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Life and Work at Harcourt Memorial United Church

Sunday, July 15, 2018 – Pentecost 8

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Head Usher: Jane Peaire

AV TECH: Mark Sears and Malcolm Coutts

- ▶ **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:** Three Willows, Guelph (Waterloo Presbytery)
- ▶ **Weekly Scripture at Home:** 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, Psalm 24, Amos 7:7-15, Psalm 85:8-13, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29
- ▶ **Readings Next Week:** 2 Samuel 7:1-14a, Psalm 89:20-37, Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23, Ephesians 3:14-21, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Chalmers Community Services Centre: Food items for July: canned tomatoes, pasta sauce and peanut butter.

Weekly Opportunities

Prayer Shawl Circle *will resume in the fall*

Handbell Ringers *will resume in the fall*

Tai Chi *will resume in the fall*

Mindstretch *will resume in the fall*

Park 'n Dance *will resume in the fall*

The Choir *will resume in the fall*

Stewardship Seconds

Our actions and decisions today form our ongoing legacy.

Today at Harcourt

Fundscrip Grocery Cards Available in the Greeting Area.

Summer Worship Schedule

Throughout the summer, Harcourt will only have one service held at 10am. All three services will resume on Sunday, September 9.

Coming up at Harcourt

Jul 15, 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. SWESH will continue until July 29. Contact 519.803.3887 for more information.

Jul 21, 1-4pm: Urban Farm Tour The Harcourt Communal Garden and the Guelph Community Orchard Project are featured again this year in the Transition Guelph self-guided Urban Farm Tour. You can visit sustainable farms of all sizes in Guelph and attend several workshops on Saturday, July 21 from 1-4pm. There is a 'Do-It-Yourself Container Gardening' Workshop at Harcourt from 1:30-2:30pm as well as a display by Healthy Landscapes Guelph. For full details and map of locations, visit urbanfarmtour.weebly.com.

Opportunities in the Community

Job Opportunity: Coordinator of Youth Ministry Dublin Street United Church is looking for a Coordinator of Youth Ministry serving downtown Guelph, to facilitate and provide leadership for our dynamic youth programs (grades 5 to 12).

Previous experience working with youth in the above age group is required. The successful applicant must have good organizational and liaison skills, to work collaboratively with the youth, group leaders, volunteers, and church personnel. The focus of the work will be the Senior and Junior Youth Groups: providing spiritual guidance in a Christian context; organizing events and outings; and providing overall resource support for our Church community.

The position is half-time (20 hours per week), for a one-year contract, starting in early September. For more information, go to www.guelphunited.org/dublin/job-opportunities.

Jul 15, 7pm: Sacred Under the Stars Looking for some quiet contemplation on a summer evening? Sacred Under the Stars is an evening outdoor contemplative service. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and come enjoy the relaxed atmosphere, acoustic music, and community spirit of an evening worship service 'under the stars'. Newcomers, skeptics and seekers welcome. Interactive and appropriate for all ages, so feel free to bring kids even if they're tired. We'll provide warm tea or cool lemonade depending on the weather (and will meet in the hall if it rains). Arkell United Church, corner of Arkell Rd and Watson, just southeast of Guelph.

Services at Ellis Chapel

Sunday July 15 – 2:30pm

Guest Speaker: Rev. Janaki Bandera from St. Peter's
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cambridge

Refreshments in the Chapel garden after the service

Directions and details at: www.ellischapel.ca

Jul 20, 10:30am: Tea 'n' Tales Join us at the Guelph Enabling Garden in Riverside Park each Friday this summer for a time of storytelling. This week, Ann Estill, a member of Harcourt's congregation, is one of the guest speakers. The event is free but donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, see the poster in the Greeting Area or email the organizer Brian Holstein at briahols@yahoo.com.

Jul 21 & 22: Festival of Faith The United Church of Canada, an institution as old and venerable as the nation, is going through a sort of metamorphosis. General Council 43, to be held in Oshawa, July 2018. Before the official opening of GC43, the Festival of Faith will commence. This event will bring together musicians, authors, dancers, story tellers and crafts people. Like an old-time country fair, artists and artisans will roll in early in the morning, scrambling to set up their tent in the best location before the crowds arrive. There will be workshops being presented, intended to inform and inspire, sharing the vitality of our work and witness.

There will be opportunities to connect and even to offer your own voice and artistry in the Coffee House or on the Green. Music, spoken word, ideas, movement and spiritual exploration are all on offer at this summer's Festival of Faith: Risking Faith, Daring Hope. Learn more at <https://generalcouncil43.ca/festival>.

Opportunities to Support

Audio-Visual Volunteers Are you interested in learning how to operate projection and/or sound equipment? Harcourt is in need of more AV volunteers for Sunday morning services. If you are interested in being trained or would like more information, please contact Shaina at tech@harcourtuc.ca.

Office and Committee News

Harcourt Congregational Retreat 2018 It's often difficult to know what to do as Christians in these dark times... Join us on Sept 28 for our Annual Congregational Retreat: we will explore ways to "live in the Light," and to "be the Light." Registration forms are available in the lobby areas or at the Office.

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises Looking for a more regular spiritual practice? Yearning to deepen your relationship with God is a more intentional way? Then consider the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises – a daily practice for 40 weeks which brings you ever deeper into communion with God and Jesus. Not sure you have the discipline for this? Try it out! Register for the "Disposition Days" - six weeks during the summer where you can check out if this is for you. Along with daily prayer practice, you will meet with a trained spiritual director each week. Registration forms are available at the Office.

Harcourt Office Hours:

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

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