

THE CHILL SPOT

As assumed by the name, The Chill Spot offers a space for foreign farm workers to relax, hangout with one another, and receive support when visiting Downtown Simcoe. The newly renovated space boasts board games, music, and couches to provide an ambiance where foreign farm workers feel not only welcomed, but included in the community.

Leanne Arnal, founder of The Chill Spot, began her connection with foreign farm workers in the Norfolk Community years ago by “selling clothes to workers and their families back home.” In this experience, Leanne “started to realize what some of the needs were and then just kind of went from there.”

Foreign farm workers are often in Norfolk for periods of eight months to two years. Leanne hopes to help with the inevitable mental strain of this distance from home by ensuring foreign farm workers have access to “mental health support, activities, events, and peer support” but also to “simple things like having a library card.” Leanne’s mission is to help foreign farm workers become integrated into the community. For her, this means “being invited, and welcomed rather than just being people out in a field.”

Leanne also noted the importance of connection for foreign farm workers. “Peer support is really important because of the isolation on the farms,” she said. She described some of the struggles of foreign farm workers. “You’re far away from home, you’re missing milestones, you’re missing birthdays, you’re missing funerals, you’re missing your children growing up, you’re missing your family or wife,” she listed. “Being able to come in here, you know, is just a place to get away. Sometimes you can come with the people that you work with, but also be around other people and meet other people as well.

The Chill Spot has already made a big difference to the workers who visit the downtown, offering a cozy space for connection, support, and relaxation after all of the hard work they do for the community.

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WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

September 6, 2026

MIGRANT WORKERS SUNDAY

Worship Leaders: Pastor Adedayo Adefolahan,

Minister Natoya Daley, Pastor Anthony Luke

Music: Musicians from “The Chill Spot” Migrant Workers Community

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION: Leanne Arnal, Founder of “The Chill Spot”

OPENING PRAYER: Minister Natoya Daley

MUSIC MINISTRY

MESSAGE: You are the Light of the World Pastor Adedayo Adefolahan

BIBLE PASSAGES:

John 1: 6 – 14

Isaiah 60: 1 – 3

Matthew 5: 13 – 16

OFFERING

(Offering plate located at the back of the sanctuary.)

God of all good, we bring our gifts to you, use them to fulfil your holy purpose.

MUSIC MINISTRY

CLOSING PRAYER: Pastor Anthony Luke

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THANK YOU to Pastor Adedayo Adefolahan,
Minister Natoya Daley, Pastor Anthony Luke
and Musicians from “The Chill Spot” Migrant Workers Community
for leading this morning’s service.

COFFEE AND SANDWICHES will be served following the service.

CHOIR resumes Thursday, September 10 at 4:00 p.m. Current and new members are invited to attend. See you there!

MAGIC NICKLE will be reintroduced during the last Sunday of every month beginning September 27 in support of The Little Pantry.
Start saving your change!

INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MISSION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF ERIE on Wednesday, September 16 at Waterford United Church from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Guest speaker is The Very Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, former moderator of the UCC. RSVP to the office at 519-443-5261 or to Randy MacKenzie at 519-753-9887 or randy_mackenzie@hotmail.com
More information is posted on the bulletin board.

BIBLE STUDY at Colborne Village United Church in Simcoe entitled “What do we have to Believe to be a Christian” starting Wed., Sept. 9 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for 5 weeks. All Welcome!

FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY at St. James United Church in Simcoe on Friday, Sept. 18 from 6 – 8 pm and Saturday, Sept. 19 from 8:30 – 11:00 am

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YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
Matthew 5: 14

Today we are gathered in the traditional territories of several indigenous nations with gratitude. As settlers, we take on the responsibility of learning about historic and current relationships, and our desire to engage in building right relations. We are also mindful of broken covenant, and the need to commit ourselves to deep reconciliation and healing.

The Waterford United Church is a place where everyone is welcome regardless of their ability, age, class, ethnicity, gender, race, or sexual orientation.

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