

# harcourt

*Life and Work at Harcourt Memorial United Church*

**Sunday, December 9, 2018 – Advent 2 - Peace**

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**Head Usher:** Jane Peaire

**Ushers:** Heather and Kent Hoeg, Ann Middleton  
and Shirley Ann Holmes

**AV Tech:** Petr Vales and Jock Rutherford

- ▶ **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:** First, Waterloo (Waterloo Presbytery)
- ▶ **Weekly Scripture at Home:** Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4,  
Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6
- ▶ **Readings Next Week:** Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6,  
Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

**Chalmers Community Services Centre:** Food items for December: high fibre cereal or instant oatmeal, and peanut butter. Harcourt donated 492.40 pounds of food to CCSC in November.

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## ***Weekly Opportunities***

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

**Handbell Ringers** Tuesdays, 7pm, Music 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, Music Room

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## ***Stewardship Seconds***

Generosity does not ask “What have you done for me lately?”  
Generosity is giving without counting the cost.

## *Today at Harcourt*

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

## *Coming up at Harcourt*

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**Dec 9, 3pm: SWESH** Free exercise and wellness classes for women, by women. Open to all women 16+, of all fitness levels. In the Harcourt gym. SWESH will continue until December 16. Contact 519.803.3887 for more information.

**Dec 10, 11:45am: Caroline Harcourt Women's Fellowship** We are to experience a special treat of music again this year. Alison and Gabriel will tell us about Gabriel's internship program under Alison's supervision. Their program will include leading us through a few favourite carols. Following their program, we will have a devotional lead by Pat Kandel and then we will enjoy our Christmas goodies with tea and fellowship. Bring your bag lunch and a friend.

**Dec 12, 7:45am: Men's Group Meeting** The speaker will be Malcolm Coutts, an active member of Harcourt's congregation and former choir member. He taught physics in secondary school and in retirement his interests have shifted toward history. His topic will be on "A trip to the Baltic."

All men are welcome to attend. You are invited to bring a friend or a neighbour who would enjoy this picturesque journey. Coffee and tea will be ready at 7:45am, the meeting will begin at 8:00am. In your date book please record the date of January 9, 2019 for our next meeting.

## *Opportunities in the Community*

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**Dec 9, 2-4pm: Christmas Crokinole** Join ECM and its supporters at Three Willows United (577 Willow Rd., Guelph) for a fun afternoon of Crokinole, and a chance to win the Crokinole Cup! Bring a team from your church, neighbourhood, or workplace. Simply make a pay-what-you-can donation when you arrive - no registration required. Pick up an item from the Silent Auction, and enjoy some goodies. For more info, email [hydea@uoguelph.ca](mailto:hydea@uoguelph.ca).

**Dec 9, 2-4pm: Christmas Nativity Display** Trinity United Church, 400 Stevenson St N. Come see various sizes and styles, some as small as a walnut and others large enough for outdoor viewing. Freewill offering in support of the North End Harvest Market.

**Dec 9, 7pm: Music for Christmas** Trinity United Church Choir presents "Music for Christmas" directed by Andrea LeBlanc, In Trinity United Church Sanctuary. Guests Guelph United Performers Children's Choir. Freewill Offering.

**Dec 16, 3pm: Sing Nowell!** Dublin Street United Church Chancel and Handbell Choirs performing Schubert's Mass in G, a new work by Dublin's own Barrie Cabena, and carols from around the world. Featuring The Watson Family Storytellers, Daniel Cabena, Marion Samuel-Stevens, Glyn Evans and Neil McLaren. Music Director: Irene Gregorio. Freewill offering – reception and holiday craft sale to follow. 68 Suffolk St W, Guelph

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### ***Opportunities to Support***

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**Adopt-a-Family** This is the last week to purchase gift cards for the teens and young adults in the Adopt-a-Family program run through the Children's Foundation. You can donate on Sunday at church and the cards will be bought for you and delivered next week. A tax receipt will be issued in the new year for all donations over \$20. Any questions? Contact Merrill Pierce at 519.836.8867 or [smpierce@sympatico.ca](mailto:smpierce@sympatico.ca).

**Christmas Gift Bag Campaign** If you would still like to donate a gift bag, please deliver them to Chalmers Downtown or West location by Friday, December 14. For more information, please contact Sarah Dermer, Program and Volunteer Coordinator, at 519.822.8778 or [volunteer@chalmerscentre.ca](mailto:volunteer@chalmerscentre.ca).

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### ***Office and Committee News***

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**Lunch and Learn** The Nov 25 Lunch and Learn Event attracted 30 people to share the lunch and then gather in the Friendship Room for an outstanding presentation from Rev. Dr. Herb Gale, who shared the Knox Presbyterian Church success story which he entitled "Shining like Stars. Generosity: Giving for Today---Gifting for Tomorrow". A video of the story was taken so a future showing of the event could be scheduled for those who missed it or would like to experience it again. Board of Trustees.

**Poinsettias** The Chancel Committee will be adding poinsettias to our Advent décor for the Sundays December 16 and 23. If you would like to place flowers in remembrance of a loved one or to commemorate a special event, please contact Barb Friend by Dec 10 at 519.763.5032 or [barfriend52@gmail.com](mailto:barfriend52@gmail.com).

**Mission and Service** You are no doubt aware that our United Church, after much soul-searching, is undergoing some major changes to its governance in an effort to help limited resources go farther. Happily, our main connection with the national church, the Mission and Service Fund, continues to give significant hope and healing to people on the margins, building community with local partners wherever it is at work. We can be thankful for the opportunity to give...and to be part on this ongoing work.

**Thank You** We join together in extending a special “thank you” to the members of the Chancel Team for the beauty of the seasonal decorations they have placed in the chapel and sanctuary. The creativity and hard work of this team is most appreciated! The members include Barb Friend, Carol Jones, Janet Webster and Deb Murray. They were supported by the kind and able efforts of Karyn Davies and Alice Carey. Our heartfelt thanks go out to them all!



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