

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: MARCH 8-15

SUNDAY Worship & Sunday School 10:00 am
 Coffee Fellowship 11:30 am
 Meadow Park Worship 3:30 pm
 Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm

MONDAY Lent Bible Study Begins 7:00 pm
 Worship Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm
 Ukes of London 7:00 pm

TUESDAY Care & Share 12:30 pm
 Seniors' Fitness 1:00 pm

WEDNESDAY Knitting Circle 1:30 pm
 Session Executive 3:00 pm
 Mission Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm
 Reachout Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm

THURSDAY Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
 CE & Faith Development 7:00 pm
 Praise Team Practise 8:00 pm

FRIDAY Seniors' Satellite Fitness 9:00 am
 Seniors' Euchre 1:00 pm
 Movie Night 7:00 pm

SUNDAY Worship & Sunday School 10:00 am
 St. Patty's Kitchen Party 11:30 am
 Parkwood Hospital Worship 2:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

* Biblical Storytelling Workshop - Apr 25, 9:30 am

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Jo-Ann & Ainsley Marshall
Charles & Kathy McCartney
Marilyn & Dave McFadden

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Doug & Janet Bruce
Dennis Smedley & Keith Spooner
Lorna Wilson & Bill George

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Mar 8: Charles & Kathy McCartney
Mar 15: No Coffee - St. Patty's Luncheon
Mar 22: Helen Innes & Debbie Scott
Mar 29: Karen Dutton & Heather Reid

COUNTERS:

Mar 8: Bob & Mary
Mar 15: Bruce & Joanne
Mar 22: Maureen & Heather
Mar 29: Doris & Yvonne

IN THE BOOTH:

Mar 8: Colin, Isla & Lizz
Mar 15: Colin, Torry & Rose Marie
Mar 22: Tom, Sue & Lizz
Mar 29: Tom, Marilyn, Rick

IN THE NURSERY:

Mar 8: Susan & Leslie
Mar 15: Cathy & Jane
Mar 22: Wanda & Dan
Mar 29: TBD

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Worship Celebration

March 8, 2020 - 10:00 am

Second Sunday of Lent



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 (See PWS & D Insert)

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: *You are my King (Amazing Love)*

(Children and teachers leave for Sunday school)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture reading: Psalm 121

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: The Lord will not let your foot be moved;
the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

All: The One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

One: The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

All: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

One: The Lord will keep you from all evil, will keep your life.

**All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Choir Anthem: *Speak to Me in Ashes* by Douglas Nolan

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a
John 3:1-17

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: **Questions for Lent: "How can these things be?"**

Jim Gill

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection *Sing amen* 264 (3x)

★ Praise: *A bush bursts into flame* 673

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts: *Freely, freely* 774

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

Generous and loving God, we come to you with our questions, with our convictions and with these gifts of money. In gratitude for all that we have received in Christ and in creation, we offer you this portion of what we have to share. May these gifts help to create a space where others may encounter the living Christ with their questions and their commitment...

★ Praise: *Ancient Words*

(Children and teachers return from Sunday school)

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

★ Praise: *In suffering love* 696 (v. 1, 3-5)

★ 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.*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Speak to Me in Ashes*, by Douglas Nolan

Speak to me in ashes. Speak to me in tears. Whisper to the silence in my soul.
Lord, I wait in stillness, ready now to hear. speak to me in ashes and in tears.
Speak to me in silence. Speak to me Your peace. Touch my heart and still my troubled mind.
Words of calm assurance, all my fears release. Speak to me in silence. Give me peace.
Lord, speak to me. My heart is open to receive Your grace.
Lord, speak to me. Here in these shadows, let me feel Your sure embrace.
Speak to me with mercy. Speak to me in love. By Your Word, my spirit is reborn.
Echoes of compassion, sounding from above. Speak to me with mercy and in love.
Speak to me in mercy and in love.

Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For strength and healing for **Betty Smedley** who is in hospital recovering from surgery. Betty was moved from ICU this week and is improving. May God surround Dennis and Betty with his strength & peace.
- ◆ For God's comfort and strength for **Nancy Suchard** and family with the passing of former Chalmers Church member, Carl Suchard on Saturday, February 22.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Ken Hall** as he recovers at home after enduring a fall late last year. May the Lord give strength to his wife, Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ 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, and Ross Cole.**

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**MOVIE NIGHT:** Join us **Friday, March 13,** at **7 pm** to see the movie, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood" the story of Mr. Rogers. Movie night is free and open to all! Please sign up in the narthex.

