

## 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.

Please note that some fellow worshippers are sensitive to perfumes. We ask that you consider keeping Chalmers scent-free. Thank you.

Everyone is welcome to join us in the lower hall following worship for our annual **Burger Bash!**

### AT A GLANCE: SEPTEMBER 8-15

**SUNDAY**    Worship - 10 am  
Library Open – 11:15 am  
Burger Bash - 11:30 am  
Stephen Ministry - 7 pm

**MONDAY**    Ukes of London - 7 pm

**TUESDAY**    Care & Share - 1 pm  
Seniors' Fitness - 1 pm  
Presbytery Dinner - 6 pm  
Presbytery - 7 pm

**WEDNESDAY**    Knitting Circle - 1:30 pm  
Mission Committee - 7 pm  
Reachout - 7:30 pm

**THURSDAY**    Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm  
Praise Team - 8 pm

**FRIDAY**        Seniors' Satellite - 9 am  
Seniors' Euchre - 12:30 pm  
Movie Night - 7 pm

**SUNDAY**        Worship - 10 am  
Library Open – 11:15 am  
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am  
Parkwood Worship - 2 pm  
Meadowpark Worship - 3:30 pm

### \*NEW OFFICE HOURS:

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept 20:    Volleyball - 7 pm  
Sept 21:    Beyond These Walls - 9:30 am  
Sept 22:    Tasteful Topics - 11:30 am  
Oct 5:      PAN Mission Spaghetti Supper

### TODAY'S HOSTS:

Muriel Bertling & Host Needed  
Host Needed & Bev Cameron  
Yvonne Daniel & Karen Dutton

### NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Murray & Lois Cummings  
Gail McHardy-Leitch & Don Leitch  
Betty & Peter Longmore

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Sept 8:    Burger Bash - no coffee  
Sept 15:    Sherri & Kevin Hartman  
Sept 22:    Tasteful Topics - no coffee  
Sept 29:    Karen Dutton & Heather Reid

### COUNTERS:

Sept 8:    Patricia & Paul  
Sept 15:    Joanne & Bruce  
Sept 22:    Heather & Maureen  
Sept 29:    Brian & Pat

### IN THE BOOTH:

Sept 8:    Tammy, Sue & Marilyn  
Sept 15:    Tammy, Rick & Lizz  
Sept 22:    Tom, Marilyn & Rose Marie  
Sept 29:    Tom, Isla, Lizz

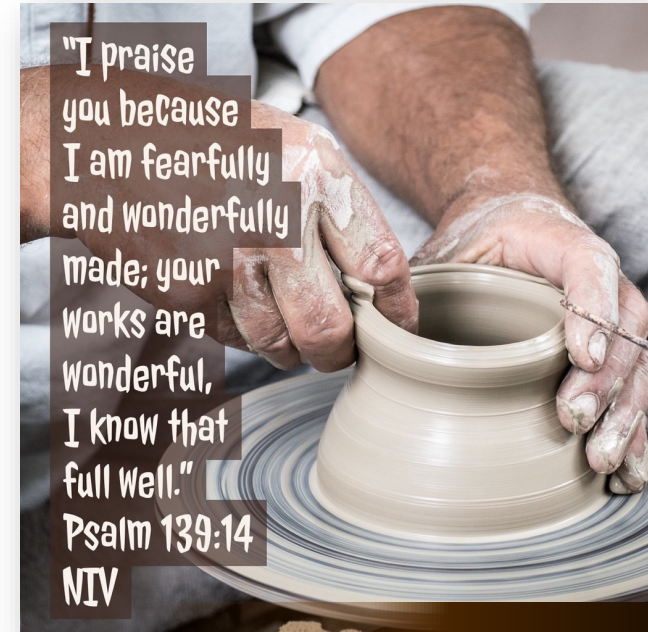


# Chalmers Presbyterian Church

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

September 8, 2019—10:00 am

13th Sunday after Pentecost



### 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

One: The mystery of human existence is that we belong to God  
and have been made in the divine image.

