

Chalmers' Spirit

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

February News!

It looks like February is shaping up to be a busy month! Wiarton Willie didn't see his shadow this morning, so spring is just around the corner, and with all of these events and happenings, it'll be here before we know it! Every Sunday for the rest of

February, plan to stay after church for lunch. This Sunday (Feb. 8th) is Soup'er Sunday to support Youth Ministry. Next Sunday is Tasteful Topics with guest speakers from the London Food Bank. And the last Sunday of the month is the

Annual Congregational Meeting—an important time for all to be present.

This Sunday is also Holy Communion. You should be receiving a visit and an invitation from your elder.

And don't forget about Friday Night at the Movies (see below):

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Friday Night at the Movies!

Disney
SAVING MR. BANKS



*February 6th at 7pm
(6:30 for popcorn)*

Chalmers Church, Upper Hall
All are welcome, no charge

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From the Editor

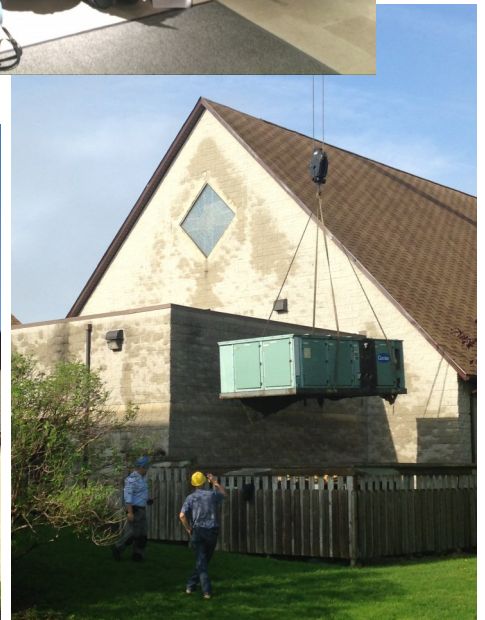
I often get in such a hurry to get the newsletter out, that I don't take the time to include photographs, even though I know that most people love to see them. So instead of an article this month, I'm going to include a few pages of photos that may not have appeared in newsletters over the past year. If they have, forgive me and enjoy them again. If you'd like to enjoy more photos, check out 2014 in Review on the Chalmers website: <http://www.chalmerslondon.com/2014-in-review.html>



Christmas Caroling in December.



Installing the new heating and cooling system was quite the process. Very cool to see it lifted OVER the church!



Photos from 2014



Left: Reachout singing at the Hamilton Road Seniors' Centre for their Christmas lunch.

Below: Jeff collecting donations for the London Food Bank.



Left: Tasteful Topics lunch in November.

Below: A small group from Chalmers joined a mighty throng from Western for the Terry Fox Run (walk/bike).



Photos from 2014



Left: Cathy & Keith, two of our MANY volunteers who looked after the Salvation Army Kettle throughout the Christmas season.



Above: Spence Edwards has been the Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator for the Synod of Southwestern Ontario for 19 years. Unfortunately, that position was terminated as of December 2014. I will dearly miss working with Spence, but I will continue to treasure his friendship.

Below: Rev. John presents the children with pumpkins for Thanksgiving.



Photos from 2015



The Baptism of Blake White, son of Lauren & Brian, grandson of Tom & Jane Vannus.



The Teens & Twenties went tubing at Boler Mountain. Not sure where the rest of them got to, but these ones were having a great time!



Presbyterian Devotional

This reflection is from the daily devotional sent out by the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and was recommended by several faithful readers of the newsletter as something worth reading.

Worship Blessings

Matthew 4:10 – Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" (NIV)

I love worshipping God. It's good to come among a group of like-minded people and sing together our praises of God. Being with church family week after week gives me the strength, encouragement, and challenges to face whatever takes place during the next seven days. Without church, I don't know how I could live. Without worship, I don't think that I would have any faith, hope, or love.

Worship to outsiders looks like a dull, religious thing. They don't understand the positive power and unique experience that being in God's house each week creates. They think that many worshippers are weak, unintelligent, and misguided people. They don't know about the spiritual pull that God gives to His people to come together to be with Him. It's a mysterious event where folks are drawn together by the bidding of the Holy Spirit and brought into the favourable, sacred presence of God. I think that it's a unique experience on earth because it is a foretaste of the joys we will know in heaven, when we finally join with the church triumphant in glorifying God forevermore.

Going to worship on a regular basis does not make us superior Christians, but it does build up our faith in Christ and our love of God. Worship helps us to humbly come before God to praise His name, to seek His forgiveness, and to look for His guidance. It's a filling station for empty spirits; it's a sacred haven for troubled souls.

