

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.

In consideration of our members and visitors with sensitivities to scent, please consider keeping Chalmers Church scent-free. Thank you.

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: NOVEMBER 17-24

SUNDAY Worship & Sunday School - 10 am
Library Open - 11:15 am
Tasteful Topics - 11:30 am
Ukes of London Concert - 1 pm
Parkwood Worship - 2 pm

MONDAY Study & Discussion Group - 7 pm

TUESDAY Care & Share - 1 pm
Seniors' Fitness - 1 pm

WEDNESDAY Knitting Circle - 1:30 pm
Reachout Choir - 7:30 pm

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

FRIDAY Seniors' Satellite - 9 am
Seniors' Euchre - 1 pm

SATURDAY St. Andrew's Concert - 2 pm

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Library Open - 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon: 9 am - 3 pm **Tues- Thur:** 12-3 pm

Fri: 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * Celebrating Advent Event - Nov 30, 2-4 pm
- * Christmas Advent Potluck - Nov 30, 6 pm
- * Outdoor Tree Lighting & Carols - Dec 5, 6:30 pm
- * Reachout Christmas Cantata - Dec 15, 10am
- * Community Carol Fest - Dec 15, 2:30 pm

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Keith & Cathy Spooner
Keith & Phyllis Johnston
Gail McHardy-Leitch & Don Leitch

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Andrea Bruce & Shirley Hall
Ann Hunter & Helen Innes
Barb Jessop & Amy Kemp

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Nov 17: No Coffee - Tasteful Topics
Nov 24: Keith & Phyllis Johnston
Dec 1: Jane Vannus & Bev Cameron
Dec 8: Holly Williams & Sue Garner

COUNTERS:

Nov 17: Heather & Maureen
Nov 24: Patricia & Paul
Dec 1: Todd & Brenda
Dec 8: Brian & Pat

IN THE BOOTH:

Nov 17: Tammy, Isla & Lizz
Nov 24: Tammy, Torry & Sue
Dec 1: Tom, Marilyn & Rose Marie
Dec 8: Tom, Sue & Rick

IN THE NURSERY:

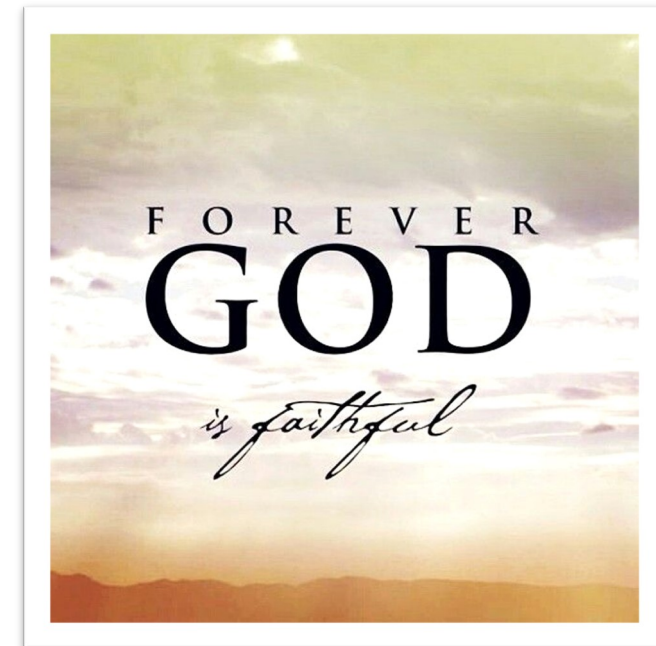
Nov 17: Dan & Jane
Nov 24: Wanda & Heather
Dec 1: Dan & Patricia
Dec 8: Jane & Cathy

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

November 17, 2019 - 10:00 am

Congo to Canada



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: *Come all you people / Uya i mose*

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.

Welcome "Congo to Canada: The Mabondo Family's Journey" Andrew Thibodeau

(Children & teachers leave for Sunday school)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination Andrew Thibodeau

Scripture reading: Psalm 37:2-3, 23-31 Magali Mabondo

One: Trust in the Lord and do good; so you will live in the land and enjoy security.