Living Faith 2.2.1

**All: In God we live and move and have our being.**

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Declaration of Pardon

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

★ Praise:      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*      321

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading:      Psalm 139: 1-14

**Refrain: Where can I go, where can I go from your spirit?  
Where can I flee, where can I flee from your presence.**

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

**All: You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

One: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

One: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

**All: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

One: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"

**All: even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

One: For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**All: I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

**Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

**Refrain: Where can I go, where can I go from your spirit?  
Where can I flee, where can I flee from your presence.**

Choir Anthem: *Fall Like Rain*      by Stan Pethel

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Rick Cote

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

★ Praise:      *God of the sparrow*      307

Sermon:      **Fearfully and Wonderfully Made**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection      *Holy, holy, holy*      (English/Spanish/French)      303

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts:      *God who gives to life its goodness*      334 (to the tune of 371)

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

**Creator God, we offer these gifts to you. Use them and us to shape and transform the  
world you love with the Good News we celebrate in Jesus Christ our Lord...**

★ Praise:      *Psalms 100*

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

★ Praise:      *Go Out to the World*

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.*

**Fall like Rain**, by Stan Pethel

Let the Word of the Lord fall like the rain, let it nourish our hearts while our spirits remain  
in the warmth and the glow of God's glory and power, let it fall like the rain in our worship this hour.

As his sowers we serve and we spread forth his Word, Sowing heavenly seeds with our speech and our deeds;

For God's Word will return bearing fruit we have learned; As we live and believe, we his blessing receive.

# Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For healing and strength for Jack Webster as he remains in hospital receiving care.
- ◆ For healing for Lois Cummings as she recovers at home from recent surgery.
- ◆ For healing for Blanche Gardiner who is in hospital receiving care for a broken hip.
- ◆ For healing and strength for Carl Suchard, a former member of Chalmers who is receiving care following a diagnosis of leukemia.
- ◆ For God's wisdom and courage for the members of The Presbytery of London who will meet here at Chalmers this Tuesday at 7 pm.
- ◆ 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, and Ross Cole.

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**BURGER BASH:** Come join in the fun TODAY at Chalmers' Annual Burger Bash immediately following the church service in the lower hall and on the East lawn. Come hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans and ice cream cones as we join together and "kick off" the fall season.

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**PRESBYTERY:** This week Chalmers Church is hosting Presbytery, Tuesday, September 10 from 7-9 pm with a dinner at 6pm. Thanks to all those volunteering your time and gifts!

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**CHALMERS MOVIE NIGHT:** Come see the movie, "Amazing Grace" featuring Aretha Franklin on Friday, September 13 at 7:00 pm. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex. All ages welcome! The popcorn will be on!

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**BEYOND THESE WALLS:** You are invited to participate in a time of discussion and planning about our outreach to, and mission in the local community. How can we use our current programs and consider new ministries to reach out to our neighbours and serve them in Jesus' name? Join us Saturday, September 21, 2019 , 9:30 am - noon. Please sign up on the table in the narthex.



## **September 8: International Literacy Day**

With PWS&D's support, children living in the neighbourhood surrounding Guatemala City's garbage dump are accessing education at the Francisco Coll School. Students who excel qualify for scholarships to further their education. Other graduates pursue vocational training in order to achieve employment, a dream otherwise unachievable. A student from Francisco Coll will be continuing her studies in business administration at university. Her words of thanks are a testament to the importance of the project that is equipping students to pursue their dreams: "I give you thanks because with your extraordinary effort I will have a better future full of more opportunities to be able to help my family and grow professionally."

*PWS&D builds bright futures through education*

## **SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP**

### **September 8**

Generosity is to materialism what kryptonite is to Superman. *Lloyd Shadrach, pastor and author*

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**VOLLEYBALL:** All are welcome to join us for an evening of recreational volleyball on Friday, September 20 at 7 pm at Supreme Courts, 11 Buchanan Ct., London.

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**THE TERRY FOX RUN:** for cancer research will take place on Sunday, September 15. Rev. John will be running again this year. John is inviting you to make a pledge or gift payable to the Terry Fox Foundation. Tax receipts will be provided for gifts of \$20 or more. Pledge sheets are on the table in the narthex. Please consider participating this year by walking, running, wheeling or cycling in support of cancer research. Thank you for your support!

