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Life and Work at Harcourt Memorial United Church


Sunday, March 15, 2020 – Lent 3

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Head Usher: Joan Barham

Ushers: Janet McCallum, Murray Woods, Lorraine Macpherson

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:** Emmanuel United Church, Waterloo
- ▶ **Weekly Scripture at Home:** Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42
- ▶ **Readings Next Week:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

Chalmers Community Services Centre: Food items for March: pasta or brown rice and peanut butter. Thank you for the 215.1 lbs of food that was donated to CCSC in February.

Weekly Opportunities

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

Handbell Ringers Tuesdays, 7:00pm, Music Room

Tai Chi Wednesdays, 1:30pm, Friendship Room

MindStretch Thursdays, 8:45am, Chapel

Park 'n Dance Thursdays, 1:00pm, Gym

The Choir Thursdays, 7:30pm, Music Room

Stewardship Seconds

Stewardship begins in spiritual formation: God's love poured into thirsty hearts keeps us alive during wilderness experiences.

Today at Harcourt

Fundscrip Grocery Cards Available in the Greeting Area.

Flowers Today's flowers have been placed by Barb Friend in loving memory of her father Robert Proctor.

Birth Announcement The single rose on the communion table celebrates the birth of a granddaughter for Janet & Frank Webster born March 10th.

Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Paul Miller is our guest speaker this morning. As consultant to GUM until June, he will speak about imagining the United Church's future in Guelph. He will also be available to answer questions at coffee time in the gym.

Coming up at Harcourt

Mar 21, 7:30pm: A Singing Spirit The University of Guelph Choirs present: A Singing Spirit. Featuring Requiem by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and The Farmer Needs the Rain by Roy Forbes and Larry Nickel. Conductor: Marta McCarthy. Accompanist: Betty Maher. Tickets at www.uoguelph.ca/arts/singingspirit.

Mar 22: Eggs and Cheese March has traditionally been our biggest giving month for donations of eggs and cheese to Chalmers. Every month there is great need for good quality protein and fresh fruit and vegetables for the members of our community who are in need of a helping hand. Coolers will be provided at the back of the sanctuary, chapel and friendship room. Thank you Harcourt for your continuing generosity.

Mar 22, 12-2pm: It's Twins!!! A Baby Shower is planned for Mar 22 in the Friendship Room for Kashan and Fuad Ali who are expecting twin boys to arrive on Apr 23 at McMaster. All are invited to attend. A list of 'baby needs' will be in the Narthex between and after Sunday services. Cash donations, new or second hand items gratefully received. See March Harcourt Herald for more details.

Mar 29: Save the date! For our next Congregational Meeting following the 10:30am services. Watch for more details! Our focus will continue towards approval of Harcourt's 2020 budget.

Mar 29, 3:30pm: Chamber Music Ensembles Recital This is the University of Guelph end of semester concert featuring guest

artists performing the Schoenberg Verklaerte Nacht. Free. In the Sanctuary.

Mar 31, 7pm: Two Countries One World (TCOW) Info Session

The TCOW organizing committee is in the midst of planning a return to Colombia following on two successful visits in the past! Come to this information session if you would like to find out more about the trip or see their website at <http://www.waterlootcow.ca/>.

Opportunities in the Community

Mar 16, 7:30pm: On Care for Our Common Home This Lenten Study will use Pope Francis' Papal Letter "*Laudato Si*" to guide our conversation on the environmental crisis the world is facing. Each Monday at Three Willows until Apr 6. Contact 519.222.6199 or revjohnlawson@gmail.com.

Mar 21, 9am: Chalmers Garage Sale Chalmers annual garage sale is happening on Saturday March 21 from 9am to 12pm at Centennial CVI. Donations of quality household items, books, collectibles and small furniture can be made at Centennial CVI from March 16 to 19, 9am to 3pm and March 20, 9am to noon.

Mar 23-29: 10th Annual Transition Guelph Resilience Festival

This year will showcase the impressive health, environmental and food security benefits of eating local. Mar 28 at Dublin St Church, is packed with terrific workshops and presentations, Earth Hour Potluck, and a vendor market. The rest of the week includes movie screenings and workshops at venues around town.

Mar 27, 7pm: Game/Sports Nights For all ages at Trinity United Church. Families are welcome to participate in sports or board games. Come out make friends and build community.

Mar 27: Chili Dinner Sittings 5pm and 6pm. Adults \$15, Children 5-12 yrs, \$7, under 5, free. Phone 519.821.7623 for tickets or pay at the door. Followed at 7-9pm by Musical Hootenanny. Sign up for your time in the spotlight or just sit and enjoy. Arkell United Church, 600 Arkell Rd.

Mar 28, 8:30am-12pm: "Helping Without Harming" Workshop

Join World Renew and Diaconal Ministries Canada for a workshop at New Life CRC, 400 Victoria Rd N. Seating is limited; your free registration includes a continental breakfast! Sign-up today at worldrenew.ca/hwhworkshop. We'll discover how to engage with

those around us in impactful, sustainable and loving ways! For more information, contact Jen Spence at ejrspence@yahoo.ca.

Mar 28, 8:30pm: Earth Hour Vigil Three Willows United Church.

All are welcome. Sponsored by KAIROS Guelph and Guelph Wellington Coalition for Social Justice.

Apr 5, 1:30pm: Chalmers AGM The Chalmers AGM will be held on April 5, 2pm at Dublin Street United Church. Please join us for refreshments at 1:30pm and help celebrate our successes and challenges in 2019 and as we look to the future.

Office and Committee News

Memorial Book The Memorial Book has been updated with the names of friends and relatives remembered – and the names of their donors – throughout 2019. It is always available for viewing, and remembering, in the Greeting Area. Thank you Esther Devolin for printing the pages. If you wish to make a Memorial Donation at any time to Harcourt Church, donation cards are always available beside the Memorial Book. The lower half of the card goes to the church office, and the upper half to the family.

Mar 16: Questionnaire Please return your questionnaire response (mauve sheet) to the box in the Greeting Area by Monday, March 16. Did you receive the letter and questionnaire from Council this week? Extra copies are available at the church. Council wants to understand better the nature and strength of our members' connections and commitments at Harcourt. Your input will help us prepare for budget discussions.

Tax receipts have been mailed out the 2019 contributions for those not collected at the church. Any questions, concerns, or your receipt not arriving, please contact Heather Hoeg at 519.265.5956, or at hoeg@rogers.com.

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