



I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
Psalm 9:1

The Harcourt Herald

The life and work of Harcourt Memorial United Church
Guelph, Ontario, Canada
October, 2017

Harcourt Memorial United Church

An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada

We are a people of God called together and sent forth by Christ to

Seek | Connect | Act

Our Mission:

Inspired by the Spirit, we participate in Christian practices that strengthen us in the building of just, compassionate, and non-violent relationships

Our Vision Statement:

To be an authentic community of spiritual growth and service

Our Core Values:

Risk...Respect...Responsibility...Vulnerability...Trust

Our Purpose:

To welcome and strengthen in community all who wish to serve God and follow the way of Jesus

Harcourt Memorial United Church

87 Dean Avenue, Guelph, Ontario N1G 1L3

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday, 9am-noon; 1pm-4pm

Phone: 519-824-4177

Fax: 519-824-9448

Email: office@harcourtuc.ca

Web: www.harcourtuc.ca

Ministers: The People with
Reverend Miriam Flynn (ext. 222)

Miriam@harcourtuc.ca

Reverend Jim Ball (ext. 223)

Jim@harcourtuc.ca

Director of Music Ministry:

Alison MacNeil (ext. 225)

alison@harcourtuc.ca

Church Administrator:

Anne Purkis

Custodian: Darko Cikovic

The Harcourt Herald

Published 10 times each year

by the

Communications Committee

Your contributions are welcome!

**Deadline: 20th of each month
Sept-June**

Editor: Gillian Joseph
theherald@harcourtuc.ca

Printer: Anne Purkis



WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Season of Creation

October 1 Creation 4	Humanity Sunday (Genesis 1.26-28)
October 8 Creation 5	Wilderness Sunday (Is. 42.11)
October 15 Creation 6	River Sunday (Psalm 65.9)
October 22 Creation 7	Sabbath Sunday (Genesis 2.1-4a)

Harcourt offers three distinct Sunday morning services: At 9 a.m. in the Chapel, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and at the MANNA service at 10:30 a.m. in the Friendship Room. Nursery support is provided in the nursery from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

The Ministers' Quill



Thanksgiving

by Jim Ball

The month is awash in thanksgiving. Deep gratitude abounds for the earth's gift of growth and provision. Joy stirs in the soul for the abundance of nature and the rewards of human labour. It is a season of busyness and a "good tired" as crops are gathered, fields are cleared and freezers and cupboards are filled. It is a time to break bread with family and friends around a common table, to pause to say 'thank you' for resource and one another. It is a time to remember others in our celebrations and to include them in our glad sharing. Lastly, when all has been done and distributed, and when we are satiated and inspired, it is a time to turn toward the unknown future and face together, with humility, love and courage, its coming days of shrinking light and growing cold. As we count blessings, here are some to celebrate.

Thanks for the more than fifty Harcourt members who, in groups of ten, participated in the listening circles in June. Together they considered various ways in which parts of our life are fading and perhaps should. They named ways in which other parts are strengthening or might be revived. And they discussed ways in which still other parts, not yet fully formed in our thinking, might find space and resource and encouragement to root and grow. They listened with respect and sensitivity to each other's diverse views. Together they sought to discern constructive ways forward. Their contributions have now been posted and shared with the wider congregation, inviting further reflection and comment. In addition to the important suggestions they have sent forward is the example of their gathering: the process they followed, the respectful listening they modelled, the sincere bending of self they offered in the attempt to discern together the moving of the Spirit and pathways forward is an expression of Harcourt values and spiritual practice. It is an illustration of how good but differently thinking people can engage without colliding, and collaborate without competing, working together for the common good.

Thanks for the members who offered leadership in our summer worship services. Harcourt folk rallied to offer their gifts in thoughtful and creative ways in July and August. Debbie Shanks, Joan Charlebois, Miriam Flynn, Gay Slinger, Bill Lord, Andre Auger, Kathy Magee, Tammy te Winkle, Sonya Wu-Winter, Henk Dykman, Peter Gill, Elizabeth Bone, and guest musicians Alison Vicary and Matthias Schmidt provided a rich and meaningful set of worship experiences over the summer months.

Thanks for the more than thirty Harcourt members, including children, who attended the Skylight Festival in Paris, Ontario in late July. This annual festival for social justice, spirituality and the arts - now in its third year - provides a rich and diverse offering of concerts, social activities, workshops, and worship experiences. This year's event was rich in its offerings. The days were long and full. Many of our people camped out, creating a "Harcourt village" among the sea of tents. This provided an oasis in the midst of the busyness. It offered members and strangers alike a place to rest, discuss and share meals together. Some of our Harcourt members also helped to staff an information table that shared with Festival participants key aspects of the life and ministry of affirming churches in Hamilton Conference. Thanks for all who participated in weekly worship this summer. We feel deep gratitude for the members and guests and choristers who, Sunday by Sunday, filled our sanctuary with welcome and prayer and songs of praise. Showing up matters. It strengthens our common life and ministry.

Thanks for all who participated in the summer tasks around Harcourt. The list includes our summer students, Lloyd and Isabella. The list includes the weekly workers in our community garden and orchard. It includes the members of our Property Committee as they guide the construction project and attend to the management of rentals. The list includes the members of Council and its committees and teams, including Ministry & Personnel, who have contributed significant time and energy and thoughtfulness to Harcourt's life and work, a ministry that does not slow, but only changes, in summer months and that requires our ongoing attentiveness and tending.

Lastly, thanks to all of the Harcourt members and friends who could not join us in person during the summer months, but who cared for the church family and our ministry here by thinking and praying for us, by supporting the budget, and by exercising faith and compassion wherever they found themselves during this season.

The days are awash in thanksgiving. The reasons for gratitude are many. Perhaps each of us will make time again this season to pause to consider our own reasons for joy. To remember the blessings that are close at hand. And to remember too the ways we might share them in an ever growing circle, including people and lands that are beyond our seeing but not beyond our reach.

