

Chalmers' Spirit

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In June!

I can't believe how busy June is! Normally I expect that things start to slow down in June, getting ready for the summer, but as I was working on the calendar this month, I was overwhelmed with all the stuff I had to try and squeeze in! First of all there are the Monday Study Groups, meeting each Monday throughout June to discuss various topics. One group is focussing on prayer, one on suffering and one on Christianity 101. Of course, Reach Out is singing at Chalmers on the first Sunday in June and the church picnic is the second

Sunday of June. Both of these are great opportunities to "reach out" and invite someone to come along.



Saturday, June 9th is the Spring Clean-up where we ask people to come along and help do some spring cleaning around Chalmers. Whatever your skill level, we'll find you a task!

There is also the congregational breakfast on June

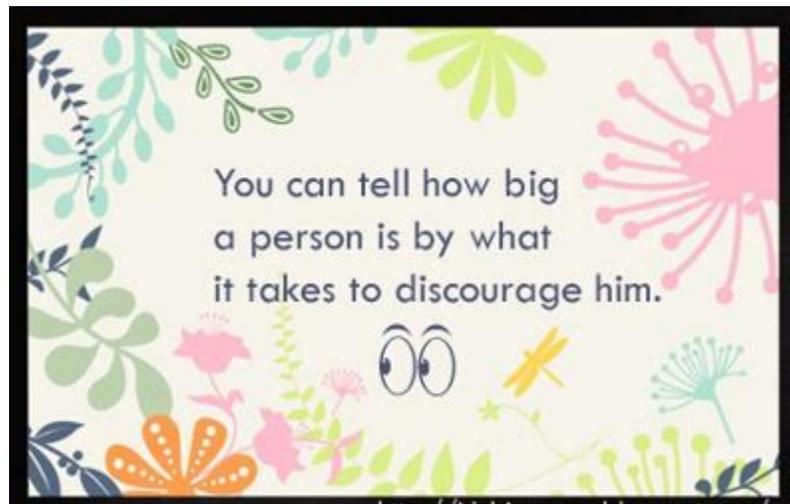
17th at 8am. Another wonderful opportunity to invite a neighbour or friend to come along for some wonderful food and an interesting speaker.

Beyond our congregation, but still affecting us, General Assembly (the gathering of the Presbyterian Church in Canada) is meeting in Oshawa from June 3-7th. Rev. John will be attending.

There are lots of opportunities to join in, so find the way that suits you best and jump right in! See you in JUNE!

Contact me!

- Comments, new emails? Let me know:
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Over the past few weeks, members and adherents of Chalmers have been asked to fill out a survey about their thoughts and feelings on the Two Service Format at Chalmers. Those surveys were all due back by yesterday, so over the next few weeks the Worship Committee and Session will be coming to a decision about what worship at Chalmers will look like starting in the Fall.

I want to take this opportunity (nicely balanced between surveys being submitted but results not being known) to thank the many, many people who have been involved in the journey that we have been on together over the past few years. The introduction of a second service at Chalmers has had a profound and lasting effect on all of us, regardless of whether two services continue and regardless of whether you have ever attended the second service.

There has been a small(ish) team of people who have put A LOT of effort into this for the past three/four years and also larger team of people who have been committed to make it the best possible experience. I can only imagine the endless hours that have been put in behind the scenes, and I want to say thank you, even on behalf of the people who have never attended.

If the church tries to cling to the past and remain unchanged, we are lost. The church in Canada is declining and keeping our feet firmly cemented in what once was will only ensure that we decline with it. Whether we continue with two services or not, the addition of that

second service for the past few years has forced Chalmers to examine many things about ourselves, and I don't believe that there is any way we could now return to one service as it was three years ago or even one year ago. The most obvious example of this is the introduction of

“He who rejects change is the architect of decay. The only human institution which rejects progress is the cemetery” Harold Wilson

the screens into the sanctuary. Having the second service gave us the incentive to go to the cost and effort of installing projection screens. Over the past year, the only complaint I have heard about them (personally) is that they're not used enough at the 10:30 service! That certainly does not sound to me like a congregation cemented in the past!

