

# Chalmers' Spirit

*Built by FAITH,  
strengthened through WORSHIP,  
bringing HOPE to life's journey.*

## Welcome to the Fall!

The children are all back to school, the weather has turned a little cooler and today is September 21st. Yep, it appears that Fall is upon us. And with Fall comes the beginning of all

sorts of activities. Attendance at worship picks up as everyone returns from holidays, committees begin meeting again and activities are planned. Please make sure that Chalmers is at the

top of your list when you're looking at your schedule! There's lots going on, but we need everyone's support to make things happen! Check out the calendar on page 10 and keep up-to-date at [chalmerslondon.com](http://chalmerslondon.com)!

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About once a month, Rev. John books some court time at White Oaks Public School for some volleyball. This month, I took a picture of all the young people who came out to play (12-25 year olds). Sorry adults, maybe next time!



## Letter from the Editor by Lizz Thibodeau

Rather than my usual editorial, I decided that this month I would make a Public Service Announcement. At this time of year, there seems to be an abundance of buzzing, flying objects that surround anyone crazy enough to venture into the great outdoors! Of course, after freezing all winter and frying all summer, autumn is a wonderful time to enjoy God's creation. My children & I walk to school each morning and invariably end up in a discussion with someone (often my daughter) about which of these flying objects we should be concerned about and which are harmless. Every person I talk to has an opinion: "Don't worry about the yellow jackets, they don't sting." "My friend was stung by a yellow jacket yesterday, it's the wasps that you can ignore." "Bees aren't interested in humans, just flowers." Etc. etc. etc. And every time it comes up, I have the same response: "I really must research that because I have no idea how to tell them all apart or which ones are dangerous." So today, I have done the research (thanks to the Orkin website) and I am now prepared to tell you all about bees, hornets, wasps & yellow jackets.

First things first: They ALL sting! Let's get rid of this myth that some are harmless. They ALL sting.

Next: Honey Bees are the only ones who only sting once and then die. The others can all sting multiple times. (The article singled out Honey Bees, as opposed to the other 20,000 species of bee, so I'm not sure if other types of bee die when they sting or not). The Honey Bee, however, upon stinging, also releases a pheromone to alert the other worker bees in the colony, who will come to defend their colony. So while a honey bee can only sting once, you still may end up with multiple stings from the rest of the colony.

Aggression: Hornets & wasps are both known to be aggressive. Bees and yellow jackets are both considered to be aggressive only when defending their colony.

Identification: At this point, I'm not really hung up on identifying the different flying, buzzing things since I now know that they are all capable of stinging, but one big difference is that bees are hairy. Yellow jackets are simply one type of wasp and all of these insects can come in different sizes and colours. Below I have included the Orkin identification pictures in alphabetical order: bee, hornet, wasp, yellow jacket.

Now while I am firmly against getting stung by things, I'd also like to remind you that not only are these creatures part of God's creation, they are also all pollinators and without them we would be in a very sad state. Bees in particular are struggling in nature so please protect yourself but also find ways to protect them.



## Grab a Book by Christine Hunter

Let me just say that, as I write this, you can hardly find the library, and certainly cannot check through the books to see what would be a good read for this week! But the painting is almost done, and the library will soon be back to normal. In the near future we will be getting a new bookcase for some of the children's, youth and young adult books, and that will make it much easier to 'browse' the shelves!

Bear with us – it will all be worthwhile. And let me just encourage you to read to your child! It is a truly bonding time for both you and your child – and believe me when I say that even when they can read for themselves, children still enjoy reading time with a parent or grandparent.

Check out a book and enjoy a 'quiet time' together, bring the book back and maybe check out the next in that series – you know that once young people read about a character, they usually like to read more adventures with the same character! And we do have quite a few 'series in our library.

Happy reading. Christine Hunter



## Congrats Mandy!



As a Christian family, I believe that it's important for us to share in each other's celebrations. Mandy Woods completed her Bachelors of Applied Science in Applied Human Nutrition from the University of Guelph in June 2012 and has now gained her first employ as a professional Dietitian. She is working for Loblaw in Owen Sound and Collingwood.