COUNCIL NEWS

by Lorraine Holding, Chair of Council

September found Council with a full agenda to focus our work on behalf of the congregation. So full, that we had a special meeting on September 10 and our regular meeting on September 20. In between, Council members worked on various tasks to support the work of committees/teams and to continue our Harcourt 20/20 journey. We received and discussed a recommendation from Ministry & Personnel Committee (M&P) to address the current vacancy for Office and Technical Support, and the proposed lay position for community support facilitator included in the Joint Needs Assessment Report. After lengthy discernment at our special meeting, Council approved two steps: M&P will advertise and recruit for a short-term temporary contract to cover technical worship support needs, and assess this approach; Council will initiate a process to further define what 'community development' means in our context of radical change. At our regular Council meeting, we approved another step: Sandy Middleton and the Worship Committee will lead a process in collaboration with other teams to review and revise our understanding of current and future worship support needs. Outcomes from these three steps will come to Council's January meeting for consideration. Council continues discussion to update Harcourt's policies related to rented and sponsored use of church facilities, as well as a new proposed policy related to rentals for marriages, worship and other purposes. Keeping Harcourt's purpose, mission statement and core values at the forefront is important. With Sarah Lowe's guidance and details provided by Anne Purkis and Isabella Gregov (our summer student), Property Committee has gathered background data to help us better understand the significance of our policy decisions. The working groups will report back to Council in November. Continuing our Harcourt 20/20 journey, we invite the congregation to participate in our next opportunity. Look for our new banner in the Greeting Area! From September 24 to Thanksgiving Sunday, we invite you to look at the banner, read the handout (included elsewhere in this newsletter), and place your dots on the banner. The ideas came from the 50 people who participated in six conversation groups in June. We want to know which ideas excite you for action during the year ahead. Council will be watching and listening for your input. We thank Peter Jackson and Carolyn Davidson for their work to create the tools for this activity. So much is on the go within many groups at Harcourt! Ongoing 'business' is also important while broader issues gain attention. All aspects are part of our ministries within Harcourt and our outreach beyond our walls. May your connection with Harcourt be enriched this fall. With faith and hope.



New to Harcourt?



Join us on our journey of faith

Church office

Tel: 519-824-4177

E-mail: office@harcourtuc.ca

Seek – Connect - Act

Committee News

Caroline Harcourt Women – What Were You Doing That Day?

by Lynn Hancock

On Monday, September 11th, 2017, 16 years after the events of 9/11, women were invited to reflect. After tea and yummy treats were served, they were invited to share, in small groups, their memories of September 11, 2001; where they were, what they were doing, phone calls exchanged and how 9/11 impacted their lives on a personal level. They then listened to a song written by Alan Jackson (2001) entitled, *Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning*. Alan said that the words came to him in his sleep and he wrote the song at the end of October, 2001. This song won multiple awards at the Academy of Country Music and Country Music Association Awards including song of the year. This song earned Alan Jackson his first Grammy award for best country song.

The Caroline Harcourt Fellowship October meeting will be a week later due to the second Monday being Thanksgiving. On **Monday, October 16th**, you are invited to hear Cindy Donaldson speak to the group. Cindy is now a physician at the Carlisle Medical Centre in Carlisle, Ontario. Due to the popularity of her message to the Men's morning group, Cindy will, once again, speak about building bridges between doctors and patients. We hope to see you at 11:45. If you bring a bag lunch, tea and tasty treats will be served. Looking forward to seeing you in the Friendship Room.

Reference: Jackson, A. (2001) Where were you when the world stopped turning. Drive [CD]. Nashville: Artista.

Spiritual Life Committee “Examen” Their Lives

by Peter Jackson, Spiritual Life Committee

The Spiritual Life Committee went into a day-long retreat this summer. In the morning we asked ourselves: What is God calling me to be and do? Our point of departure was the story of the call of Samuel in the temple with aged, purblind Eli (1 Samuel 3:1-11).

Our answers were an articulation of the calls we have each discerned through our practice of daily “Examen” of our lives. Examples include:



- to be a loving presence in a complex, turbulent workplace;
- to participate lovingly in a community while managing the hurts received there;
- to embrace the reality of bereavement and learn to use my woundedness to bless others;
- to find new ways to serve in retirement, when the clarity of paid employment is lost;
- to create opportunities for other people to engage in practices that lead to spiritual growth;
- to learn how to be a supportive caregiver;
- to explore and help others explore Trinitarian theology in an evolutionary context;
- to deepen my spiritual life by taking on leadership in worship settings.

One member quoted a message received in prayer: **“Do not block love”**. This was helpful since we were using the metaphor of God as a flow of loving energy. Each of us, then, could think of our task as being to discern where the flow is seeking to carry us, and then paddling hard with the current, or allowing ourselves to be carried along, or noticing the turbulence caused by our blocking the flow - and getting out of the way.

It was a morning of sharing at a deeply personal level. We valued our common commitment to self-knowledge, gained some clarity about our individual calls, and appreciated the respectful listening.

In the afternoon we shifted focus to the Committee. We recalled our understanding that Spiritual Life is about having an intentional relationship with God, and pondered the suggestion that spirituality be defined as “any practice or event that contributes to our transformative process” (in “Sacred Laughter of the Sufis” by Imam Jamal Rahman, Skylight Paths Publishing, 2014).

We then asked ourselves: what is God calling Harcourt’s Spiritual Life Committee to be and do? Our point of departure was Paul’s vision of hearing the words “come to Macedonia and help us” (Acts 16:6-10).

We largely reaffirmed the three-part focus the Committee discerned earlier in the year:

1. To help the congregation be open to the movement of the Spirit, by facilitating communal discernment and encouraging the adoption of discernment practices by the church’s committees and groups.

2. To help individuals along the path of spiritual development, by offering recurring high-quality opportunities for spiritual growth and by supporting the adoption of spiritual disciplines and small communities.
3. To notice where the Spirit is moving and where the Spirit seems blocked in Harcourt, and to act or speak accordingly.

We were able to push some distance further, however, and named several more specific matters we will be addressing over the next year in addition to our ongoing activities:

- to focus on small groups as a key way in which people can deepen self-knowledge through meaningful conversation;
- to consider working more closely with the Adult Faith Formation group in the small-group program;
- to be willing to risk failures and to hear the messages that Spirit may be sending us when our plans fail and also when they succeed;
- to organize half-day or one-day retreats for people interested in spiritual growth in the context of today's world;
- to be open to calls to speak prophetically, as 400 Christian ethicists in the United States did in stating a truly Christian response to white supremacists (see https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hPx0End5v6PIOJA0gSoYI_SI2sDVLb-nzasN390LqXw/edit);
- to explore more personal ways of inviting people to participate in spiritual growth.

Through all of this, we gained some greater clarity about the focus of our Committee's ministry, and renewed energy for it. We will be happy to have a conversation with or help any groups who are interested in holding a similar retreat of their own. If you serve on a Committee or are part of a group that might want to do so, please contact Bill Lord or Peter Jackson.