When Christ confronted the devil about worship, He plainly and effectively stated that worship was meant to be directed toward God only. There is no other object of our worship; there is no other being that we are meant to focus upon. When we worship God, we are fulfilling our destiny and our purpose, as well as the meaning of our lives. We are created to worship God, so we are at our most complete when we come to church as believers and worshippers, as well as pilgrims and disciples seeking and receiving His love.

Questions for personal reflection:

What does worship mean to me? How do I humbly serve God through regular worship?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we are called to worship Your Father, our Creator, to serve His purposes, and to find meaning in His kingdom. Thank You for boldly confronting the devil by declaring what true worship is. Help us to humbly and authentically worship God each day of our lives, as well as with Your gathered people. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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Thought for Today: Plan ahead: it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

Come and Eat!

Come in and warm up at our February Soup'er Sunday

Sunday, February 8th
11:15am - lower hall
Freewill offering



TASTEFUL TOPICS

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON

Sunday, 15 February 2015
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

at

Chalmers Church
(342 Pond Mills Road, London)

\$8.00 per person

Speaker: Glen Pearson & Jane Roy
London Food Bank

ONE DAY WONDER 2015

Sat., March 7th,
10am - 7pm

Grades 6-8



Dorchester Presbyterian Church
1669 Richmond Street, Dorchester

Bus transportation available from Westmount P.C., depart 9:15am, return 8:00pm

Register with Rev. Heather Paton (heapat@outlook.com or 519 268 3399)

or your youth leader by Feb. 15th

See presbylondon.ca for registration forms

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pay it forward

Presbytery Youth Mission Trip 2015

Montreal, Quebec
July 5th - 11th, 2015

Open to all youth and young adults in the Presbytery of London

Join us for an info session on Sunday, February 22nd,

3-4pm at Chalmers

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Youth News

Don't Miss:

- Soup'er Sunday—Sunday, February 8th @ 11:30am
- Meadowpark Service—Sunday, February 8th @ 3:30pm
- Tasteful Topics Lunch—Sunday, February 15th @ 11:30am
- Presbytery Youth Mission Trip Info Session—Sunday, February 22nd @ 3pm at Chalmers

Soup'er Sunday

The February Soup'er Sunday is a fundraiser for Youth Ministry. Please come out for lunch and help support this! Better yet, help clear some tables and wash some dishes too to show how much we appreciate the congregation's support.

Meadowpark Service

Next Sunday is also the Sunday that the youth have been asked to lead the worship service at Meadowpark Nursing home. We had so much fun doing this last year. Please join us to add your voice and your smiling face!

Tasteful Topics Lunch

The Congregational lunch this month is on Sunday, February 15th and there will be a guest speaker from the London Food Bank. This would be a great opportunity to learn some more about this important work and then discuss ways that we as the young people of Chalmers can help out.

Presbytery Youth Mission Trip to Montreal

Sunday, July 5 to Friday, July 10th, 2015, the London Presbytery will be sending a team of youth and young adults to Montreal to "Pay it Forward". There will be three areas of mission for young people to be involved in: helping to lead a Vacation Bible School at a local multicultural church, working at several missions within the city, and restoring a courtyard garden at Presbyterian College. Those who have completed Grade nine by the time of the trip are eligible. Only 46 youth and young adults can go, so apply early. We will be staying at Presbyterian College residence, located on the edge of McGill University. The cost is \$500 per participant but there are bursaries and fundraising available to assist with this. The sooner we know how many young people from Chalmers are interested, the sooner we can begin fundraising—**so please come to the information session on Sunday, February 22nd at 3pm (at Chalmers) to find out more.**

February 2015 - Chalmers Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  10a Worship 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Time 11:15a Library Open 11:30a Children's Choir 7p Stephen Ministry Training	2 1p Gospel Study 6:30p Mission Cmte 7p Gospel Study 7p Stephen Ministry	3 9:30a Pastoral Care 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness 6p Leading With Care Meeting 7:30p Policy & Planning 7:30p CE & Faith Development	4 2p Knitting Circle 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal	5 6:25p Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal	6 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre 7p Friday Night at the Movies	7
8  10a Worship - Holy Communion 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Time 11:15a Library Open 11:30a Children's Choir 11:30a Soup'er Sunday Lunch 7p Stephen Ministry Training	9 1p Gospel Study 7p Worship Committee 7p Gospel Study	10 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness 2p Session Executive 7:30p Social Committee	11 2p Knitting Circle 6:30p Stewardship Team 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal	12 6:25p Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal	13 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre	14
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22  10a Worship 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Library Open 11:30a Children's Choir 11:30a Annual Congregational Meeting 3p London Presbytery Youth Mission Info Meeting 7p Stephen Ministry Training	23 1p Gospel Study 7p Gospel Study 7p Worship Planning Team 7p Stephen Ministry	24 10a Y4C Sandwich preparation 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness	25 2p Knitting Circle 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal	26 6:25p Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30p Property Management 7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal	27 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre	28

Last Laugh!

