

**Chalmers  
Presbyterian  
Church**

# Youth Spirit

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## April Showers Bring...

What a great kick-off to the Lent rotation we had in March. We started with Movie & popcorn Sunday which the children always enjoy! Then for All Ages Sunday, we made cupcakes during the service! That was a huge hit with everyone, children & adults! And on the final Sunday of March, the children learned about the Passover meal and were joined by Rev. John in their celebration.

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In April, we'll continue the Lenten rotation with Games & Music on April 3rd. Our own praise band, 4:12, will be leading the music and Andrew Thibodeau will be helping out with the games. This promises to be a great day! The following week, we are inviting children, ages 5-10 from Chalmers and from the community to join us for a SATURDAY morning of crafts from 10:30 until noon, followed by a Hot Dog lunch. This will be a fun time for the children and a great time to invite a friend or neighbour to come learn about Easter through crafts. What a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel with someone you care about! The next day at

Sunday Morning Youth, we will be continuing with Easter crafts. April 17th is Palm Sunday which is always a fun week with palm branches and singing and a wrap up to the whole Lenten Rotation. Of course, that leads into Easter on April 24th. Easter Sunday will be an All Ages Sunday and a real celebration!

Also coming in April we have youth group on Friday April 1st & 8th from 7-9pm and volleyball on Friday April 15th at Laurier SS from 7-9 pm. And don't forget the Bible-Read-a-thon for grades 8-12 on April 22nd (Good Friday)!

### Preschool Assistants:

**April 3rd: Michelle Daniel**

**April 10th: Lynn Ball**

**April 17th: John Biro Jr.**

### Contact me!

- Comments, new emails? Let me know: [lizzt@rogers.com](mailto:lizzt@rogers.com)



## From the Editor

It's been a while since I've included a bunch of photos in the newsletter so here's some from Anniversary Sunday. I only include pictures of children that I have permission to photograph, so if you're new to Chalmers or don't see any pictures of your children, check with me to make sure you've signed the form!



What a Quote!

- "Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers."

Voltaire

## A Breakfast to Remember by Yunike

On Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2011, my dad and I attended the morning breakfast. While eating wonderful food, we had an amazing presentation by Danny and Dana Kajan. They shared their experiences with us all. I enjoyed it very much! I learned a whole lot of new things that I never knew in my life! Did you know that the educational system works way different in Australia then here, in Canada? Over there, you can't fail! Also, after year 10, if you get a full time job, you can leave and not come back? That's really interesting. I had a really great time!

# Happy to See You

In March we had 39 children and youth worshipping at Chalmers throughout the month! Great to see each and every one of you! You are all special, valued and loved! This month I would also like to offer a warm welcome to Billy & Nicholas!

Naomi	Jaxson	Josiah	Damien	Kenneth	Yunesta
Kirsten	Sawyer	Billy	Zoey	Zack	Yunike
Isla	Jessy B.	Nicholas	Torry	Daniel	Hope
Julie	Alyson B.	G.	Jackie B.	Jackie N.	Charlotte
Lily	Reece	Morgan	Sydney	Joycie	Emerald
Sarah W.	Hailee	Sarah L.	Charleen	Abbey	Stephanie
				Allyson	Jenny

## Grab a Book by Christine Hunter

**Where Does God Live?** - by Holly Bea

**Ages 2 – 5 years**

Hope is a little girl who loves to ask questions! Where does God live she asks a bird, a frog and a fish – getting different answers from each one (oh yes they talk – it's a story!). Then she does what lots of little girls do – she asks her grandma! Grandma puts it all into perspective for her, helps her understand and teaches her how to pray to our wonderful God.

I enjoyed reading this book – and I'm sure you'll enjoy sharing it with your little one (child or grandchild – it works just the same for both)!



**Natalie – School's first day of me** – by Dandi D. Mackall

**Ages 4 – 7 years**

Natalie is five years old and is just about to go to “kiddie-garden” – although she doesn't understand the name when her local school has no garden – so how can they have a “kiddie'-garden”? Natalie is worried about everything to do with “kiddie-garden”. Will she be the only child who can't read? Will she remember to take her lunch with her? What if she is swinging and doesn't know that recess is over. Natalie's mother tries to tell her that she will love kindergarten, but her mother doesn't know what is going on in that little head.

This is a “chapter” book – so is suitable to be read to a child who is maybe ready to go to kindergarten – or a slightly older child could enjoy reading this book for themselves. You will find it in the “youth” section of the library.

**The Book of the King** by Jerry B Jenkins and Chris Fabry

**Ages 10 – 12 years**

Series - The Wormling Book I

If you are around 10 – 12 years old and enjoy a good adventure story, with a bit of science fiction in it – this is the book for you.