Opportunities for Adult Faith Formation – Fall 2017

Andre Auger, Adult Faith Formation Group

Here we are, starting a new "year" at Harcourt! We are refreshed through our summer vacation and relaxation. We enter the year with a renewed sense of optimism, a new energy, and a strengthened conviction that we know how to be God's Presence in our community at this time. We have completed an extensive round of reflection with Harcourt 20/20; we have hired our second minister; in terms of stewardship we are providing Harcourt with increased resources, both financially and in terms of lay leadership. We appear to be on a roll!

Here we are, in Adult Faith Formation, also starting a new “year.” We remember that we are guided by the 2013 Report, “A Call to Discipleship.” This Report encourages Harcourt to take seriously the notion that our faith is a lifelong learning journey, in which our life experience raises questions which we actively seek to address through further experience, study, reflection and sharing. The Report also reminded us that the vitality of Harcourt depends upon such an active engagement with our Christian story, and out of such engagement will come the energy and commitment to help others – our children, our youth, young families in our midst as well as ourselves – grow in our faith.

It is good, at this new beginning, to remind ourselves of the characteristics of a mature Christian as outlined in the Report. Mature Christians are people who strive regularly and intentionally toward a maturer, deeper, and more committed:

1. understanding of the Christian story
2. familiarity with Jesus’ life and teaching
3. engagement in personal spiritual practices
4. awareness of the Universe story as outlined by contemporary science
5. familiarity with world social issues
6. engagement in service
7. engagement in self-understanding and self-awareness

Since the Report was issued, and approved by Council, Harcourt has offered over 40 Small Groups covering most of these characteristics. This fall, we are offering four Small Groups for the coming fall.

Stan Bunston and Marnie Allen will again offer their highly praised series “**Aging as a Spiritual Practice – Let’s Talk.**” This Small Group will be held Thursday mornings from 10:30 - 12:00 PM, in the Chapel for 6 weeks starting on Oct. 12th, 2017 ending on Nov. 16th, 2017.

Julie Ashley will repeat her successful series on “**Senior Transitions: Contemplating the Right Next Move,**” but on a single Saturday, Oct. 28. Details will follow.

The Saturday morning Small Group “**Explorations in Progressive Christianity,**” has already resumed. We are looking at Ched Myers's Sabbath economics.

Finally, Fr. Bernie Carroll, SJ spiritual director at Loyola House, and I are facilitating a “Retreat in Daily Life” we are calling “**Learning to Dance the Trinity's Dance of Love,**” (see below) based on the works of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Louis Savary, Ilia Delio, Richard Rohr,

and Beatrice Bruteau. Our plan is to offer this on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 PM, Oct 10 – Nov 21 2017, in the Friendship Room.

Check the Sunday Bulletins as well as the weekly e-letter for more specific details as the Fall unfolds.

Learning to Dance the Trinity's Dance of Love

by Andre Auger, Spiritual Life Group

This is a seven-week “retreat in daily life,” of particular interest to people who wish to deepen their spiritual practice by exploring what contemporary theology says about the Trinity and the Cosmic Christ in light of the current scientific understanding of our universe. This offering is jointly sponsored by Loyola House and Harcourt Memorial United Church, and will be facilitated by Fr Bernie Carroll SJ from the former, and Andre Auger from the latter. The program brings together insights from authors such as Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Lou Savary, Richard Rohr, Ilia Delio, and Beatrice Bruteau, among others.

Each session lasts 90 minutes, and includes about 30 minutes teaching, some time to meditate, as well as some time to share. Each week builds on the previous week's learnings. Between sessions, participants will have a chance to deepen their understanding through specific spiritual practices. The program starts Tuesday Oct 10, at 7 PM. Registration is required. Registrants will be told of the location.

This program will be of especial value to those who already have a regular spiritual practice, and are open to exploring new theological insights. Participation is limited to 20. There are a few spaces left. To register, email Marion Auger at marion.auger@sympatico.ca . There is no cost.

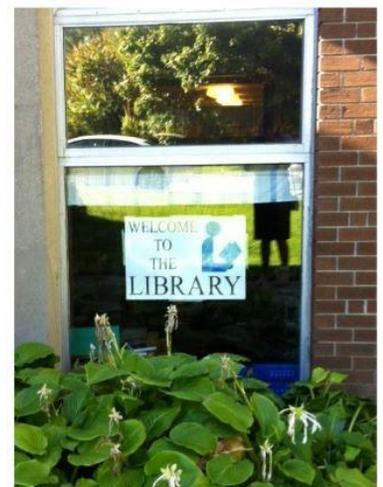
Get Busy At the Library: The Season of Creation

by Mary-Lou Funston, Library Committee

Since this is the Season of Creation in the Church, I have chosen several books from the Library which deal with the topic. Each book has a different approach to the subject.

* Last Child in the Woods Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder

Richard Louv 155.4



This book is a straightforward discussion of the "divide between children and the outdoors." He not only points out the seriousness of the situation, but also provides many well-thought out solutions to the problem.

* The Creation An Appeal to Save Life on Earth

E.O. Wilson 231.7 Wil

This book is written in the form of a letter to a Southern Baptist pastor, explaining the importance of Creation to humanity.

* The Universe is a Green Dragon: A Cosmic Creation Story

Brian Swimme 528.1 Swi

This book is in the form of a dialogue between a Youth and Thomas, in which they discuss in depth, the creativity of the universe.

* Blessings of the Cosmos Wisdom of the Heart From the Aramaic Words of Jesus

Neil Douglas-Klotz 230 Dou

This book is in the form of body prayers based on the sayings of Jesus. It is accompanied by a disc for listening at the end of each session.

* The Cosmic Dance An Invitation of Experience our Oneness

Joyce Rupp 242 Rup

Through prose and poetry Ms Rupp "challenges us to hear the pain of the planet and to care for the earth and all its inhabitants." Each meditation is accompanied by beautiful art work.

AND FOR THE YOUNGER MEMBERS:

* Places of Power

Michael DeMunn 291 DEM

The author suggests that each of us has a "Place of Power" that is uniquely our own. Each person must discover his or her own place of power.

The book ends with the recognition that the greatest place of power is within ourselves, for that is where our Maker lives. The artwork accompanying the text is powerful.

* Seeds and Sowers Children Living in Right Relationship with Creation

United Church of Canada.

This is a book full of activities that children can do to live well with creation.

As usual, all the above books will be on the top or bottom shelves of the bookshelves, so you will have easy access to them.

