

Chalmers' Spirit

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In April!

What an exciting month April is going to be!

Above average temperatures and lots of sunshine are in the forecast. We kick off the month with Holy Week and Easter and end off the month with the retreat and Anniversary Sunday. What more could you want???

Starting with Holy Week, please consider joining us at one or more of the times of worship.

There will be a Maundy Thursday service, Thursday at 7pm. On Good Friday, we will gather for breakfast between 9:00 and 10:30, followed by worship at 11am. The Bible-Read-a-thon will begin at 3:30pm and members of the con-

gregation are welcome to join us for Holy Communion at midnight.

Sunday morning, we will celebrate Easter with Holy Communion at both services. We will also celebrate all together, as this is



an All Ages Sunday.

At the end of the month, we will be gathering at Pearce Williams Christian Centre for our annual retreat on Saturday, April 28th from 9am until 8pm. If you have joined us in the past, you know what a wonderful time this is, so please join

us again. If you have never participated in the past, I invite you to give it a try this year. You won't be disappointed! This one day has many different activities to suit all different tastes, but there is also lots of time for relaxation and fellowship.

The day after the retreat is Chalmers' Anniversary Sunday! We will be celebrating with ONE SERVICE at 10:30am and the children will stay with us in worship for another All Ages Sunday. The massed choir and the children's choir will both be singing. There will be involvement by many different members of the church and we will follow it all up with a potluck lunch! Don't miss out!!!

Contact me!

- Comments, new emails? Let me know: lizzt@rogers.com

Attention Youth: Bible-Read-a-thon

Each year, the youth of Chalmers gather at the church on Good Friday and "keep vigil" throughout the night, just as Jesus asked His disciples to do in the Garden. Our time-line has changed a little this year and we will be starting at 3:30pm and ending at 12:30am. Parents and other members of the congregation are welcome to join us for Communion at midnight.

This event costs \$10 to cover the cost of supper, snack, crafts & activity supplies!

And don't forget to BRING A FRIEND!!! The more, the merrier!



Some photos from March to enjoy!



Sunday Morning Youth



Photo Time!



Baptism of Sawyer MacKeigan



Prof. Humphries—Guest at March Breakfast

Camp Kintail

Registration is now open. Pick up a brochure in
the narthex or look on-line at
www.campkintail.ca



115th Anniversary

SUNDAY, APRIL 29th, 2012

ONE SERVICE – ALL AGES

10:30am

**Please join us for this wonderful
celebration!**

Grab A Book! By Christine Hunter



Respect by Ted and Jenny O'Neal

Ages 5 - 8

This is a different kind of book. It is not a story really, but more a list of qualities that come under the heading of respect. What the word means, how you show respect, and how you don't show respect! There are ideas on how your child can figure out what it means to respect someone. I'm maybe making this sound like a boring list of do's and don'ts – but it's not like that at all. There are interesting little stories of how even a young person can put themselves in someone (a dad or a sister) else's shoes and try to see things from their perspective. There are lovely pictures that make you want to read on ... and on!

Actually – this is a good read for lots of us who are not children! Sometimes we all need to rethink what that word 'respect' really means! Maybe you and your little one can read it together And I know it will open the door to other conversations about respect.

The Threat by Nancy Rue

Ages 8 – 12

The Charleston Years #3

This series of stories take place

near Charleston, SC, immediately before the Civil War. Eleven-year-old Austin Hutchinson, his mother, and his younger brother have come down from the North to stay with relatives while their mother recuperates from an unknown illness. Since Austin and his family are outright abolitionists, their presence on the Canaan Grove plantation brings trouble for Uncle Drayton Ravenal. Austin causes more trouble by befriend- ing Henry-James, a young slave on the plantation.

In this story, Austin runs across bullies who threaten to beat him up for wearing an American flag pin. The stories relay interesting information about daily plantation life. The stories explore the feelings of both Northerners and Southerners toward slavery and the prospect of war.

We also have book #6 – The Escape.

And again for our adult readers.

Again I ask - do you enjoy "series"? I still do because once you get to know the people in the first book, it is good to follow those people into books two and threeand even further! Here is a little insight into another series – this might just be the ones for you!

Month 2 – **Cape refuge Series** by Terri Blackstock

A brutal double-murder has struck fear into the heart of the peaceful Cape Refuge community. The crime weapon belongs to the victims' son-in-law, but Police Chief Cade remains unconvinced that his best friend took the lives of Thelma and Wade Owens. The Owens' ministry, a halfway house, shelters individuals far more questionable than Jonathan Cleary. Now people are concerned that it may house a murderer who could strike again. Shattered by her parents' deaths, Morgan Cleary struggles to keep Hanover House running while her husband sits in jail. Her sister, Blair, is no help. Blair wants no part of her dead parents' ministry or their Christian faith. She wants to sell the house — until her determined search to find the true killer uncovers some startling findings. A lethal race against time ensues for Morgan, Blair, and Cade, with far more than Hanover House at stake

Book 1 – Cape Refuge
Book 2 – Southern Storm
Book 3 – River's Edge
Book 4 – Breaker's Reef

I thoroughly enjoyed this series. Although they are a "murder" series, they have a very interesting lighter side with the rivalry between the two, very different sisters.

Christine Hunter, Librarian.

BIBLE-READ-A-THON

Friday, April 6th Good Friday
3:30pm until 12:30 am
For all High School students

Grade 8, please join us!