All: Take delight in the Lord, who will give you the desires of your heart.

One: Our steps are made firm by the Lord, when God delights in our way;

**All: though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong,
for the Lord holds us by the hand.**

One: I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken
or their children begging bread.

**All: They are ever giving liberally and lending,
and their children become a blessing.**

One: Depart from evil, and do good; so you shall abide forever.

All: For the Lord loves justice; and will not forsake the faithful ones.

One: The righteous shall be kept safe forever, but the children of the wicked shall be
cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land, and live in it forever.

**All: The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak justice.
The law of their God is in their hearts; their steps do not slip.**

Choir Anthem: "Na nzela na lola" (*Refrain: "We will walk slowly" in the Lingala language of Western Congo.*)

Scripture Reading: James 5:7-14 Isaac Mabondo & Torry Thibodeau

★ Praise: *We are marching /Siyahamba (English/Xhosa/French)* 639

Testimony: "Counting God's Blessings" Bénie Mabondo

Message: "For Such a Time as This" Lizz Thibodeau

★ Praise: *Still*

Message: "Many Angels in Canada"

Andrew Thibodeau

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection *Be still and know that I am God* 64 (1&3)

Chalmers' Life and Mission

(Children & teachers return from Sunday school)

The Offering of Our Gifts *The church is wherever God's people* 484

Offering Prayer, Prayers of the People & **The Lord's Prayer**

**With these gifts of money, given with joy, we praise you God of grace. May our faithful
stewardship of these gifts help to further your mission in the world and support all people
on the journey of faith, through our Lord Jesus Christ...**

Special Praise: "Liboso N'a Yo" or "In Front of You" in Lingala Mabondo Family

★ Praise: *Be Thou my vision* 461 (1, 2 & 4)

★ Commissioning and Benediction

Musical Postlude

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

Na nzela na lola (*On our trip to paradise*), by Joseph Kabemba

As long as we hope, there is a future for creation, a
future for the universe.

Refrain

Malembe, malembe, malembe tokotambola.

(translation: we will walk slowly)

As long as we follow in the way that God is leading, we
know God's reign will surely come.

As long as we sing, there is a future for creation, a future
for the universe.

As long as we preach, there is a future for creation, a
future for the universe

As long as we pray, there is a future for creation, a future
for the universe.

"LIBOSO NA YO" (*In front of you*) by Aime Nkanu

In the heavens as here on earth,
nobody is comparable to you
In power, in glory You are God
Heaven is your throne, Earth, your footstool
But you live in my heart.
What a privilege to have a God
so wonderful and so large!

I bow down in front of you, I proclaim your greatness,
Living God (repeat)

You sit on your throne majestic old men,
twenty-four sing, Holy, Holy
On the ground sets with angels, we will sing
Holy, Holy, Holy, Hallelujah!

We bow in front of you, we proclaim your greatness,
Living God (repeat)

Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For healing and strength for Jack Webster - Jack has moved to Meadowpark Residence long term care.
- ◆ For healing and strength for Carl Suchard, a former member of Chalmers who is receiving care following a diagnosis of leukemia.
- ◆ For peace and comfort for the family & friends of June MacIntosh, a former member of Chalmers Church, who passed away Nov 9.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ For the members of the PAN Medical Mission Team as they serve in El Salvador & Nicaragua .

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**TASTEFUL TOPICS:** Today following worship, with the Mabondo & Thibodeau families, "Congo comes to Canada". Suggested donation for lunch: \$10/person.

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UKES OF LONDON COUNTRY & BLUEGRASS CONCERT: Today at 1pm here at Chalmers Church, with guest guitarist and vocalist, Mike Couture. Admission by donation with all proceeds to the Salvation Army Kettle Drive.

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**ST ANDREW'S CONCERT:** Our fundraising committee is sponsoring a concert to honour the Patron Saint of Scotland. It will be held on **Saturday, November 23** at 2pm This is also a special day for Bob Finlay as he celebrates 50 years of entertaining. Cost: \$15/person - all proceeds to the Church and its mission. Tickets available through the church office or committee members.