## Communicants' Class

Each year Rev. John offers a series of classes to any of the young people of the church who are interested in becoming members. This year, several churches within the Presbytery of London are coming together to offer a joint class for youth ages 14-19 beginning on the first Sunday in December and running two Sundays each month until Easter. The classes will be held at Chalmers (convenient for us!) from 1 until 2:30 pm. Please speak to Rev. John or I for more information or to register.

# Photos—VBC & Fun Fair



# Photos—Rev. John Shows He's a Good Sport!



# Photos—at the Picnic



# KNOX WATERLOO PRESENTS



## **Making Disciples: The Future of Christian Education** With Special Guest Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

9:30 am – noon  
Saturday, November 2  
Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo

Everyone seems to agree that Christian education is important – that we want to teach and nurture a vibrant and resilient faith in Jesus Christ in our children, youth, young adults, and adults. More and more, however, Christian education leaders are wondering if we are doing things the right way. The mantra: "But we've always done it this way" is no longer enough of a rationale and increasingly, many congregations are struggling with how they do Christian education.

In this interactive workshop, Rodger will describe both the challenges we are facing and identify some emerging practices that are leading and transforming the Church's educational ministry with and for children, youth, young adults and adults.

Rodger is an inspirational speaker, educator, and specialist in ministry with youth and young adults. He teaches at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, in the area of practical theology and Christian Education.

Join us at Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo for this workshop designed for Sunday school teachers, youth ministry leaders, and congregational leadership of all ages. Refreshments including coffee, tea and muffins will be served.

Tickets are \$10 and are available by contacting Ruth Song at (519) 886-4150, ext. 222 or [rsong@golden.net](mailto:rsong@golden.net)

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## Rodger Nishioka

On the previous page there is a poster for an upcoming workshop where Rodger Nishioka will be the guest speaker. I have had the privilege of attending two conferences with Rodger in the past couple of years and he never disappoints. I always come away with renewed enthusiasm and feeling inspired to serve God with excitement! There is already a group of 6 of us who are planning to attend this presentation on Saturday, November 2nd from 9:30am until noon in Waterloo. Please consider joining us. His focus is on Christian Education, but that includes children, right up to adults, and we are all involved in that within the church in one way or another. Sunday school, youth group, bible studies, movie nights, discussions, retreats, even worship itself in some ways are all Christian Education. I have come to realize over the past few years, that I enjoy attending conferences not only to learn and discover new things but also to reaffirm the great things that are already happening at Chalmers. I would really love to share this experience with as many Chalmer-ites as possible! Please think about it!!!

## Life of Pi

Well, I guess it had to happen sooner or later.

The Fellowship and Faith Study ministry has gone Hollywood, or in this case, Bollywood.

The Canadian Yann Martel published the best seller, *The Life of Pi*, in 2000. Last year the movie version was released. It is a great adventure story with, surprisingly, a great many questions of faith worked into the action.

And there is action! And mystery!

Pi's family leaves on a ship from India for Canada—with a zoo! In one lifeboat the only survivors of the shipwreck are Pi, a zebra, an orangutan and a very hungry Bengal tiger.

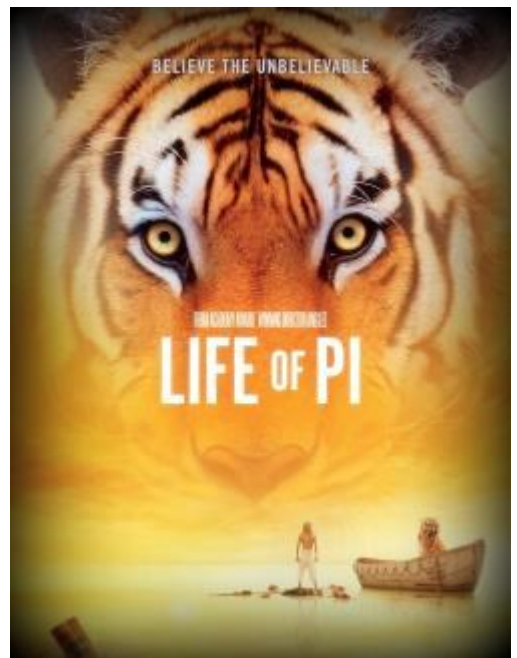
Or—Or—Is Pi telling the truth? Hmm.