I invite you all to come in and browse – leaf through the books, read a bit here or a chapter there. We have comfortable seating and good lighting! Come in and enjoy!

Thanksgiving with Flowers!

by Ann Middleton, Chancel Guild

The Chancel Guild plans a show of chrysanthemums for Thanksgiving Sunday. Celebrate a special occasion or a loved one by contributing to this flower fund. Ann Middleton will be purchasing flowers October 4th, so please phone or email her before that date. After the service, you can take your chrysanthemums to brighten your home or cheer up a shut-in. (Picture by Fir0002/Flagstaffotos – Wiki Commons).



Which of These Ideas **Excite** You?

by Lorraine Holding, Chair, Council

In June, Harcourt folk gathered in private homes to discuss next steps in our 20/20 journey. Each of six groups focused on one area of our life together: Community (3 groups), Spiritual Growth, Music and Justice. The groups looked at these areas through the lens of Harcourt’s three narratives: radical change, revitalization and slow death. This is a summary of the proposals they developed for us all to consider: new things we should experiment with; things we should revitalize; and things we should stop doing.

To check YOUR interest in these proposals, read the statements below and then look at the banner in the Greeting Area. Place ONE dot on the idea or ideas that excite you. Extra comments can be added on a post-it note. Please complete this task by Thanksgiving Sunday.

1. Make the sanctuary space more flexible

Remove a few pews at the rear of the sanctuary and add chairs. The space could be used for various purposes, including conversation after worship, perhaps over coffee, eliminating the barrier of the stairs and the ‘distance’ to the gym.

2. Be more intentional about welcoming newcomers

Create a system for identifying newcomers and introducing them to “Harcourt Ambassadors”, who are people with an aptitude for and training in how to establish

connection with newcomers. Develop a card or handout for newcomers to take away, and add a Newcomers tab on the web site. And encourage Harcourt regulars to wear their nametags. (This proposal comes forward from four groups.)

3. Stop changing things needlessly

Keep Sunday worship at 10 AM year round; keep things predictable. Let go of the expectation that everyone will take on a job, and find ways to get things done with fewer volunteers. We could let go of some Christmas carols.

4. Make opportunities for cross-pollination between our worshipping communities

Add two more 'common celebration Sundays' (February and October?) when our three worshipping communities come together for worship featuring elements from all three, with food and socializing afterwards. Have lemonade after worship in the summertime, with MANNA, in the meeting space and garden (more accessible than the gym). Map opportunities for cooperation and collaboration. Investigate student needs and activities we might engage them in.

5. Engage the power of music

Experiment with ways of making real the power of music: small groups to explore stories of the impacts of music; opportunities to taste different forms of music; a speaker to address 'your brain on music'; a repeat of the small groups on 'music and spirituality'.

6. Increase participation in music

Get more people involved in singing and playing instruments and leading music. Don't leave it all to Alison and the choir. Informal hymn sings, hootenannies and more.

7. Hold brief retreats on spiritual growth

Create half-day or one-day retreats on spiritual growth; not everyone can commit to two- or three-day retreats. They should be for a targeted audience of limited size, with topical content.

8. Encourage spiritual growth in existing small groups

Rotate responsibility for leading devotions amongst group members.

9. Stand with Indigenous people and people living in poverty

Educate ourselves about the realities of Indigenous people and people living in poverty, so that we may become more sensitive and empathetic, and learn how to stand shoulder to shoulder with them.

What will happen next?

Harcourt's Council will review these proposals and related details from June. The questions that will help determine plans of action for change are:

- What shall we emphasize and how can we better deploy resources as we go forward?
- Specifically, what aspects of our collective Harcourt life might we do well to let fade away? Which ones might we take steps to strengthen or renew? In what ways and to what degree might we invest our efforts in entirely new initiatives?

If you have additional thoughts, send a message via the church office with "Harcourt 20/20" in the email subject line or on an envelope ... by Thanksgiving Sunday. Council intends to create a plan for action/change related to our congregation's ministries. Continuing input by the congregation will be important.

Brief Review of Progress on the Washrooms

by Dave Hume

After the tender was let, there were minor delays because of getting insurance in place and for getting a hazardous substance clearance certificate. The latter included testing for asbestos, which was found in piping elbows in the boiler room and in the flooring in the downstairs women's washroom. After those were rectified and a barrier erected to secure the construction site, the stopn the cloakroom walls were stripped to the steel studs. When that was completed, it was discovered that the area under the cloakroom window needed to be replaced and that water had penetrated the south wall of the cloakroom and the base sill for the steel studs was rusted. A trench was cut in the concrete slab to allow plumbing and water lines to be installed. The route actually was outside of the barrier and this was cut, plumbing and water lines installed, backfilled, and covered with concrete. In the downstairs women's washroom, the flooring was removed by Power Environmental, the room was gutted and trenches were cut to hook up the sanitary sewers coming from the new washrooms to the existing sanitary sewer system that runs to Dean Avenue on the west side of the sanctuary. This washroom got priority treatment so the Royal



City Day Care could use it beginning Sept. 18. A hole has been cut in the roof of the former cloakroom to accommodate the vent stack but that core will also need to be tested for asbestos.

Today (Sept. 21), we learned that the cast iron sewer pipe from the old part of the church is broken just inside the west door in the Greeting Place. That is going to have to be fixed. That finding may also help explain why, for a long time, there have been problems getting the drains from the kitchen to work properly. Clearly, the church is getting old and we are having to fix problems as we come to them.

A Friend, a Neighbour and a Blanket

by Arlene Davies-Fuhr and Edna Miller, Justice and Outreach

Plan to take Part in The Kairos Blanket Exercise **October 29th in the gym at 1:30pm.** Do you feel there are blanks in your knowledge about the history of our Indigenous peoples? Then come to The Blanket Exercise. This is a very moving experiential account of that history compiled and made available through the efforts of Kairos. We enter the experience as indigenous people ourselves standing on the blankets that represent the lands we inhabited at the dawn of our country and continue from there to the present day situation. Bring your friends and neighbours and a blanket. Join us for a soup lunch after church and participate in the exercise at 1:30PM. The exercise will be led by a member of Kairos on behalf of the Guelph United Churches. Some of our indigenous neighbors have been invited to share the day with us.



