

Chalmers' Spirit

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

Welcome to June!

Slowing down as we head towards summer? Not a chance! This month we have Reachout leading worship the first Sunday, we're going to somehow figure out how to have a campfire-style worship

service the second week, followed by our annual congregational picnic. The third Sunday is Fathers' Day, but it's also the day when we'll be commissioning our four young people participating in trips with

Youth In Mission this summer. After worship is a special lunch in support of those trips.

Make sure you join us !

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The Mothers' Day Hanging Basket fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you to everyone for your continued support in so many ways!



Letter from the Editor by Lizz Thibodeau

I had to laugh. I just had to laugh.

Last month, I told you that Kim, Abbey & I attended a conference and got named “That Wacky Church” because Chalmers didn’t fall into any of the statistics and stereotypes of regular Presbyterian (or mainline) churches. Well we may now have a reputation at the National level as well.

For the past few months, we’ve been busy getting applications filled out for Tom, Amy & Jasmine to go on trips with Youth In Mission this summer. There is a lot of paperwork to fill out so we were working on it together, writing essays, filling out forms, applying for grants and bursaries, planning fundraisers, etc. It was a lot of work, but very exciting. At long last, after that was all completed, each of the young people completed their phone interview with YIM. First I hear from Jasmine: “I got in!”. Then Amy, “I got in too! And there are only two others from Canada going with Jasmine and I!” Finally I hear from Tom: “I got accepted too—and I’m THE ONLY ONE FROM CANADA GOING TO TAIWAN!!!”

“Wow! That’s pretty cool,” I thought. “Only five young people from Canada going on these trips, and three of them are from Chalmers!”

That Sunday, Tom, Amy & Jasmine told the congregation about their upcoming trips, and the young people of the church surrounded them in prayer and blessing.

At lunch that day, Abbey turns to me and says, “I hear they’re still accepting applications to Taiwan. I’m going to apply.”

So the whirlwind started again and within days, Abbey had everything put together and sent it off to YIM.

And that’s when I had to laugh. I could just imagine the look on poor Matt’s face, sitting in his Youth In Mission office at National office of the Presbyterian Church in Canada . He had five young people from Canada heading off on trips this summer and he was hoping for a few more to go to Taiwan. He checked his email. His wish was granted! He had received another application! And who was it from? Another one from Chalmers! “What have they put in the water at that church?!?!?”

Chalmers, we should feel very blessed. To have four young people in our midst who have the desire and passion to go on these trips is incredible. I’m so excited to welcome them back in July and learn from their experiences. Such a short time away will have such a lasting effect on each of them, and on Chalmers as a whole! Praise God!

Grab a Book by Christine Hunter

I am going to tell you about a series of books called “**Sisters in Time**” – by JoAnn A. Grote. They are suitable for 8-12+ year old readers and are very exciting.

Kate and the Spies, takes place around the time of the Boston Tea Party, 1773, and tells the story of the beginning of the War of Independence. Kate is the daughter of a pharmacist – who is also a Loyalist. Colin, her very best friend, is the son of a Patriot, and has a whole family who are as openly patriotic as anyone dared to be in those days. Kate is caught in the middle! She wants to honour her parents, but can see some merits (and definitely some excitement) in the feelings and beliefs of the Patriots! Colin and Kate are asked to do some spying on the British Troops, to hide a deserter until he can escape, and to carry some important information out of Boston! What will Kate do? This is an exciting story, well told, that keeps you reading right to the very last page.

Harriet Saves the Day, takes place during the American Civil War. Daria and Andrew are 12 year old twins and have a friend, Roy, who “looks like he’s 13 years old”, and who can’t wait to join the army and fight for the cause! Roy teaches himself to play the drums well enough to be taken into the ranks as a drummer boy! Daria and Andrew feel his loss deeply. Their father is a doctor, and is called to join the army too – leaving the family without a wage earner and figure-head! Mama decides that if they are going to survive this war, they must take in boarders to help pay the day to day living expenses. One boarder has come from the front after suffering a leg injury, and the family immediately falls under his spell until Daria starts to have uneasy feelings about who he really is, and where he really came from! Read this book and find out if Daria’s feelings are true or false. See how her twin brother feels about Philip, who Andrew admires greatly!

There is a third book in this series in our library (there are 24 books in the series altogether) called **Rachel and the Riot**, which takes place around 1889 – but I haven’t read it yet, so I would be interested to hear how you enjoyed it!

Happy reading! Christine Hunter, Librarian



Photos—at the Retreat



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Spring Luncheon
Sunday, June 16th
11:15 am

To support Amy, Jasmine, Tom and Abbey on
their Mission Trip

TICKETS: \$8.00 per person

Menu: Croissant sandwich (meat & vegetarian)
Mandarin salad
Strawberry Dessert



The World Desperately Needs God by Debbie Kemp

Read this statement twice

The world desperately needs God.

What comes to mind? Is it countries of the world that struggle with HIV/AIDS epidemic, or widespread famine or warring factions that makes the streets unsafe? Is it the people who live in the inner cities of North America that are plagued by unemployment, crime and gangs? Is it the people who live with abuse or who are in bondage to addiction? Is it those who live with chronic physical or emotional pain?