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**TASTEFUL TOPICS:** Our first luncheon will be on September 22, 2019 following morning worship, with guest speaker, Karen Green of Power of HOPE, a community organization that provides teddy bears and pajamas to children in need. Suggested donation for lunch: \$10/person. Please sign up on the table in the narthex.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **Evidence of Mercy** – by Terri Blackstock

This is the first book in the series Sun Coast Chronicles. Lynda Barrett loves to fly, but has decided that she needs to sell her plane. Jake Stevens also loves to fly and when he sees the advert, he decides that he would like to try this plane out – and possibly buy it. The flight goes well until they are about to land and then there is a terrible crash that almost takes Lynda's life. As the story unfolds it becomes clear that someone is out to get Lynda. Terri Blackstock writes an interesting, exciting mystery story, and I really enjoyed this one. *Christine Hunter, Librarian*

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**RIDE FOR REFUGE 2019:** On October 5, join PWS&D in the Ride for Refuge - a fundraiser in support of PWS&D's maternal, newborn and child health projects in Malawi and Afghanistan. Cycle 25 km or walk 5 km. Ride begins at 9 am at Chalmers Church. For information visit [presbyterian.ca/pwsd/rideforrefuge](http://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/rideforrefuge). To register or to donate, visit [ride.w-ith.us/London4Malawi](http://ride.w-ith.us/London4Malawi).

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**REJUVENATE PYPS EVENT:** Rejuvenate is an event for ages 14-25, hosted this year by St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church, 910 Huron St. London, Sept 21 at 10 am to Sept 22 at 1 pm. The theme this year is "Getting to know the Bible Better". Cost: \$75/participant. Register today at [www.swopyps.ca/register](http://www.swopyps.ca/register).

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**RETHINK POVERTY:** ReThink Poverty is a workshop and simulation experience designed to provide attendees with an opportunity to learn more about the issue of poverty and strategies to address it. Various sessions are being held throughout the City of London this fall. See the poster on the bulletin board for details. To register, call 519-661-4600 or online at [lpl.ca](http://lpl.ca).

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**VERITAS SERIES LECTURE:** Although the Truth & Reconciliation Commission has produced its report, much remains to be done to ensure all Canadians understand and implement its recommendations. Senator Murray Sinclair speaks on *The Future of Truth and Reconciliation* at King's University College, London, Thursday, September 26 at 7 pm. Free admission and parking.

## **PAN MEDICAL MISSION TRIP - NOV '19**

As our departure date is closer, our focus is clearer. Donations of Ladies underwear-small and medium, baseball gloves, facecloths, plastic pencil cases, combs and soaps are the items that are needed. Thanks to those crocheting the cords, we continue to need those. Adult and child clothing as well as flannel sheets and cotton, we thank all of you for these items. We have reached our quota for these products. Packing date: October 20. Any Questions, see Chris and Kristine Hardy, Linda Powers, Audrey Baldwin

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**PAN SPAGHETTI SUPPER:** October 5, 2019. Doors open at 5pm, supper at 5:30 pm. Cost: \$20/adult, \$10/child (ages 5-12), under 5 eat free, family price (4+) \$50. Silent Auction and door prizes to be won. Tickets available Sept 15 following worship.

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*\*When giving to the PAN mission in the Sunday offering, please clearly mark your envelope "PAN Mission" Thank you for your support!*

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**CARE & SHARE NEEDS YOUR HELP!** This vital ministry to our neighbours needs 3-4 more volunteers to give one Tuesday a month to help with the food cupboard. Volunteer time is roughly 10am - 2pm and involves packing boxes with non-perishable goods, milk and eggs. If you can help out with this vital ministry, please contact Joanne Dickert.

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**HOSTING/COFFEE TEAMS:** If anyone would like to join the Sunday hosting team and/or the coffee hour team please contact Cathy Spooner or Maureen Bruff. Requirements for both groups are 3-4 times per year.

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**A NOTE FROM IRENE MATHYSSEN, MP:** Chalmers Presbyterian Church, I want to thank you for all the years of service to the communities of London-Fanshawe. Your contribution to the people has helped families and neighbourhoods prosper. Thank you also for supporting summer students. I know they learned valuable skills. I am retiring in October of this year and wanted to let you know that I valued your advice and dedication as a member of the community. Best wishes, Irene Mathysen