

# Chalmers' Spirit



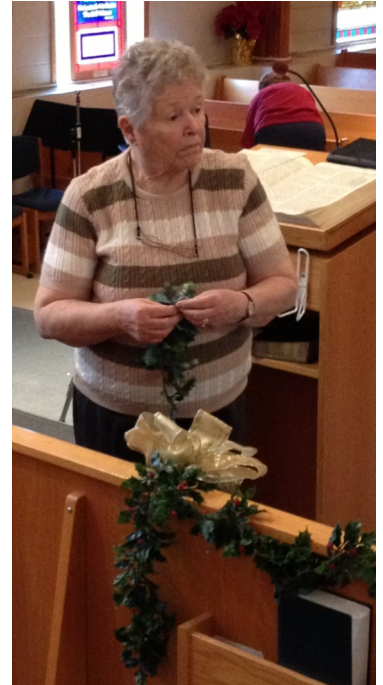
**Oh Come Let Us Adore Him!**

**Oh Come All Ye Faithful!**

**Come & Worship, Come & Worship,  
Worship Christ the newborn King!**



# Photo Time!



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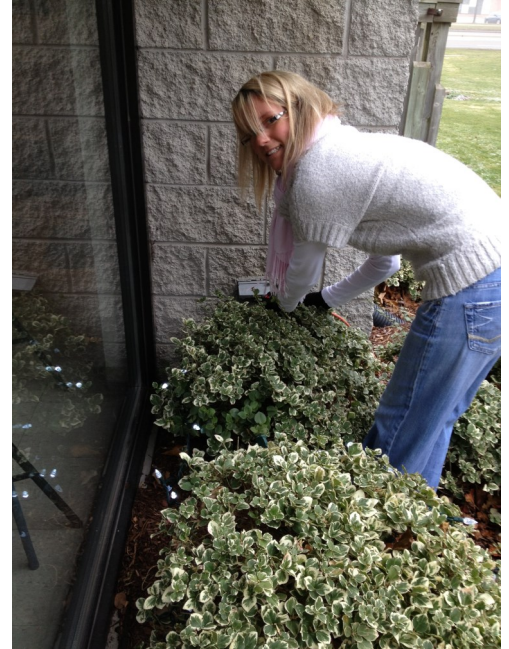
## Christmas Decorating—Inside...

### Contact me!

- Comments, new emails? Let me know:  
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## More Photos!



**... and Out!!**



## Grab a Book by Christine Hunter

Christmas is a-coming in!

Christmas is fast approaching and once again I would like to really encourage you to take the time to read some Christmas stories to your children! Santa Claus is a lovely tradition (based on Saint Nicholas), but also make sure to tell them the real meaning of Christmas – the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus! They can handle it, you know! The Christmas reading is all laid out on the reading table in the library – browse it, flip through some of the books, and take that time to spend some special moments with your little one(s). Here is a list of what is available in our library, and also a couple of reviews to give a little more insight into some of the stories. Some of these books are also very suitable for the 7 – 10 year olds who would love to read them by themselves – but sharing with mom or dad is also wonderful (paragraph about maybe)? In the busyness of this season ..... Stop and read a book!

Books:

Born on Christmas Morn – by Melinda Busch  
 The Christmas Star – by Moira Butterfield  
 This is the Star – by Joyce Dunbar and Gary Blythe  
 A Night the Stars Danced for Joy – by Bob Hartman  
 The First Night – by B. G. Hennessy  
 The Christmas Story – by Carol Heyer  
 The Fourth Wise Man – by Mig Holder  
 A Full House, an Austin Family Christmas – by Madeleine L'Engle  
 Christmas with Night-Light – by Susan Lingo  
 The Crippled Lamb – by Max Lucado  
 Is it Christmas yet, God – by Elspeth Murphy  
 Family Countdown to Christmas – by Debbie O'Neal  
 The Best Thing about Christmas – by Christine Tangvald  
 The Rinky, Dinky Donkey – by Christine Tangvald

The Christmas Donkey – by T. William Taylor

The Legend of the Candy Cane – by Lori Walberg

The Christmas Story – by Jane Werner

The Story of Christmas for Children – by Beverly Wiersum

Silent Night – by Thomas Kinkade

Saint Nicholas – by Karen Poth (Veggie Tales)

Quite a list – and some have such intriguing titles that they are just begging you to sign them out and read them - don't ya think?

Also check out the Christmas videos.

The Crippled Lamb – by Max Lucado

Joshua is a lamb with a crippled leg, and so Joshua can't run and play with the rest of the lambs. He feels different, and left out! But God has a special plan for Joshua!

Silent Night - by Thomas Kinkade

The pictures in this book are just plain gorgeous! The whole essence of the book is the carol Silent Night, with a different Thomas Kinkade drawing for each line. Just the calm beauty of the pictures, and the awe-inspiring words of that most famous carol, make this book well worth reading!

