understand that truth is the first casualty of war. The war in Syria has been horrific: 400,000 people have died, millions have lost their homes and the violence continues. Our speakers are well-known around the world for their stance on world justice issues. The event is free and accessible. All are welcome.

About the Guelph Multifaith Bridging Group  
The Bridging Group is a multi-faith gathering of citizens in Guelph who have been meeting about once a month since 2015. Our purpose is to build community and friendships as people of faith. We share a common vision of peace through justice that is based on understanding each other and our world.

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### **Harcourt Office Hours:**

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

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