

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to worship at Chalmers. If you are a guest, visitor or newcomer to Chalmers we reach out to you with hospitality and friendship in Jesus' name. Please take a moment to fill in a guest card—available in the pew holder or from the welcome table. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate, in the box on the welcome table, or given to Rev. John.

There will be a time of **refreshments and fellowship** in the lower hall following worship. The striped mugs at coffee hour are for visitors. Please help our visitors feel welcome.

AT A GLANCE: DECEMBER 1 - 8

- SUNDAY** Worship, 10 am
Library Open - 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am
- MONDAY** Study & Discussion Group - 7 pm
- TUESDAY** Care & Share - 1 pm
Seniors' Fitness - 1 pm
CE & Faith Development - 7 pm
Policy & Planning - 7:30 pm
- WEDNESDAY** Knitting Circle - 1:30 pm
Session Executive - 3 pm
- THURSDAY** Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm
Praise Team - 8 pm
- FRIDAY** Seniors' Satellite - 9 am
Seniors' Euchre - 1 pm
Stephen Ministry Dinner - 5:30 pm
- SATURDAY** Outdoor Tree Lighting & Carols - 6:30 pm
- SUNDAY** Worship & Sunday School - 10 am
Library Open - 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am
Meadow Park Worship - 3:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon: 9 am - 3 pm **Tues- Thur:** 12-3 pm
Fri: 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * Outdoor Tree Lighting & Carols - Dec 7, 6:30 pm
- * Reachout Christmas Cantata - Dec 15, 10am
- * Community Carol Fest - Dec 15, 2:30 pm
- * Christmas Eve Worship - Dec 24, 7 pm
& Candlelight Communion Service - 10pm

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Pat MacKay & Wanda MacKay
Abbey Poser & Anita Powell
Linda Powers & Jeff Putt

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Jane Vannus & Holly Williams
Pat & Brian MacKay
Hosts Needed

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Dec 1: Jane Vannus & Bev Cameron
Dec 8: Holly Williams & Debbie Scott
Dec 15: Sherri & Kevin Hartman
Dec 22: Helen Innes & Sue Garner

COUNTERS:

Dec 1: Todd & Brenda
Dec 8: Brian & Pat
Dec 15: Doris & Yvonne
Dec 22: Patricia & Paul

IN THE BOOTH:

Dec 1: Tom, Marilyn & Rick
Dec 8: Tom, Sue & Rose Marie
Dec 15: Colin, Sue & Rick
Dec 22: Colin, Marilyn, Rose Marie

IN THE NURSERY:

Dec 1: Dan & Patricia
Dec 8: Jane & Cathy
Dec 15: Jackie & Wanda
Dec 22: Laurie & Patricia

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 1, 2019 - 10:00 am

Advent I



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
Beth Hickey
Wendy Sibley
Brad Dobbie
Rev. John Bannerman

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Silent Prayer *A time to be still and know the presence of God*

Call to Worship

★ Praise: *Hope is a star* 119

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

God of hope, we confess that too often we prefer darkness to light, and our plans to your principles. We have distorted the truth and accepted lies. We have praised our own cleverness rather than your glory. We have exploited neighbours, abused the earth, and chosen strife instead of peace. In your mercy, hear our confession of sin; forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct who we shall be.

Declaration of Pardon

The Peace May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(Children & teachers leave for Sunday school)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122:1-9

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

One: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord"

All: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

One: Jerusalem - built as a city that is bound firmly together.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

**All: For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.**

One: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

**All: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers."**

One: For the sake of my relatives and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you."

All: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Choir Anthem: *We Await You* by Ruth Elaine Schram

Scripture Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

Jeff Putt

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

★ Praise: *Hark the glad sound* 118

Sermon: **Peace be Within You**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection *Dona Nobis Pacem* 737

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts *We give thee but thine own* 661

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

★ Praise: *Blest be the God of Israel* 752

(Children & teachers return from Sunday school)

Celebrating with the Children and **The Lord's Prayer**

★ Praise: *Comfort, comfort you my people* 113

★ Commissioning and Benediction

★ Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

★ *This symbol is used to invite people to stand. All songs and responses will be projected on the screens.*

We Await You by Ruth Elaine Schram

We await You; we await You; When will You bring our salvation to earth? Hoping, longing, we await Your birth.

Hearts are open wide, O Lord; You will be welcome, You will be adored.

We will sing forever more praise to the One who has finally come.

We await You; we await You; Promise of ages, O when will You come?

Hoping, longing, we await You, make in us Your home.

Look with pity on our plight; put the shadows of darkness to flight!

We will sing with high delight praise to the One who has finally come.

We await You; we await You; When will you bring our salvation to earth? Hoping, longing; we await Your birth.

We await You; we await You; Promise of ages, O when will You come?

Hoping, longing, we await You, make in us Your home. Make in us Your home.