Saint Nicholas by Karen Poth (Veggie Tales)

If you have never read any Veggie Tales books, or watched their movies – maybe this is the one for you. Stories told by real live vegetables Larry and Bob and their friends. In this story they celebrate Christmas with the story of how the real Saint Nicholas got so good at giving gifts!

Christine Hunter

Librarian



## A Word on Evangelism by Debbie Kemp

### Chalmers Church Evangelists

Recently I asked someone who was wearing a cross necklace if they went to Church. “No, all they do is ask for money. Sure I believe in God, but I am a good person.” This brought back to my mind a comment made by Dorothy Henderson, our facilitator at the Visioning Day. She said that most people are not against God, they are just indifferent. (paraphrasing R. Bibby a researcher on faith in Canada).

Only a couple of times have I been asked “How does your belief in Christ make a difference in how you live your life?” Those times were in Rev John’s sermons (and he did not require us to answer out loud). None of my non-Christian friends have ever asked me this. If they did I hope that I would not stammer. I think I’d say something simple like “He’s helped me through rough times.” What would you say?

There is a term called Relational Evangelism. It is about letting the light of Christ come through in our friendships, our relationships with our neighbours, family, work and school colleagues. This is much easier and harder at the same time. It is easier because we already interact with these people. Harder because these people also see us at our worst – when we are angry, discouraged or say something that we shouldn’t. But I also think that seeing us ‘warts and all’ helps people realize that faith is a journey, and that you don’t have to already have it all together to start that journey. They may not be asking you “how does your faith make a difference”, but they are watching to figure this out. We may be called on to have an important conversation about our faith sometimes, but our actions do speak louder than words.

Guess what, we are all evangelists.



## Take Time to Smile!

### Have you ever wondered:

- Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?
- Why do we leave our cars, worth thousands, in our driveway and put useless junk in the garage?
- Why does the sun lighten our hair, but darken our skin?
- Why can't women put on mascara with their mouths closed?
- Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?
- Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'?
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavouring and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?
- Why is the person who invests all of your money called a 'broker'?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called 'rush hour'?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavoured cat food?
- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
- You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?
- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
- Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?
- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport 'the terminal'?



# December 2012 - Updated 9 December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>This calendar is updated throughout the month as activities are added or change. Please check it out! <a href="http://www.chalmerslondon.com/church_calendar.htm">http://www.chalmerslondon.com/church_calendar.htm</a></b>						<b>1</b> 9-12 Sharing the Light of Jesus
<b>2</b>  <b>ADVENT I</b>  <b>10 am Worship - Reachout sings</b>  11:15 am Coffee Time  11:30 am Children's Choir   7:30 Senior Choir at Metropolitan United	<b>3</b>   1:30 pm Walkfit  1:30 pm Faith & Fellowship  7 pm Faith & Fellowship  7:30 pm Worship Committee	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Pastoral Care  10:30 am Session Executive  1pm-2pm Care & Share  1 pm Seniors' Fitness  7:30 pm CE & Faith Develop.  7:30pm Policy & Planning	<b>5</b>   2:15 pm Knitting Circle   7 pm Reach Out at McCormick Home	<b>6</b>     6:25 pm Praise Team rehearsal  7:30 pm Senior Choir rehearsal	<b>7</b>  9am Seniors' Fitness  1 pm Seniors' Euchre   Stephen Ministry Christmas Party	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>ADVENT II - White Gift Sunday</b>  <b>10 am Worship</b>  10:30 am Reachout at Faith Pentecostal Glencoe  11:15 am Coffee Time  11:30 am Children's Choir  3pm Joy is a Song - Carol Singing	<b>10</b>  1:30 pm Walkfit  7 pm Stephen Ministry	<b>11</b>  1pm-2pm Care & Share  1 pm Seniors' Fitness  7:30 pm Session	<b>12</b>  2:15 pm Knitting circle  7 pm Reach Out at Caressent Care	<b>13</b>   7:30pm Property Management	<b>14</b>  9am Seniors' Fitness  1 pm Seniors' Euchre  6:25 pm Praise Team rehearsal  7:30 pm Senior Choir rehearsal	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>  <b>ADVENT III</b>  <b>10 am Worship</b>  11:15 am Coffee Time  2:30 pm Reachout at Ashwood Manor	<b>17</b>  1:30 pm Walkfit	<b>18</b>  1pm-2pm Care & Share  1 pm Seniors' Fitness	<b>19</b>  7 pm Reach Out at Kensington Village	<b>20</b>  6:25 pm Praise Team rehearsal  7:30 pm Senior Choir rehearsal	<b>21</b>  9am Seniors' Fitness  1 pm Seniors' Euchre  6:30 pm Carol Singing	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>  <b>ADVENT IV</b>  <b>10 am Worship</b>  11:15 am Coffee Time	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve worship 7pm & 10pm	<b>25</b> Christmas Day	<b>26</b> Boxing Day	<b>27</b> Church office open	<b>28</b> Church office open	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>  <b>10 am Worship</b>  11:15 am Coffee Time	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve					

## Last Laugh!