Or is it the guy who works in the next office, whose wife just left him with 3 children? Is it your neighbour that was just diagnosed with breast cancer? Is it a friend who just lost her husband unexpectedly?

I think we can all say yes to the statement above – “the world desperately needs God”. Now try this statement *The world desperately needs The Church.* OR *The world desperately needs OUR church.*

Hurting people need us to share and show the love of Christ, to show them the Father who offers love, healing and forgiveness. This is both a privilege and a responsibility.

I desperately need God. God help to do his work.

Take Time to Smile!

- The Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him With Many Crowns
- The Weatherman's Hymn.....There Shall Be Showers of Blessing
- The Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation
- The Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy
- The Golfer's Hymn.....There is A Green Hill Far Away
- The Politician's Hymn.....Standing on the Promises
- The Optometrist's Hymn.....Open My Eyes That I Might See
- The IRS Agent's Hymn.....I Surrender All
- The Gossip's Hymn.....Pass It On
- The Electrician's Hymn.....Send the Light
- The Shopper's Hymn.....Sweet By and By
- The Realtor's Hymn.....I've Got A Mansion Just Over the Hilltop
- The Pilot's Hymn.....I'll Fly Away
- The Waiter's Hymn.....Fill My Cup, Lord
- The Gardener's Hymn.....Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
- The Shoe Repairer's Hymn.....It Is Well With My Soul
- The Travel Agent's Hymn.....Anywhere With Jesus
- The Geologist's Hymn.....Rock of Ages

Now, for those who speed on the highway, a few hymns for you:

- 45 mph.....God Will Take Care of You
- 55 mph.....Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
- 65 mph.....Nearer My God to Thee
- 75 mph.....Nearer Still Nearer
- 85 mph.....This World Is Not My Home
- 95 mph.....Lord, I'm Coming Home
- Over 100 mph.....Precious Memories



Youth in Mission Trips

The Excitement is building! It won't be long before Tom & Abbey head off to Taiwan and Jasmine & Amy go to Israel/Palestine. Here is a little taste of what they will experience:

I Love Taiwan

Dates: June 25 – July 14, 2013

Join young Christians from around the world for two weeks of mission work at churches of The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. You will:

- Teach English to children in a day camp setting
- Share your faith journey with others
- Discover the culture and heritage of Taiwan.

If you have an open mind, a team spirit, a faithful and a loving heart, like working with children, an interest in Taiwan and a call to serve in mission, **this trip is for you.**



Israel & Palestine (Sabeel/Diakonia)







Dates: June 29 – July 11, 2013

For the first time, Sabeel has partnered with Diakonia, a Swedish-based organization, to launch its inaugural Global Young Adult Festival.

Entitled "Moving Mountains, Reshaping the World," this conference will unite over 500 young adults from around the globe. The conference will explore environmental sustainability, economic justice, human rights and community. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in numerous activities focused on educating and empowering young adults to take a keen interest in the problems facing the Middle East. Activities may include rebuilding homes, replanting forests and challenging discrimination through action. After the conference is over participants will spend a few extra days exploring Jerusalem and Galilee.



June 2013 - Chalmers Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26  10a Worship - Holy Communion & Sunday School 11:30a Children's Choir 11:30a Congregational lunch 7p Stephen Ministry	27 1:30p Fellowship & Faith Study 6:30p Evangelism 7p Fellowship & Faith Study 7:30p Mary Moffat	28 10a Y4C Sandwich preparation 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness 7:30p Pampered Chef Fundraiser	29 2:15p Knitting 7p Reachout at Chateau Gdns.	30 6:25p Praise Team rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir rehearsal	31 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre 7p Volleyball	1
2  10a Worship & Sunday School - Reachout sings 11:15a Coffee Time & Library 11:30a Children's Choir	3 1:30p Fellowship & Faith Study 6:30p Mission Cmte 7p Fellowship & Faith Study 7p Worship Cmte 7p Habitat for Humanity	4 9:30a Pastoral Care 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness 7:30p Policy & Planning 7:30p CE & Faith Development	5 2:15p Knitting 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal	6 6:25p Praise Team rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir rehearsal	7 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre 6p Jr. High Retreat @ Kintail	8 Jr. High Retreat @ Kintail until Sunday
9  10a Worship & Sunday School - Camp Sunday 11:15a Coffee Time & Library 11:30a Church Picnic 11:30a Youth Group (at picnic)	10 1:30p Fellowship & Faith Study 7p Worship Committee 7p Stephen Ministry	11 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness 2p Session Exec. 7p Presbytery Youth Ministry 7:30p Social & Comm.	12 2:15p Knitting 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal	13 6:25p Praise Team rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir rehearsal	14 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre	15
16  10a Worship & Sunday School - YIM Commissioning 11:15a Coffee Time & Library 11:30a Children's Choir 11:30a Spring Luncheon 2:15p Reachout @ Parkwood	17 6:30p Evangelism 8p Worship Planning Team	18 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness	19 2:15p Knitting 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal	20 6:25p Praise Team rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir rehearsal	21 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre	22
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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

Last Laugh!