KAIROS is a joint venture ecumenical program administered by the United Church of Canada. Ten participating member denominations and religious organizations are involved in the development and delivery of shared work. KAIROS advocates for social change, amplifying and strengthening the public witness of its members. Responding to Christ by engaging in social transformation, KAIROS empowers the people of God and is empowered by them to live out faith in action for justice and peace, joining with those of goodwill in Canada and around the world.

Appeal Monies: You may be interested in knowing that last year the Christmas and

Easter Special Appeals raised \$1476.98 for Chalmers and \$620.50 for our chaplaincy at the University of Guelph. U of G Chaplaincy: Our Chaplain Andrew Hyde has again asked for our help to provide food for their community dinners. Harcourt provided two meals last year. Since we received only one response to our request for help this year Harcourt will only cater one meal for students on Sept 27^h.

Welcome Hamper for Refugees: There are still occasional requests for a one-time welcome hamper for refugees who settle in Guelph. If you are able to buy some fruit and vegetables or provide \$50.00 so someone could purchase the food on your behalf, please speak to Arlene Davies-Fuhr or Edna Miller.

DID YOU KNOW....The origins of Canadian Thanksgiving are more closely connected to the traditions of Europe than of the United States. Long before Europeans settled in North America, festivals of thanks and harvest took place in Europe in the month of October. The very first Thanksgiving celebration in North America took place in Canada. Martin Frobisher, an explorer from England, arrived in Newfoundland in 1578 and he celebrated it by giving thanks for his safe arrival to the New World. That means the first Thanksgiving in Canada was celebrated 43 years before the pilgrims landed in Plymouth! Because the harvest in the north is a bit earlier than that of the south, and because Thanksgiving kept falling on the same week as Remembrance Day, in 1957 the Canadian Government established Thanksgiving on the second Monday in October each year.



The United Church of Canada Hamilton Conference reminds us that Copyright is an important issue for Churches. Unauthorized use of videos, photos, graphics, music etc. is subject to serious fines in Canada. For guidelines visit: http://www.hamconf.org/TowardDD_Jun11.pdf

Community News

Ben and Norma Celebrate 70 years

Recently Ben and Norma Fear celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary! This is known as the platinum anniversary – thus named because platinum is precious, strong, enduring and doesn't tarnish. Looking at Ben and Norma one could wonder if they married when they were five years old. Congratulations!



Ben and Norma with
Pamela Macinnes

Harcourt Communal Garden

by Jill Gill

When I wrote last month about the garden produce, we had harvested 55 kgs. of vegetable and herbs. As of September 14th, we are up to 145 kgs.! and we will probably see close to a month more of growing this year. We pray for warmth from the sun to ripen the tomatoes still on the vine.

On September 10th we held a canning workshop in the Harcourt kitchen which was led by Mike Shook, a Master Gardener in Guelph. The workshop was well-attended and everyone got to take home some canned salsa and some dill pickles. Yum!

The Community Garden Network, sponsored by The City of Guelph, was organizing a 'Salsa Tasting Challenge'. However, that has been postponed until next year. The Harcourt Communal Garden volunteers were keen to participate with our tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, chili peppers, and parsley. We'll be making salsa on Friday the 22nd and make it available for folks to sample after church on Sunday.



With the exception of our salsa ingredients, all of the organically-grown harvest from the Harcourt Communal Garden is donated to Chalmers Community Services Centre food pantry where many of the most food insecure folks in Guelph are served.

Defibrillator and Other Items Stolen

by Dave Hume

On Saturday, Sept. 9th, several items went missing from the Sound Booth at the back of the Sanctuary, including stands and charger units for six hearing aid power units, the switcher board that relays information from the computer in the Sound Booth to the overhead video projectors, two microphones and a toolbox. The defibrillator was taken from the cupboard in the Greeting Place. The police were notified and they came and investigated. The theft was reported to the church's insurance broker, and an insurance investigator visited the church on Sept. 21. It appears the losses will be covered by insurance, with a \$1,000 deductible and a loss of our claim-free discount for the next 3 years.



There was no sign of forced entry and there was one group meeting in the church on the day of the theft, so the back door was unlocked for much of the day. More later....

KAIROS Blanket Exercise

.....
Harcourt Memorial United Church
87 Dean Avenue
October 29 at 1:30pm in the Gym

**Join us as we learn and experience Indigenous history
Bring your own blankets!!**



Calling all Youth! A Fun, Welcoming and Safe Place to Hang Out

by Suzanne Webster and Lisette Vanderkamp, Youth Group Leaders

Sorry for the late start this year, but we are back at 'er for 2017-2018. The Youth Group is an opportunity for youth in grades 6 and up to hang out, play games and have conversations with SUPER COOL (cough, cough) adult supervision. We often meet at the church to run around in the dark, but we also participate in some activities off-site and within the community.

Once again, we are continuing with a separation between the junior and the high school groups. The junior group is intended for those in grades 6-8 and meets Friday nights from 7-9pm. The high school group is intended for those in high school and meets on Sunday nights

from 7:30-9:30 pm. We usually meet at the church, but any off-site meetings will be disclosed well in advance. For special occasions and some outings, we will merge the two groups together.

Unfortunately because of the leaders' busy schedules, we have only a few dates booked for the fall; we plan to meet approximately once a month. In the new year we will re-evaluate.

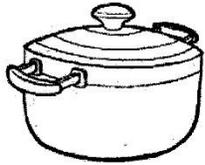


Junior Group will meet October 27 (both groups), November 10, November 24 and December 8. High School Group will meet October 27 (both groups), November 12, November 26 and December 10.

If you know any youth looking for a fun, welcoming and safe place to hang out, please pass this information along. Have them bring a toonie/loonie, a friend and join us for some games and camaraderie. If anyone needs more information, please have them email us at harcourtyouthgroup@hotmail.com

Looking forward to another fantastic year!

Are you a Samhainophobic?
Did you know that the word
“Hallowe’en” actually comes from the
Catholic Church?
Check it out at:
<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/li>



Join Us For



POTLUCK AND GAMES NIGHTS

Saturday 5:30-9:30 pm

In the Friendship Room

**Come on your own, with your family
or with friends**

October 21st

Bring a hot or cold entrée or a dessert

*Cards and board games will be supplied
or bring your favourites*

harcourt
seek | connect | act

Chalmers Downtown in a New Space!

by Peter Gill

Friday 18th August marked the first day of business at our new space on MacDonnell Street. The atmosphere resembled the first day of a new school year as volunteers and guests greeted each other after a long absence. Guests were delighted that we were open again – they had been able to access services at Chalmers West over the summer but many were unable to get there. We are still working on some logistical issues but more and more guests are finding us each week.