Owen Reeder is a boy, about your age, who lives with his father and is well cared for – but not really loved – at least he doesn't feel loved. Owen starts to hear voices, whisperings in his house – did I tell you that his father owns a bookstore and he and his father live above the store! One day, Owen comes home from school unexpectedly and hears these voices again – so he decides that he will do a little exploring. He is listening at one of the air vents in the bookstore when suddenly a bookcase starts to move. He ducks down into a convenient hiding place and sees four men – including his father – coming out of the opening ----- and they seem to be talking about him!

Well let me also tell you that there is a flying, flame breathing dragon in this book – and a book, oh yes, such a special book, which ends up in Owen's safekeeping! I can't tell you any more – except that this is the first book in a series – so once you get to know Owen and enjoy reading about him, you can carry on and read the rest of the series.

# Riddle Me This!

Here are the answers from last month's riddle

1. What does a diamond become when it is placed in water? **Wet**
2. What did the big rose say to the little rose? **Hi Bud!**
3. What is it that doesn't ask questions, but must be answered? **The telephone (or the door)**
4. What does a chicken do when it stands on one foot? **Holds the other one up**
5. What kind of bird has wings, but can't fly? **A dead one (penguins & ostriches were also accepted)**
6. What two words have the most letters in them? **Post office (or mail box or mail bag)**
7. What has neither flesh nor bone but has four fingers and a thumb? **A glove**
8. How many of each animal did Moses bring on the ark? **None, it was Noah on the ark, not Moses**
9. What is it that grows larger the more you take away from it? **A hole**
10. Poke out its eye and it has nothing left but a nose. What is it? **Noise**

11. What runs all day and never walks / Often murmurs, never talks / Has a bed and never sleeps / Has a mouth and never eats? **A river**
12. Which side of a pitcher is the handle on? **The outside**
13. What is the difference between here and there? **The letter T**
14. If two is company, and three's a crowd, how much is four and five? **9**
15. What fruit do you find on a dime? **A date**
16. How can you divide 10 potatoes equally between three people? **Mash them**
17. What is no larger when it weighs 20 pounds than when it weighs 1 pound? **A scale**
18. No sooner spoken than broken. What is it? **silence**
19. What falls but never breaks? What breaks but never falls? **Night and Day**

**Thanks to everyone who played along. Prizes go to Keith & Phyllis Johnston, and Christine Hunter. (Come get your prize from me the next time you see me at church!)**

# Try These!

Here's a couple of brainteasers for you to contemplate this month (some of these are oldies but goodies but hopefully there something here to make you think!):

1. If you went to bed at 8 o'clock at night and wound your alarm clock to go off at 9:00 the next morning, how much sleep would you get?
2. Why can't a man living in North Carolina be buried in South Carolina?
3. If you had only one match and you entered a room in which there was a kerosene lamp, an oil heater, and a wood-burning stove, which would you light first?
4. Two men were playing checkers. Each played five games and each won the same number of games. No draws. How can this be?
5. You have two coins in your hand equalling 30 cents. One of them is not a nickel. What are the coins?
6. It is a scientific fact that a person eats over an inch of dirt at every meal. How is this possible?

These are all taken from Uncle John's Bathroom Readers.



## Enjoy some more photos!



Top left: Morgan working on her pillow case craft  
Top right: Josiah & Naomi playing along with 4:12  
Middle left: Abbey & Isla playing hide & go seek  
Middle right: Colin joining in with 4:12  
Bottom left: Jackie on keyboard  
Bottom right: Abbey on bass, Tom on guitar

## YA YA

CHALMERS' YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DESK OF  
LAURIE PONSFORD-HILL  
YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR

### APRIL 2011

#### APRIL and MAY

Are all that are left of our first youth program together! To work on our spiritual and cultural component we are putting on a congregational dinner and movie night for our Final Friday Youth Night in June (June 3<sup>rd</sup>), so mark your calendars!



**Don't forget to write your prayers on the Prayer Flag pages on the table in the Narthax.**

April 1<sup>st</sup> we will continue with the cooking – It's Ginger Beef Night! Start your suggestions coming for the rest of the meal we are creating together!

April 8<sup>th</sup> We will continue with our dinner creation and start to practice for Chinese Shadow Puppet making night – We will create our puppets for our Chinese Shadow Puppet story telling presentation.

May 6<sup>th</sup> Continue with dinner creation for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Dinner and a movie Night for the congregation.

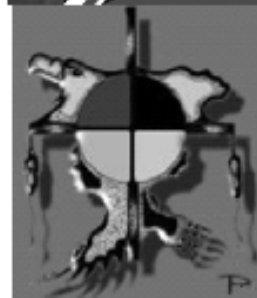
June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Asian inspired dinner and movie night. Come on out and enjoy!