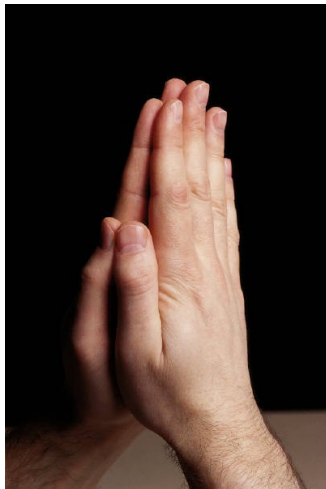


Retreat

The congregational retreat will be on **Saturday, April 28th**.

Special Guest: Theresa from Camp Kintail

Please plan to come! All ages are VERY welcome!!!
Theme: Lord, Teach us to Pray



Who's Helping?

	April 1 st	April 8 th – Easter	April 15 th	April 22 nd	April 29 th
Little Worship Assistant (9:00 service)	Erica MacKay	All Ages	Robyn MacKeigan	Bev Cameron	NO SERVICE
Preschool Assistant (10:30 service)	Siska Soedarmasto	All Ages	John Biro Jr.	Phyllis Johnston	All Ages
Coffee Time Volunteers (between services)	Erica MacKay & Debbie Scott	No coffee time	Cathy & Keith Spooner	Keith & Phyllis Johnston	Karen Dutton & Heather Reid
World of Welcome (10:30 service)	Tom Vannus Jane Vannus Paul Laidlaw Ruth Laidlaw Brian MacKay	Murray Cummings Lois Cummings Roy Young Abbey Poser Keith Spooner Cathy Spooner			
Offering Counters (after 10:30 service)	Yvonne Daniel & Doris Tutt	Roy Young & Carol Goodfellow	Heather Reid & Marian Weldon	Joanne & Bruce Dickert	Brian & Pat MacKay
Library Volunteers (after 10:30 service)	Shirley Hall	Christine Hunter	Joyce Kilbourne	Margaret Holdsworth	Christine Hunter

Each of the groups listed here are always looking for more volunteers. If you would like to help, just let me know and I'll connect you to the corresponding co-ordinator. Most volunteers are called upon 3-6 times a year.

Library Volunteers

The Library has a volunteer available to help people sign out books each week after the 10:30 service. Would you be able to take one Sunday a month to help out? If so, please contact Christine Hunter at (519) 681-4101 or cbhhunter@rogers.com.



Happy Birthday!

I hope everyone has a wonderful month this April but especially those families who are celebrating birthdays!

Let me know who has a birthday coming up in May.

Children & Youth

- Apr. 7th—Lily is 5th
- Apr. 7th—Evalina is 1
- Apr. 11th—Christian is 14
- Apr. 14th—Damien is 13
- Apr. 20th—Simon is 23
- Apr. 24th—Alyson is 9

Adults

- Apr. 6th—Wanda MacKay
- Apr. 14th—Meagan Warnock



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am Contemp. Worship 10 am Coffee Time 10:30 am Worship Children's Choir singing 2:00 pm Book of the Month Gathering	2 1:30 pm Walkfit 7 pm Stephen Ministry	3 9:30 am Pastoral Care 1-2pm Care & Share 7:30 pm CE & Faith Develop. 7:30pm Policy & Planning	4 2:15 pm Knitting circle 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	5 1-2pm Care & Share 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship 7:30 pm Senior Choir	6 GOOD FRIDAY 9 am Good Friday Morning Breakfast 11 am Worship Noon CW practice 3:30pm-12:30am Bible-Read-a-thon	7 6pm Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Part IV
8 EASTER!!! 9 am Contemp. Worship 10:30 am Worship Children's Choir singing	9 7 pm Stephen Ministry	10 10 am Session Executive 1-2pm Care & Share 7:30 pm Social & Communication	11 2:15 pm Knitting circle 6pm Mission 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	12 1-2pm Care & Share 5:30 Worship Planning Team 7pm Massed Choir 8 pm Senior Choir	13 6:30 pm CW practice	14 6pm Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Part IV
15 9 am Contemp. Worship 10 am Coffee Time 10:30 am Worship	16 1:30 pm Walkfit 6:30 pm Evangelism 7 pm Stephen Ministry	17 1-2pm Care & Share 7:30 pm Session	18 2:15 pm Knitting circle 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	19 1-2pm Care & Share 7pm Massed Choir 8 pm Senior Choir	20 6:30 pm CW practice	21 10am-12pm Earth Day Clean & Green
22 9 am Contemp. Worship 10 am Coffee Time 10:30 am Worship 2:15 pm Reach Out at Caressant Care 7pm Men's Mission Service	23 1:30 pm Walkfit 7:30 pm Mary Moffat	24 1-2pm Care & Share	25 2:15 Knitting circle 6pm Stewardship Team 7 pm Reach Out at McCormick Home	26 1-2pm Care & Share 7pm Massed Choir 7:30pm Property Management 8 pm Senior Choir	27 6:30 pm CW practice	28 9am-8pm Chalmers Retreat @ Pearce Williams Christian Centre
29 10:30 am Anniversary Worship Service Children's Choir Singing Noon: Potluck Lunch 7 pm Stephen Ministry	30 1:30 pm Walkfit					

This calendar is updated throughout the month as activities are added or change. Please check it out!
http://www.chalmerslondon.com/church_calendar.htm

Last Laugh!