Please *PRAY*

- ♦ For healing and strength for Carl Suchard, a former member of Chalmers who is receiving care following a diagnosis of leukemia.
- ♦ For healing and patience for Bill George as he recovers at home from recent hip surgery.
- ♦ For God to inspire us to be generous in giving our time, talents and treasure for the ongoing work of the Lord in the world.
- ♦ For God's blessing for Eileen Reid, Linda McPherson, Maureen Gaskin, Roy Young, Jack Webster and Ross Cole.
- ♦ For peace and protection for our men and women in the Canadian military serving abroad and in Canada. Please pray for comfort and peace for their families.

~~~~~ **OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING:**

Join us Saturday, December 7 at 6:30 pm for an outdoor Christmas tree lighting and carol sing, followed by refreshments in the lower hall. Be sure to invite friends & family to join us in this festive event! All welcome.

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**COMMUNITY CAROL FEST:** Join us Sunday, December 15 at 2:30 pm. Enjoy singing Christmas carols and share in a time of fellowship with refreshments. All welcome!

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POWER OF HOPE CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Chalmers continues to support the "Power Of Hope" organization this Advent season. Check out the Christmas tree display in the Narthex (lobby) – including the pamphlets we are using as decorations! Help share the joy of the small "creatures" under the tree as they await much needed items. Girls and boys pajamas sized 6 – 16, children's underwear and socks. Small child-size blankets are also welcome. Your contributions may be placed under the tree, or in the decorated box next to the tree. Join us this season as we support this organization that helps children in times of great stress.

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**PIES PIES PIES!** There are still ground beef pies available. These can be purchased downstairs during fellowship time today.



### **December 1: World AIDS Day**

Sheila was just a few months old when her mother died, and she went to live with her grandmother, Elube, in Malawi. Two years later, Sheila's health began to sharply decline. Elube brought her granddaughter to the PWS&D-supported Mulanje Mission Hospital where Sheila was diagnosed as HIV positive and acutely malnourished. Elube's grief weighed a little less heavily when she learned that Sheila could receive treatment at a nearby orphan care centre. Supported by PWS&D, these centres provide vulnerable children with free medical care, school support and nutrition assistance. With a place to receive antiretroviral treatment and highly nutritious food, Sheila's health is improving and Elube is better equipped to meet her granddaughter's needs.

*PWS&D cares for orphans and vulnerable children*

### ~~~~~ **SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP**

#### **December 1**

If you can't reward, then you should thank.

*Arabic proverb*

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CHRISTMAS EVE HOSTS: We are in need of four more people to host for the 7pm Christmas Eve Service. If you will be attending and would be willing to host, please contact the church office.

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**UKES OF LONDON:** The Ukes of London, and special guest Mike Couture, wish to thank the over 100 people who attended the Country Music and Bluegrass Concert here at Chalmers on Nov.17. Over \$1100 was raised for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Fund. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event our most successful ever!

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**WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH** of Caleb William de Hoog on Sunday, November 24, son of Heather & Chris de Hoog and a brother to Kiera, grandson of Marilyn & Dave McFadden. Welcome, baby Caleb!

## LIBRARY NEWS

### **Christmas Reading**

Parents / Grandparents – there are lots of Christmas Reading books on the Children's reading table. Reading one or two of these books for your little one can bring the real meaning of Christmas into their lives and into their hearts. Please take the time this Advent to read to little ones in your family!

The Christmas books are now on the Christmas Shelf (good place, huh)? Check out the books available and start getting into the mood for a great Christmas. I'm sure there is something there to suit every taste!

#### **Non-Fiction**

#### **Bible Study:**

*Rejoicing in Hope* – James A, Harnish

#### **Christian Life:**

*I'm Dreaming of some White Chocolate* – Rhonda Rhea

*The Case for Christmas* – Lee Strobel

#### **Inspirational:**

*Chicken Soup – The book of Christmas Virtues* – Jack Canfield etc.

*The Inspirational Christmas Almanac* – David C. Cook

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MANY THANKS: Rose Marie and I would love to say thank you to all who supported the St. Andrew's Day Concert. I was very proud to do my 50th Anniversary of performing to raise money for our church. The Grand Total is now... "drum roll please"...\$1447.00 going to the Chalmers General Fund. This couldn't have been done without many helpers - thank you all so very much. You all have a little bit of St Andrew in you. ~ Bob Finlay

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**CONVENOR - WORSHIP COMMITTEE:** The Worship Committee is a committee of Session that supports the Minister and Music Director and provides leadership for the worship life of Chalmers. As my term will conclude at the end of December, there is an opportunity for someone to take over this role. If you feel this is something that is of interest, please speak to either Rev John or myself. Thank you for considering this. Maureen Bruff

**REACHOUT'S CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION** season is almost upon us! We have been practicing hard and working on memorizing our words and parts. We are looking forward to sharing the Christmas message on the following dates:

**Fri, Nov 29**, 6:30pm @ Mount Hope

**Sun, Dec 1**, 10:30am @ Mount Zion, Ridgetown

**Wed, Dec 4**, 7pm @ Ashwood Manor, Lambeth

**Sun, Dec 8**, 10:30am @ St. Andrew's Church, Tillsonburg

**Sun, Dec 15**, 10am @ Chalmers Church

**Wed, Dec 18**, 7pm @ Arbor Trace

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CELEBRATE THE SEASON with a Christmas Lunch at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, **Monday to Friday at 12:30** from **December 2 - 13**. We welcome individuals, families, church groups and staff parties for a sumptuous buffet in our 1874 schoolhouse. \$20 per person. RSVP at programs@crieffhills.com or 1-800-884-1525. Stay afterward for a guided walking tour and learn more about our historic property located just south of Guelph.

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If you would like a copy of the **CHALMERS DIRECTORY** (phone numbers & addresses), email [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca) and Wendy will print one off for you.

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SALVATION ARMY KETTLE DRIVE: For over 30 years Chalmers Church has committed to all the volunteer hours for the White Oaks Mall Salvation Army kettle near Tim Hortons. The Salvation Army kettles support the same mission that we have with our church: Sharing the love of Christ by being an example of service to others. Our kettle consistently raises over \$10,000 annually! The campaign runs **Friday, November 22 to December 23**, no Sundays. **Noon to 8pm**. Sign up sheets in the Narthex. Questions? Speak to Andrew Thibodeau.

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**CHRISTMAS TREES** are available for purchase at St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church, 910 Huron Street, London weekdays from 3-8pm, Saturdays 9-8pm and Sundays 1-5pm.