Our capital campaign took a summer break but we are in the process of targeting other churches at present. Harcourt has shown tremendous generosity to Chalmers – the total donations and pledges are just over \$150,000 with several promises still to come. Thank you so much from the board and staff of CCSC. This congregation has shown once again how committed it is to supporting anti-poverty initiatives in our city. Guelph is blessed to have such a community in its midst.

Later in the fall we will hold at least one open house at which time we will be delighted to welcome all into our new space.



The United Church
of Canada

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the journey toward reconciliation. Let us hear a story of one of our Mission & Service partners in Ohsweken, Ontario.

In the Six Nations First Nations community in southern Ontario sits a simple white building. For over five years Nations Uniting has offered a place of community and provided educational workshops to the surrounding communities on and off the reserve at various locations up and down the Grand River.

Healing Circles and Grandmothers' Teas are times of quiet sharing, with each person in the circle getting a chance to talk or ask questions and, most importantly, to respectfully listen to one another's stories of life. As people listen, they learn from one another. Nations Uniting

also uses the Blanket Exercise developed by KAIROS Canada to bring to life teachings and reflections of forgotten Canadian history.

The number of Sharing Circles is increasing as other churches hear about what Nations Uniting is doing and yearn to know more about their First Nations neighbours.

We sing thanksgiving for the programs of healing and reconciliation offered through the Mission & Service–supported ministry of Nations Uniting.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!

Join the
Kitchener/Waterloo
Symphony

On Friday, October 27th
8:00 p.m.

At Harcourt United Church

For a

TOUR OF ITALY

<https://tickets.kwsymphony.ca/>

Stop Sweating and Think of Christmas! All Things Christmas Sale Preparations

by Janet Webster

As I write this article we are experiencing a record breaking heat wave and it is difficult to think about Christmas. However, a small group of willing “elves” have started planning for the 2017 version of this major fund raising event. We continue to fine tune the sale and this year we plan to concentrate on those aspects which seemed to be most successful and popular.



So : SAVE THE DATE(S): **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25 FOR THE SALE DAY** and **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23 , FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24 for preparation.**

Wondering how you can be involved??? So glad you asked!

We are looking for materials for the arrangements: teasels, stems of milk weed pods, large pine cones especially white pine and Norway pine, interesting seed pods etc. Do you have a WHITE pine tree needing trimming? These branches droop attractively in large arrangements so please let us know if you will be able to spare some. Also juniper which was a surprisingly popular greenery item last year.

We are looking for 2 gallon plastic plant pots (type used for hanging pots) for the outdoor arrangements. Instead of disposing of any you have, please set them aside for the sale. We will need your leftover potting soil for the outdoor arrangements Branches of English oak. These hold on to their leaves and add a unique look. Long bamboo skewers to be used for labels and price tags.

We have found that we have become a destination for do-it -yourselfers who buy armloads of greenery, magnolia, cones, teasels etc. This is very cost and labour effective resulting in substantial funds. **So if you do not feel you have the skill set to create arrangements PLEASE consider coming out for an hour or two on either prep day to cut and bundle greenery.** The arrangers use the pre-cut pieces to work more efficiently and our customers love the convenience and variety of those bundles. Laughter and satisfaction guaranteed to all who perform this important task!

Another successful project is the creation of reindeer!! We are planning to have a work session to make these cute creatures so watch for the date, probably early November.

The bake table is another high earner of funds. We welcome your donation of baking, jams, jellies, preserves, candies etc.

As we get closer to November 25 we will welcome more helpers to distribute flyers, visit the Morris property to cut greenery, act as sales help, prepare the space and clean-up after the sale. Looking forward to hearing from you! Janet Webster (fwebst0953@rogers.com 519 821-0953).

MANNA

...is an all-ages church service at 10:30 AM every Sunday at Harcourt.

- It is experiential
- It is fun
- It is different
- It is participatory
- Parents and children worship together!

Come and share worship with us downstairs in the Friendship Room.



What are the Gifts of Years? Aging as a Spiritual Practice! "Let's Talk"

by Marion Auger

For 6 weeks, 10:30-12:00 Thursdays in the Chapel starting Oct. 12/17 to Nov. 16/17

Have you considered the joys of "Elderhood"? Are you noticing the joys as well as the sorrows and losses? Let's talk about options, perceptions, beliefs and change. Aging is about "CHANGE". Let's start a conversation about aging, living, dying, challenges and gifts. Is it possible to normalize aging and death, and create a new perspective? This is intended as a small group (up to 10) that values sharing and learning in a safe and confidential environment. For further information please contact Marnie, marnieallen47@gmail.com, 519-824-1814 or Stan, stanley.bunston@sympatico.ca, 226-821-3769. Please register (first 10 will be confirmed) with Marnie via email or phone call as works best for you.

Co-Facilitators:

Marnie Allen, Teacher, Workshop and Group Facilitator, Hospice trained volunteer, specializing in Training and Grief and Bereavement. Kripalu trained in Meditation and Program assisting.

Stan Bunston, retired Minister, Harcourt Covenanted Spiritual Companion, Hospice Wellington Grief and Bereavement Facilitator.



Calling All Men!

Thursday 26th October is the date of the next United Church mens' lunch at the Mandarin restaurant on Woodlawn - an opportunity to meet with men from the other United churches in Guelph, and to share food and fellowship.

Surplus proceeds are donated to Chalmers Community Services Centre.

We meet at 11.30 a.m. and the meal and program are finished by 1.00 p.m. All welcome! Contact Peter Gill for more information.

Hands Off Man's Best Friend

by Jean Hartman



Sarah, a university student who attends Harcourt, has a service dog named Hope. We would like to remind the congregation that although it is great to make Hope feel welcome, it is not appropriate to pet a service dog since they are working. Many thanks.



Cartoon by Roz Stevenson

Guelph Community Orchard Project

by Jill Gill

It's hard to believe, but September 17 marked five years since the planting day and celebration barbeque for the Guelph Community Orchard Project in two sites – Harcourt UC and the Guelph Community Christian School on College Avenue. In 2012 volunteers planted a



variety of fruit and nut trees and bushes in two beds alongside the northeast corner of the Harcourt parking lot. So far we have harvested everlasting strawberries, thornless blackberries, asparagus, Stanley plums, Asian pears and, for the first time, hazelnuts!