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ST. PATTY'S KITCHEN PARTY: LAST CHANCE TODAY to get tickets!! Join us **Sunday, March 15th, 11:30 am** for Irish Stew, Irish Soda Bread, Irish Desserts and music by Bob Finlay and the Ukes of London. Tickets \$15, available in the lower hall after worship today!

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**NEW PROFESSING MEMBERS:** We look forward to welcoming new professing members during the spring. Please speak with Rev. John or with your elder if you would like to know more about becoming a professing member.



### **March 8: International Women's Day**

In India, many girls miss school each month because they do not have the supplies or facilities they need during menstruation. Unsanitary practices put them and their communities at risk. PWS&D-supported community mobilizers are helping girls in India stay in school by educating them about personal and menstrual hygiene. Rima Kumari, a 14-year-old girl from Nandlali village, spent time with a community mobilizer. She received sustainable, reusable sanitary napkins and learned about personal hygiene practices. Now, with the supplies she needs, Rima can embrace the joy of uninterrupted learning.  
*PWS&D supports girls' health and education.*

### **SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP March 8**

Giving is the thermometer of our love.  
*~ Unknown*

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SAVE THE DATE: CE and Faith Development are offering a Biblical Storytelling Workshop on **Saturday, April 25 from 9:30-noon.** Guest Presenter: Rev. Susan Wilson of St. Matthews on the Plains Anglican Church, Burlington. Susan, member of the Network of Biblical Storytellers of Canada. Come learn how to commit Bible stories to heart and bring them to life. No cost. Please sign up in the narthex.

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**Thank You:** Our heartfelt thanks for the prayers and cards for Carl throughout his illness and for the many Chalmers friends who visited at Forest Lawn Memorial on Saturday. We are blessed to still feel as a part of the Chalmers community. From Nancy Suchard and family.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **Fair Play** – by Deeanne Gist

This book takes place in the late 1800's and lets us see a side of life at that time that we really can't understand. Hunter Scott is a Texas Ranger who has been sent to Chicago to provide security at the World Fair – a six month extravaganza that aims at showing off the opportunities and skills of people of importance. Dr Billy Jack Tate is a lady doctor who has been invited to lead a seminar, and help in the local hospital. They meet when Dr Tate is refused admission to the seminar that she has been invited to – and no-one will believe that she is really a doctor. As she finds another way into the seminar, she makes a rather ungainly entrance through a window ..... only to find Hunter waiting to evict her! The other side of the tale shows the abject poverty of the masses and just how difficult it is to even make ends meet. Billy and Hunter get involved in trying to make life a little easier for those people who live with no hope. It was a very exciting, though sometimes disturbing book, that certainly made me keep turning the next page, and the next page.  
*Christine Hunter, Librarian*

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LENT BIBLE STUDY: Begins TOMORROW, "10 Key Passages from the Bible" by Julie B. Sevig. Join us **Mondays March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, from 7-8:30 pm.** We will be exploring Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Exodus 20:1-17, Ephesians 2:8-10, Micah 6:8, Hebrews 11:1-3, Psalm 23, John 3:16, Romans 8:31-39, and Revelation 1:8.
Please sign up in the narthex.

LONDON PRAYER BREAKFAST: The London Prayer Breakfast, traditionally held in May, will take place this year on **Wednesday, March 18** at RBC Place (London Convention Centre, 300 York Street) from **7am - 9am** sharp. Tickets are \$35.00/person, and are available through the CCNL website.

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**EASTER BRUNCH** at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre in Puslinch. **Sunday April 12** at 11:30am and 12:45pm. \$25 per person, \$10 children. Quiche royale, buttermilk pancakes and rosemary apricot stuffed lamb are just a few of the items on the menu! See our website for full details under dining [www.crieffhills.com](http://www.crieffhills.com). Please email [programs@crieffhills.com](mailto:programs@crieffhills.com) to reserve your table or call 1800 884-1525.

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LENTEN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE: The Mission Committee, on behalf of Refuge Ministries Canada, are inviting you during Lent to provide release kits containing **toothbrush & toothpaste, deodorant, soap, a comb, a pen and notepad** for individuals being release from prison. Bags are available in the narthex with a shopping list. Please return kits to the designated box in the narthex by Palm Sunday, April 5.

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**CHALMERS GOLF SHIRTS:** Chalmers golf shirts will be for available for sale during the month of March, with delivery by the end of April. Men's and Ladies' styles - lots of colours and sizes. Cost: \$35 each with proceeds going to Chalmers' Ministries. Pop down to the lower hall following worship Sunday to view sample shirts and place your order. See bulletin insert for details.