

harcourt

Life and Work at Harcourt Memorial United Church


Sunday, March 17, 2019 – Lent 2

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Head Usher: Frank Webster

Ushers: Marilyn and Mark Sears, Ann Middleton, Janet Webster

AV Tech: Malcolm Coutts 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:** Underwood-Wesley
- ▶ **Weekly Scripture at Home:** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35
- ▶ **Readings Next Week:** Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

Chalmers Community Services Centre: Food items for March: past or brown rice, and peanut butter.

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

Stewardship Seconds

Focusing on the needs of others reduces our own fearfulness.

Today at Harcourt

Fundscrip Grocery Cards Available in the Greeting Area.

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

Coming up at Harcourt

It is Pysanka time again! Cisca and some others 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 22, 24, 27, 29, 31 and April 5, 6. There will be both daytime and evening sessions. Interested? Contact Cisca at 519.766.4998. Sessions will be at 11 Latenda Place.

Mar 24: Eggs and Cheese Thanks for your generous donations the last couple of months. Chalmers downtown and Chalmers West continue to serve some of the neediest and frailest people in Guelph ... and some of the hardest working too. We have many new Canadian guests struggling to pay high rents, while keeping their children outfitted for our rigorous climate and trying to put nutritious food on the table. Often they can't do it all. We can help with our eggs and cheese donations. There will be coolers at the back of the church for your donations next Sunday, March 24.

Mar 30, 2-4pm: Eco-Practice for Harcourt Join us for a planning meeting as we share ideas and make plans to enhance Harcourt's Season of Creation, by designing eco-practices that will allow our members to walk the path of faith through committed action. This co-ordinating team will develop resources for those seeking to adopt an eco-practice during the Season of Creation. In the Friendship Room. All are welcome!

Apr 7: Harcourt Communal Garden Planning Meeting We are entering the ninth growing season for the Harcourt Communal Garden. We have harvested almost 4,800 lbs of organically-grown vegetables, herbs and fruit for donation to CCSC food pantry in downtown Guelph. This delicious, local produce helps to feed some of our community's most food-insecure folks. The garden is fully maintained by volunteers from planting in early June until the end of the harvest season in October. Teams of four work together for about two hours/week. Each team is scheduled, on average, 6 to 7 times throughout the season. No expertise in vegetable

gardening is required as we have many veteran growers on the team who are wonderful mentors. If this sounds interesting to you, please join us for a short (1 hour max.) planning meeting on Sunday, April 7, in the Chapel immediately following the 10:30am service. If you are unable to be at the meeting, but would still like to participate this summer, contact Jill Gill at 519.767.1244 or at peter.gill@sympatico.ca.

Opportunities in the Community

Mar 22, 5pm: Chili Dinner Chili Dinner at Arkell United Church, 600 Arkell Rd., Puslinch. Tickets are \$15 each, children 12 and under are free. Dinner is followed by our world renowned open mic/hootenanny. Sign up for your time in the spotlight! Please contact the church for more info at 519.821.7623.

Mar 25, 7pm: Collaborative Refugee Sponsorship Meeting A second meeting to discuss possible sponsorship of refugees will be held. Gary Partlow from Dublin Street United will speak on his continuing support of refugees on which he has a vast amount of knowledge. This is a collaborative effort between the GUM churches. Any members of Harcourt who feel called to participate in this worthwhile project are asked to attend this meeting at Dublin United Church.

Mar 30, 9am-12pm: GUM Conversation for Change At Trinity United Church, 400 Stevenson St. N. All Council members, committee chairs, trustees and interested members are invited to join the ongoing facilitated conversation exploring the shape of future of collaboration between the United Churches of Guelph.

Mar 30, 8pm: Earth Hour Vigil Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Road. Theme: Climate Change: The Hope within Us. All welcome. Join millions around the world turning off power for an hour and speaking up that Nature matters. Organized by KAIROS Guelph and Guelph Wellington Coalition for Social Justice.

Opportunities to Support

Board Recruitment Chalmers' mission is to advocate for and deliver practical and meaningful programs that empower guests to improve their lives. CCSC is currently seeking new members to serve on its Board of Directors, beginning in April 2019. We are looking for individuals who share Chalmers' vision of a world

without poverty, where communities are flourishing with dignity, equality and food security for all.

CCSC board meetings take place on the first Tuesday evening of the month (September-June) and board members are asked to participate in one of the organization's standing committees e.g. communications, programme, community giving, human relations. Time commitment per month can vary but is typically 8-10 hours. Anyone interested in serving is invited to contact Board Chair Debbie Stanley at dstanely@etpcanada.ca and/or Volunteer Executive Director Peter Gill at peter.gillccsc@gmail.com.

Office and Committee News

Observer Renewal It's time once again to renew subscriptions for The Observer. If you would like to renew your subscription, and everyone is responsible for their own payment, please pay at the office. Or through your envelope contribution. Please specify that the payment is for The Observer. The cost is \$25, taxes included. Payments are due by March 24. The Observer has also taken on a new name: Broadview. This rebranding will start at the end of March. Any questions, please contact the church office, or call Heather Hoeg at 519.265.5956.

Harcourt Nametags If you are new to Harcourt you may have noticed many in the congregation wearing a nametag. If you would like a nametag, please let the office know at office@harcourtuc.ca. There is no fee for your first nametag. If you have lost your nametag, replacement tags are available for \$6. Thank you to Marilyn Reilly for arranging for and picking up the nametags!

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