We had a bumper crop of Stanley plums this year as you will see in the photo. Their arrival on the tree even warranted an announcement from the pulpit on a Sunday morning. They tasted delicious

and many went to folks at CCSC. The hazelnuts were spied while we were having a work session (Sept. 16) of student volunteers from the University of Guelph's Project Serve event when eleven eager and able young folks learned much about the notion of urban farming, community resilience, food security and did their share of manual labour in weeding, staking and mulching the orchard. We also harvested many ripe blackberries for them to sample and found the hazelnuts. The hazelnuts are shown in one of the photos. The surrounding seed casing was removed to allow the nut shells to harden and eventually be cracked open and enjoyed.

On June, 14 we were joined by eight folks from the Bank of Montreal, a volunteer group who make it part of their civic duty to serve the community and team-build at the same time. This was a segment of a United Way 'Day of Caring' event.

We harvest a portion of the orchard fruits and nuts for the folks at Chalmers (CCSC) on a regular basis. When we are working in the Harcourt Communal Garden, the orchard or just visiting the church for other activities, I notice that there are many members of the community who walk or bike past and also enjoy the fruits of the orchard which are freely available to all.

Announcements

Passing:



Shirley Jean Ryder (nee Haennel) died on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at Hospice Wellington, Guelph at the age of 88. Beloved wife of Arnold Douglas Ryder for 63 years. Loved mother and grandmother. If one so wishes, a donation to Hospice Wellington, 795 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph would be appreciated.

Wedding:

Timothy Forestell and Jordan Collins on Saturday, August 26, 2017

Other News:

- Our annual Spirituality and Aging Seminar will be held on **Friday November 17th** (8:30-3:30) at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo. This year's seminar is entitled 'The Need for a Spiritual Revolution in Residential Care'. Kristine Theurer will engage us in conversation about the risks of loneliness and social isolation in our later years, and the revolutionary potential of peer support. Participants will be guided through an interactive learning process and peer support group demonstration to explore how we can engage in building community, in residential care or other settings. [Click here for more information and registration instructions](#), or [register here](#). Jane Kuepfer, MDiv, PhD(c), Schlegel Specialist in Spirituality and Aging, Conrad Grebel University College, [140 Westmount Rd. N., Waterloo, ON N2L 3G6](#), jane.kuepfer@uwaterloo.ca
- Park & Dance for People with Parkinson's Disease and their families. Meet on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in the gym.
- The HARCOURT BELL RINGERS HANDBELL CHOIR is looking for new members. They meet Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room. Please contact Alison at alison@harcourtuc.ca

Behind the Scenes

Editor's note: On October 29th people at Harcourt will have an opportunity to engage in The Kairos Blanket Exercise (see poster above). The following is an account of that experience as it was presented at Queen's University recently. GJ

An Exercise in Understanding: The KAIROS Blanket Exercise

by Andrea Gunn, BA, MPA

Editor, Queen's Alumni Review

2017 – Issue 3

Used with permission

The floor of Wallace Hall at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, is criss-crossed with colourful blankets. Participants move from blanket to blanket, greeting each other quietly, occasionally trading items – a cornhusk doll for a braid of sweet grass, a piece of leather for a dreamcatcher.

The blankets represent the northern part of Turtle Island, or North America, before the arrival of Europeans. The participants in this exercise are immersing themselves in the world, 500 years ago, of the Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island, its original inhabitants.

Then, the participants experience their world changing. A facilitator folds up corners of the blankets, making the land “smaller” as the participants learn about the Indian Act of 1876 that, among other changes, created reserves that were a tiny fraction of the original territories. The people on the blankets explore the federal policy of enfranchisement that took away legal Indian status from First Nations people for a variety of reasons. These included pursuing university education, entering professions such as law or medicine, serving in the military, and, for women, marrying non-Indigenous men. Several individuals are taken away from their blankets, symbolizing the people alienated from their communities because of enfranchisement.

Over the next hour, the participants learn about the policies and actions affecting Indigenous Peoples. More individuals are asked to step away from their blankets. More blankets are folded; some are taken away entirely.

“You represent the Beothuk, the original inhabitants of what is now Newfoundland. Your people starved, died in violent encounters with settlers trying to take your lands, were hunted, or were taken captive for reward. Your people are now extinct. Please step off the blanket.”

At the end of the exercise, only three “survivors” are left, each one standing precariously on a tiny square of blanket. The remaining 40-odd participants are at the sidelines, having lost their lands, their identities, or their lives.

The blanket exercise was created, in 1997, by KAIROS, an ecumenical program administered by the United Church of Canada. Developed in response to the 1996 Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal People, this exercise has been repeated in schools, churches, community centres, and workplaces across Canada.

“Our leaders need to show the way, but no matter how many deals and agreements they make, it is in our daily conversations and interactions that our success as a nation in forging a better place, will ultimately be measured. It is what we say to and about each other in public and in private that we need to look at changing”. *Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair, Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada*

In the blanket exercise, each participant is given a scroll to read aloud at a certain point in the script. Each one gives community voice to a different viewpoint, historic or contemporary, Aboriginal or colonial. Justice Sinclair’s quotation comes near the end of the script, but his idea, about the importance of conversation to effect change – permeates the entire exercise, from the kinesthetic learning that takes place on the blankets to the quiet self-expression that is about to follow.

After a whirlwind tour of 500 years of Indigenous experience, the participants in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise re-group in a talking circle. It is a safe, confidential, and respectful space. The facilitator sets the tone by introducing herself to the group – and to creation – in this way:

She:kon tahnnon teyethinonweratons. (Hello and welcome.)

Teyoronhyayentere’s yontiaats. (My name is Teyoronhyayentere’s. It means ‘She recognizes two skies.’)

Kente nikiteron. (I live in Tyendinaga.)

Wa’skarewake itskote niwaketohroten. (I sit with the Bear Clan.)

Laura Maracle ne tsyorchensa kasenna. (My English name is Laura Maracle.)

Western-dominant society has conditioned most of us to introduce ourselves by stating our name and occupation, but in this environment, Laura Maracle wants to remove the power

inequalities from people in the circle, to set the tone for a safe, honest conversation among equals.

“This introduction explains the name I was provided by community and put through ceremony,” says Ms. Maracle. “It describes my land base. If you know my land base, it is easy to figure out what my water base is. You also have an idea of the governance I follow; you know I walk in two worlds (Mohawk or Haudenosaunee and English).” In the talking circle, she says, “We all come from different backgrounds; we respect each other’s differences. Our differences are the strength that keeps us together.”