#### One Day Wonder

My first experience participating in One Day Wonder was that it sure is a wonder! We had a great day and had the opportunity to do a lot. Emerald made a fantastic duct tape hat. Joanne worked hard to provide a clay craft – and what creations! Rev. John escorted our crew to the Teen Challenge Farm, which is the first time I have had any experience of Teen Challenge – and I learned a lot. I had the opportunity to learn how to de-duct tape a person, which was Dave, who apparently allows the kids to do really weird and interesting fun things to him every year. Richard Cote, and family helped lead and

participate in the day as well as Amy, who I found out secretly knows Black Magic! Who knew! Andy Thibideau provided the presentation aspect of the day. This was the first time that I have heard Andy speak. So how is it as members of Chalmers we can each be reflectors of God's light in the everydayness of our lives? After each and every worship service we are sent off to do the mission of the church – we are sent off as Little Jesus' to do good and to help others. This mission day was a great day to be together and to learn just a little bit more about the needs of our surrounding community.

# **“PARTNERS IN PROMISE” YOUTH MISSION 2011 MANITOBA**



*Winnipeg Inner City Missions*



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**FRIDAY JULY 29th to MONDAY AUG. 8th 2011**

**OPEN TO:**

## **Highschool Youth**

(youth who are presently in grade 9 through to grade 12)  
Within the Presbytery of London

**Interested in Going? Need more info?**

**Contact Rev. Mavis Currie**

**[mcurrie@execulink.com](mailto:mcurrie@execulink.com) or 519-472-3443**



Chalmers' Youth Presents



Good Friday April 22 to Holy Saturday April 23

6 pm – 8 am

Grades 9 and up ~ NO NAPPING!

*(Grade 8's welcome until midnight)*

Jesus' disciples couldn't stay awake; can you?

Join us for mystery supper, games, mission education,  
worship, dancing, snacks, and LOTS of fun!

Bring \$10 and don't forget to bring your friends!

Register with Joanne at [jdickert@bellnet.ca](mailto:jdickert@bellnet.ca)

519-681-7242, [www.chalmerslondon.com](http://www.chalmerslondon.com)

(Bible Read-a-thon will be at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, 342 Pond Mills Road, London)

**FYI—Coming in May**

**ALL AGES RETREAT**

**May 7th, all day (exact time  
TBA)**

**Pearce Williams Christian  
Centre**

Last year was a huge success—several people spoke to me after, saying it was their first time participating in a retreat, they hadn't been sure about coming, but they ended up loving it.

Torry just read the title of this box as she passed my computer and said, "Really? An All Ages Retreat? That's awesome! Can I really go? Does that really include me?"

Obviously, she enjoyed it last year and is looking forward to going again this year. So please plan now to join us on May 7th!



**Chalmers Sunday Morning Youth**

**invites all children ages 5 to 10 years old**

**to join us for Easter Crafts and a Hot Dog Lunch!**

**Saturday, April 16, 2011**

**10:30 a.m. to noon**

**Chalmers Church (corner of Pond Mills & Commissioners Rd)**

There is no charge for this event. For more information or to pre-register, please email [lizzt@rogers.com](mailto:lizzt@rogers.com). Registrations will also be accepted at the event.



# Children & Youth Ministries at Chalmers

## April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7-9 Youth Group: Ginger Beef night	2
3 <b>Lent 4</b> 9am Contemporary Worship 10:30am SMY - Lent rotation: Music & Games (with 4:12) Preschool Assistant: Michelle Daniel	4  3:30 pm 4:12 rehearsal	5	6  7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	7  6:15 pm Children's Choir rehearsal	8  7-9 Youth Group Chinese Shadow Puppet Making	9  Camp Kintail opening
10 <b>Lent 5</b> 9am Contemporary Worship 10:30am SMY - Lent rotation: craft Preschool Assistant: Lynn Ball	11 Happy 13 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Christian  3:30 pm 4:12 rehearsal	12	13  7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	14  6:15 pm Children's Choir rehearsal	15  7-9 Volleyball at Laurier SS	16 10 am Love London Clean & Green  10:30 - noon SMY Easter Crafts & Hot Dog Lunch
17 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9am Contemporary Worship 10:30am SMY - Lent rotation: wrap up Preschool Assistant: John Biro Jr.	18  3:30 pm 4:12 rehearsal	19	20 Happy 22 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday Simon  7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	21  7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	22 <b>Good Friday</b> 9am Breakfast 11am Service  6 pm Youth Bible- Read-a-thon → 8am	23
24 Happy 8 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Alyson B.  Happy 24 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Adele <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>  9am Contemporary Worship 10:30am All Ages Sunday	25	26	27  7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	28  Want some more special days to celebrate? April is "Grilled Cheese" Month.	29 How about Apr. 4: Hug a Newsman Day Apr. 11: Eight- Track Tape Day Apr. 23: Talk Like Shakespeare Day (from Uncle John's Heavy Duty Bathroom, pg 98)	30