We now have a beautiful audio/visual booth at the back of the sanctuary that allows us to incorporate all types of music, musical instruments and mikes for dramas with much greater effectiveness.

Regardless of what happens in the Fall, we have these two large physical reminders of our willingness to move forward as a congregation, and it would be ludicrous (in my humble opinion) to switch to one service but refuse to enjoy any of these additions simply because they were installed for a different service. But more than the physical additions, I think the two services have

introduced a new vibrancy to Chalmers. I can feel a new attitude amongst people. It has forced us to really question what is important, what is worship, what is church. Not knowing what the results of the surveys are going to be, I still think that it has been and continues to be so important for us to really look carefully at what it all means to us. It's too easy to just take church for granted and for it to remain as it always has. It's too easy to expect church not to change because we're comfortable, but before long, we'll be comfortable and alone!

I have the wonderful opportunity to speak with people from other churches on a regular basis, and what I hear over and over again is how blessed Chalmers is to be open to new ideas, and willing to change. Sometimes from the inside, we don't feel open-minded, but compared to many other churches we have an amazing congregation who are willing to try new things!

Chalmers is a vibrant community. But in order to be vibrant, we must be open to change. We must not get lulled into comfort. Communities need compromise, because no one person can get everything his or her way. So as we look to the fall, and whatever that holds, I'm asking, begging, pleading with everyone at Chalmers to keep an open mind (and yes, that goes for me too!!!) No matter what happens, I can guarantee you one thing—there will be change. And if there isn't, we should be worried!

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

PICNIC

Come and enjoy the fun

Races, Tug-o'-war, Prizes

Bring enough sandwiches for your family
plus a little more
for a sandwich "potluck"

We will supply the "nibblies"
and the soft drinks

Sunday 10th June

following the 10:30a.m. service

Photo Time!



Volleyball

FACEBOOK!

Chalmers has entered the world of Facebook with a “group” and a “page”. It has taken me a while to figure out what the difference is between a Facebook page and a Facebook group, but I think I’ve got it now. A group can be kept private so that only those invited to join can post and read what is posted. A page is open to all. Both of these have a real value to Chalmers.

The **Chalmers’ Group** is for members and adherents of Chalmers. This is a place where upcoming events can be posted and discussed. Think of it as a church bulletin board. There is a relative sense of privacy (as much as one can trust on the internet) since everyone who joins this

group must be added by one of the administrators. This group already has over 50 members. If you are on Facebook and would like to receive updates from Chalmers, please let me know and I will add you to the group.

The **Chalmers’ Page** is more intended for the general public. Think of this as an advertisement. Anyone on Facebook can see this page. We will use this page to post information about worship and community events at Chalmers. Members of Chalmers are still most welcome to “like” this page. In fact, to do so would be a form of evangelism because the more people who “like” our page, the more it will spread



around Facebook. This page already has 20 “likes”.

Obviously, there are some events which will fit in both locations (like Reach Out singing on June 3rd) and so those who are both members of the Group and have liked the page, will receive a double reminder, but I will try to keep these to a minimum!

So please “Like us on Facebook” or join our group—just another way that we can all keep up-to-date on life at Chalmers!