*Option 1:* See the movie on Friday, October 18, at 7 pm.  
Please sign up in narthex.

*Option 2:* See the movie (October 18th, 7 pm) and attend the three Monday study dates (October 28, November 11 & 25).  
Another choice.

*Option 3:* The study is being offered at 1:30 pm or 7 pm.  
Make a choice.

Books on order.





## Youth in Mission Trips

I can't believe that after all the build-up, all the planning, all the fundraising, all the excitement, our Youth in Mission trips are over. And yet, they're not really. We had four young people from Chalmers go on life-changing trips (even more so than they originally expected, I think) and we can't just let that fade away! Jasmine & Amy, who visited Israel & Palestine will be sharing their experiences with us three times this month. First Amy (and I on behalf of Jasmine) will be speaking at Mary Moffat on Monday, September 23rd at 7:30pm. All ladies are welcome to join us for this presentation. Then join us for the congregational breakfast on Sunday, September 29th at 8:00am to hear stories of their experiences, followed by worship with leadership by Amy & Jasmine.

In October, we will hear stories from Taiwan, as Abbey & Tom lead worship on Sunday, October 6th (World Communion Sunday), present their stories at the congregational breakfast on Sunday, October 20th and speak at Mary Moffat on Monday, October 28th.

Through all of this, we hope to gain a glimpse of what they experienced, learn from their discoveries and support these young people as they grapple with where these trips will lead them on their own faith journeys.



# October 2013 - Chalmers Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8a Congregational Breakfast</p> <p><b>T</b> 10a Worship &amp; Sunday School - Stories from Israel &amp; Palestine 11:15a Coffee Time &amp; Library 11:30a Children's Choir</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>1:30p Fitness Class 7p Stephen Ministry</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:30a Pastoral Care 1p Care &amp; Share 1p Seniors' Fitness 7:30p Policy &amp; Planning 7:30p CE &amp; Faith Development</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>2:15p Knitting 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>6:25p Praise Team rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir rehearsal</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>T</b> 10a Worship &amp; Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Time &amp; Library 11:30a Young People's Lunch 11:30a Children's Choir</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>1:30p Fitness Class 6:30p Mission Cmte 7p Worship Committee</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>1p Care &amp; Share 1p Seniors' Fitness 7:30p Social &amp; Comm.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>2:15p Knitting 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>6:25p Praise Team rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir rehearsal</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>1:30p Young People's Turkey Trek</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>T</b> 10a All Ages Worship - Thanksgiving 11:15a Coffee Time &amp; Library 11:30a Children's Choir</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Thanksgiving Monday</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>1p Care &amp; Share 1p Seniors' Fitness 7p Session</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>2:15p Knitting 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6:25p Praise Team rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir rehearsal</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>8a Congregational Breakfast</p> <p><b>T</b> 10a Worship &amp; Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Time &amp; Library 11:30a Children's Choir</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>1:30p Fitness Class 6:30p Evangelism</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>10a Y4C Sandwich preparation 1p Care &amp; Share 1p Seniors' Fitness</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>2:15p Knitting 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>6:25p Praise Team rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir rehearsal 7:30p Property Management</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre 7p Volleyball at White Oaks P.S. Senior High Retreat at Kintail</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Senior High Retreat at Kintail</p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>T</b> 10a Worship &amp; Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Time &amp; Library 11:30a Children's Choir Senior High Retreat at Kintail</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>1:30p Fitness Class 7p Mary Moffat</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>1p Care &amp; Share 1p Seniors' Fitness</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>2:15p Knitting 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>6:25p Praise Team rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir rehearsal</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>

There is so much going on at Chalmers that it barely fits on this page! For full details, updates and an easier-to-read version please go to the Chalmers webpage.  
[http://www.chalmerslondon.com/church\\_calendar.htm](http://www.chalmerslondon.com/church_calendar.htm)

# Last Laugh!