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VOLLEYBALL: Youth and young adults are invited to join us for some recreational volleyball on Friday, November 29, 7 pm at Supreme Courts, 11 Buchanan Ct., London. A small fee will be collected to cover court rental.



November 17: A healthier future

November 19 is World Toilet Day. Toilets are vital for improving sanitation and health in countries around the world. Without proper toilets, human waste can get into water sources, and killer diseases spread quickly. That's why the sudden loss of latrines in a disaster zone is such an urgent health issue. In Mulanje, Malawi, about 4,000 toilets were damaged by rising water levels produced by Cyclone Idai, which swept through southeastern Africa in March. In the wake of the storm, families in the region—especially children under five—faced an increased risk of contracting cholera and typhoid. PWS&D responded by helping local partners rebuild latrines. Now with safe and working toilets available, 2,600 families in the hardest hit areas are looking towards a healthier future.

PWS&D improves sanitation

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP November 17

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. *Ecclesiastes 5:10a*

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**CHRISTMAS TREE STORY EVENT:** Saturday, **November 30, 2019**, 4:00 - 6:00 pm. For all ages to remember what the Advent Season is all about and to learn the meaning of the Christmas Tree and how it relates to the Christmas story. Sign up today in the narthex.

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CHRISTMAS ADVENT POTLUCK DINNER: Come join us for the annual Christmas Advent Potluck Dinner! **Saturday, November 30th** at 6pm in the Lower Church Hall. Bring your favourite main dish, salad or dessert to share as we gather to celebrate the Christmas season together. Coffee/tea/juice provided. Sign up in the narthex or online.

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**2020 CALENDARS** are available now for just \$5! Pick yours up today in the Lower Hall following worship or contact the church office.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### **Private Justice: Newpointe 911 – Book 1** by Terri Blackstock

A dark shadow of fear has fallen over Newpointe, Louisiana. First one, then another of the town firemen's wives has been murdered, a third has barely escaped an attempt on her life. Incredible as it seems, a serial killer is stalking this sleepy little southern community. And Mark Branning's wife may be next on the list. Mark is determined to protect her. But keeping Allie alive won't be easy -- not with their own marriage already dying a bitter death. Unless they renew their commitment to each other and to God, someone else may settle their problems...permanently. And time to decide is running out. Terri Blackstock writes a very good, exciting murder mystery .... And this series is no exception. *Christine Hunter, Librarian*

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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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**THE CHEESE MOUSE / COOKIE DOUGH GREMLIN** is back! Pat MacKay has brochures on the table in the Narthex - look for the wooden mouse. Gift packs of cheese as well as individual pieces along with containers of cookie dough will be available for ordering (cheques payable to Chalmers Presbyterian Church— payment with order please) up until Dec 4 with delivery on Dec 15. Many thanks - proceeds to the General Fund.

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URGENT REFUGEE HOUSING NEEDED: The London Presbytery Refugee Committee is looking for temporary or long-term housing for our most recent refugee, starting Dec 1. Hiwot arrived in Canada in the summer of 2018. She speaks Tigrinya and is attending school to learn English. Hiwot is in need of affordable housing (\$400/month or less). If you know of accommodations please contact Amy Kemp at amyck88@gmail.com.

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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**FREE COMMUNITY MEAL:** All welcome **Friday, November 22, 5pm** at C.C. Carrothers Public School, 360 Chippendale Cres. Pre-registration is necessary: phone 519-668-7245 or email [sc-carrothers@TVPIC.ca](mailto:sc-carrothers@TVPIC.ca)

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O HOLY NIGHT NATIVITY DISPLAY: Would you like to connect with the true meaning of Christmas? Join us for a display of nativity sets, and refreshments in the Upper Room at Oakridge Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, November 23** from 10 am-3 pm. All welcome!

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**POWER OF HOPE CAMPAIGN:** The mission committee is pleased to announce we will be supporting the "Power Of Hope" organization this Advent season. Items most needed are girls' & boys' pajamas sizes 6-16, children's underwear and socks. Small child-size blankets are also welcome. Contributions can be placed under the Christmas tree in the Narthex commencing November 17<sup>th</sup>. Join us this season as we support this organization that helps children in times of great stress.

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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.