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### *News and Announcements*

Joint services continue here at SSUC on August 27. For pastoral care in August please contact Rev. Rienk Vlietstra 613-542-9616 (ext.203)  
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**SAVE THE DATE!** On Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2:00pm, *Engaging the Spirit* will host a celebration event in honour of Norm Esdon and the recent publication of his book, *Poems for God-Questers*, at Sydenham Street United Church. A short program, hosted by Rev. Rienk Vlietstra, will include comments by Rev. Wayne Hilliker and Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald, and Norm will say a few words about his new book and read a few excerpts from it. Refreshments and copies of the book (\$25.00) will be available.

**We are pleased to welcome Rev. Kerrie Perry and other visitors from Northern Waters Presbytery (Toronto Conference) to worship today!** This group of youth, young adults and their leaders are returning from the Rendezvous 2017 gathering organized by the United Church of Canada and held in Montreal from August 16-19. As part of their pilgrimage to the national conference, the group has sought to discover God as they explore the beauty, history and culture of Canada. They are scheduled to arrive in Kingston on Saturday evening and depart on Sunday following worship. They stayed overnight on Saturday. SSUC volunteers hosted breakfast on Sunday. Rev. Rienk Vlietstra and Don Mitchell, Operations Manager, met the group on their arrival at our church on Saturday.

The first meeting for this season organized by the **Joint Chalmers Sydenham Street United Church Men's Group** will be a social Potluck Picnic Sept. 12, 2017 at Lake Ontario Park (the covered picnic area). **Everyone** from S.S.U. Church and Chalmers is invited to attend. We will meet rain or shine at 11:30 am and plan to eat at noon. Please bring a food item to share, plates and cutlery, **non-alcoholic beverages and a Toonie per person**. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please mark this event on your calendar and we hope to see you there.

New York Jazz Pianist and friends

**Gordon Webster Swings!**

Fundraiser for accessibility renovations at "The Spire", and birthday celebration of Gale's 80th!

**Saturday, Sept. 9th**  
**5:30 Dinner; 7:00 Concert**

82 Sydenham Street  
Kingston

Roast Beef Dinner & Concert: 2 for \$80 (\$40 each) (Limited space; book early)  
Concert only: \$20

Tickets available from the office at 82 Sydenham St., 9 - 12 noon, Monday to Friday

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## **SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH**

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*As an Affirming Congregation*

*we seek to be a vital faith community within The United Church of Canada  
engaged in spirituality, justice and creativity,  
informed by Jesus Christ and the Bible,  
and discerning the call of the Trinity  
as we celebrate diversity, inclusivity and abundant life.*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017  
 Morning Worship at Ten Thirty  
**Joint Worship: Sydenham Street & Chalmers United Churches**  
 (\* Indicates Stand If You Are Able)  
***BOLD TEXT INDICATES CONGREGATION'S PARTICIPATION***

### GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

#### Prelude

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Responsive Call to Worship

How great it is to bring family and friends together.

**We gather at picnic tables laden with fruit:  
 picked from bush, from tree and from vine.**

Apples and berries, grapes and cherries,  
 yield their joyous juices to our lusting mouths.

**Drops of surplus pleasure trickle down our chins.**

**We dab them (or not) with rumpled napkins.**

This feast refreshes our souls like sunrise over a lake,  
 or a sunset sky polished bright by evening breezes.

**Surely this is what Father Creator intended  
 when conspiring with Mother Earth to create life.**

We gather here to celebrate that life together  
**as we worship God on this warm, midsummer day.**

*A few moments of silence*

\*Gathering Hymn 395 "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" ~ *Part Of The Family*

A Song for Life Partners: \*Psalm 133 (*Refrain 602 in Voices United, line 1*)

**Refrain: Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in human love.**

You have grown from my friend, to my lover,  
 to my best friend... my closest companion.

**You know me better than I know myself.**

Your company is as comforting as a deep warm bath.

**The sweet smell of your presence**

**softens the knots of my tangled emotions. Refrain**

Every morning I wake, wondering what I did to deserve you

**Every night, I sleep with the blessing**

**Of your breath bedside me. Refrain**

*\*James Taylor, 'Everyday Psalms' pg. 166-7 (adapted), ©1994, Wood Lake Books*

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Readings:** Genesis 45:1-15 Matthew 15:21-28

For the Word of God in Scripture

For the word of God among us

For the Word of God within us

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn 602 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" ~ *Dennis*

**Message:** "Family Reunion"

*"He kissed all his brothers, weeping on each one. Only then were his brothers able to talk to him."*

Genesis 45:15

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

\*Hymn 420 "Go to the World" ~ *Sine Nomine*

**Prayers of the People, Silent Prayer and Sung Lord's Prayer (#960 in Voices United)**

**Offerings of our Life and Work**

**Offertory**

\*Doxology (#191 in *More Voices*)

**What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?**

**I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

*Please remain standing for the Commissioning and Choral Blessing*

\*Commissioning

**Choral Blessing #424** "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

**Postlude**

*Welcome to the service this morning*

Welcome to Shared Summer Worship at Sydenham Street. You were greeted by Kenn Doerksen, and Jack Soule. After the service join us for lemonade and conversation on the front lawn.

*For those people who are hearing impaired, we have hearing-assist equipment available.*

**Hospitality for our youngest children!**

A "drop-in centre" for children (up to 4 years old) and their parents is set up in the conference room. No supervision is available but if your little one is restless, needs to play and have some space, please