In the safe space of the talking circle, individuals take turns sharing what they have taken from the exercise. For some, there is astonishment and anger that they had been so ignorant of Indigenous history. For some, there are tears and feelings of helplessness. Some choose not to share: their silence is equally respected.

Cultural Safety at Queen's

Laura Maracle is the Aboriginal cultural safety coordinator at the Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre at Queen’s University. She has led the KAIROS blanket exercise at Queen’s for six years, taking hundreds of Queen’s faculty, staff, students, and administrators through the exercise. “It’s not about inflicting guilt or shame on non-Aboriginal people,” she stresses.

The exercise allows participants to learn about each other’s backgrounds and experiences, to ask questions, to have difficult conversations, and to keep talking to each other, ultimately in order to effect positive change. And the blanket exercise is just the beginning. It is the first of three modules in cultural safety that Ms. Maracle offers through the Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre. Module two explores terminology, legal definitions and self-identity, and the third module explores Indigenous paradigms and relationship-building. After completing the modules, participants are then divided into working groups to develop plans of action, moving forward, that they can apply in their current paths and professions.

In addition to her facilitation work, Ms. Maracle is working on her Master of Education in Aboriginal and World Indigenous Educational Studies at Queen’s. For her master’s research, she has been inspired by one of the most frequent comments she has heard after conducting the blanket exercise: “I wish I’d learned more about Aboriginal history earlier!” She plans to create a resource to be used in secondary school settings (by teachers, parents, and community leaders) that can be adapted by different communities across Canada to reflect their own Indigenous histories and stories.

Sunday October 1

Congregational Retreat Continues

9:00am Worship Service [C]
10:30am Worship Service [S]
10:30am “Manna” Service [G/F]

Monday October 2

Office Closed

1:30pm Prayer Shawl Group [202]
6:50pm Communications Committee [L]
7:00pm Scouts [G]

Tuesday October 3

11:30am Staff & Admin Meetings
6:45pm Cubs [G]
7:00pm Handbell Choir [M]

Wednesday October 4

9:30am Lightshine Singers [M]
1:30pm Tai Chi [F]
6:30pm Guides [F]
6:45pm Beavers [G]
7:30pm Rainbow Chorus Rehearsal [S]

Thursday October 5

8:45am Mindstretch [202]
9:00am Stroke Recovery Executive [F]
1:30pm Park’n Dance [G/F]
7:30pm Choir Practice [M]

Saturday October 7

9:00am Decorating for Thanksgiving [S]
10:00am Explorations in Progressive Christianity [202]

Sunday October 8

9:00am Worship [C]
10:30am Affirming Service [S]
10:30am “Manna” Service [G/F]

Monday October 9

**Thanksgiving Day
Church/Office Closed**

Tuesday October 10

11:30am Staff & Admin Meetings
6:45pm Cubs [G]
7:00pm Worship Committee [C]
7:00pm Finance Committee [202]
7:00pm Worksop Series-The Christ Project [F]
7:00pm Handbell Choir [M]

Wednesday October 11

7:45am Men’s Group [F]
9:30am Lightshine Singers [M]
1:30pm Tai Chi [F]
6:30pm Guides [F]
6:45pm Beavers [G]
7:00pm Ministry & Personnel Committee [L]
7:00pm Property Committee [C]
7:30pm Rainbow Chorus Rehearsal [S]

Thursday October 12

8:45am Mindstretch [202]
10:30am Aging as a Spiritual Practice [C]
1:30pm Park’n Dance [G/F]
7:00pm Creative Intentions [F]
7:30pm Choir Practice [M]

Saturday October 14

8:30am Scout’s Apple Day
10:00am Explorations in Progressive Christianity [202]

Sunday October 15

9:00am Worship [C]
10:30am Worship Service [S]
10:30am “Manna” Service [G/F]

Monday October 16

Office Closed

11:45am Caroline Harcourt Women’s Fellowship [F]
7:00pm Women’s Spirituality [C]
7:00pm Scouts [G]

Tuesday October 17

11:30am Staff & Admin Meetings
 11:30am Stroke Recovery Lunch [F]
 1:30pm GUM Pastoral Care Meeting[C]
 6:45 Cubs [G]
 7:00pm Worksop Series-The Christ Project [F]
 7:00pm Handbell Choir [M]

Wednesday October 18

9:30am Lightshine Singers [M]
 1:30pm Tai Chi [F]
 6:30pm Preschool Toy Wash [K]
 6:30pm Guides [F]
 6:45pm Beavers [G]
 7:00pm Council Meeting [C]
 7:30pm Rainbow Chorus Rehearsal [S]

Thursday October 19

8:45am Mindstretch [202]
 10:30am Aging as a Spiritual Practice [C]
 1:30pm Park'nDance [G/F]
 7:00pm Sharing Evenings [F]
 7:30pm Choir Practice [M]

Saturday October 21

10:00am Explorations in Progressive Christianity [202]
 5:30pm Potluck and Games Nisght [F]

Sunday October 22

9:00am Worship [C]
 10:30am Worship [S]
 10:30am "Manna" Service [G/F]

Monday October 23

Office Closed
 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Group [202]
 7:00pm Scouts [G]

Tuesday October 24

11:30am Staff & Admin Meetings
 6:45 Cubs [G]
 7:00pm Worksop Series-The Christ Project [F]
 7:00pm Handbell Choir [M]

Wednesday October 25

9:30am Lightshine Singers [M]
 1:30pm Tai Chi [F]
 6:30pm Guides [F]
 6:45pm Beavers [G]
 7:30pm Rainbow Chorus Rehearsal [S]

Thursday October 26

8:45am Mindstretch [202]
 10:30am Aging as a Spiritual Practice [C]
 1:30pm Park'nDance [G/F]
 7:30pm Choir Practice [M]

Friday October 27

7:00pm Youth Group [offsite]
 8:00pm KW symphony Concert [S]

Saturday October 28

9:00am Senior Transitions [F]
 10:00am Rainbow Chorus Rehearsal [S]
 10:00am Explorations in Progressive Christianity [202]

Sunday October 29

9:00am Worship [C]
 10:30am Worship [S]
 10:30am "Manna" Service [G/F]
 11:30am J&O KAIROS Blanket Exercise [G/F]

Monday October 30

Office Closed
 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Group [202]
 7:00pm Scouts [G]

Tuesday October 31

11:30am Staff & Admin Meetings
 6:45 Cubs [G]
 7:00pm Worksop Series-The Christ Project [F]
 7:00pm Handbell Choir [M]