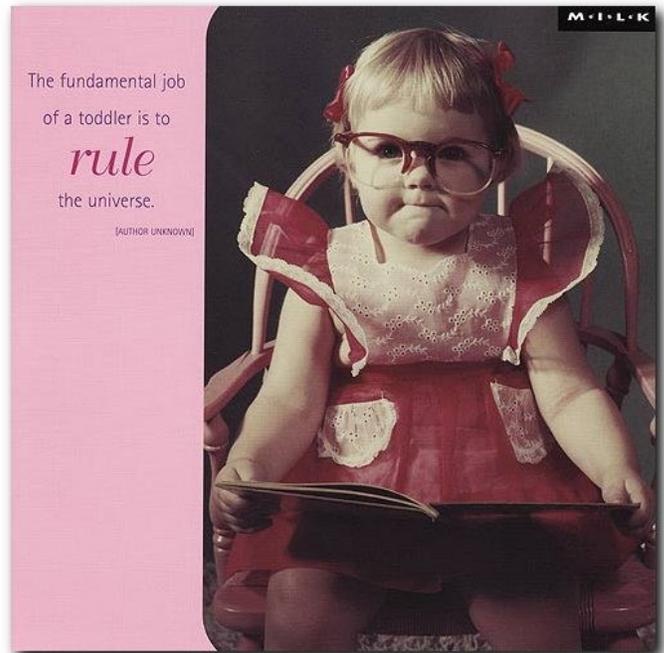
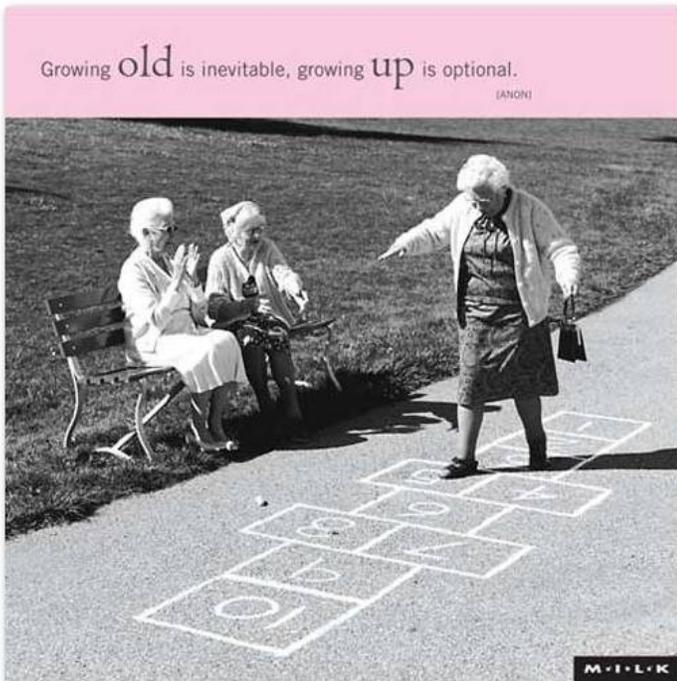


Who's Helping?

	June 3 rd	June 10 th	June 17 th	June 24 th
Preschool Assistant	Siska	John Biro Jr.	Phyllis Johnston	Cathy Spooner
Coffee Time Volunteers	Holly Williams & Marian Weldon	Mary & Bob Taylor	Doris Tutt & Laurie SB	Keith & Phyllis Johnston
World of Welcome				
Offering Counters	Joanne & Bruce Dickert			Yvonne Daniel & Doris Tutt
Library Volunteers	Shirley Hall	Christine Hunter	Joyce Kilbourne	Margaret Holdsworth

Lots of spots still available to fill this month!

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.



Happy Birthday!

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

Let me know who has a birthday coming up in July & August.

Children & Youth

- June 2—Charleen is 15
- June 4 –Torry is 7
- June 6—Jaxson is 3
- June 7—Hailee is 8
- June 12—Yunesta is 16
- June 15—Cyndi is 14

- June 21—Emily is 15
- June 21—Declan is 13

Adults

- June 21—Angeline Nathaniel
- June 22—Al Ball
- June 27—Tom Hunter



Chalmers Presbyterian Church London

invites you to



A Special Presentation of Worship & Song

"Just As I Am"

June 3rd, 2012

10:30am



Featuring

Reachout
Gospel Choir

<http://www.chalmerslondon.com/reachout.htm>

Refreshments Following

*Chalmers Presbyterian Church
342 Pondmills Road, London
(at the corner of Pond Mills and Commissioners)*

Church Office - 519 681-7242

June 2012 – Updated 27 May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	June Bible Studies: Mondays 2pm Bible Study "Lord, Teach us to Pray" at Hunter's 7pm Bible Study "When Bad Things Happen to Good People" at Sumner's 7pm Bible Study "Christianity 101" at Chalmers				1	2 10 am Worship Committee
3 10:30 am Worship Reach Out Sings GENERAL ASSEMBLY	4 1:30 pm Walkfit 2pm Bible Study - Hunter's 7pm Bible Studies - Sumner's & Chalmers 7pm Leading With Care	5 9:30 am Pastoral Care 1pm-2pm Care & Share 7:30 pm CE & Faith Develop.	6 2:15 pm Knitting group	7 1pm-2pm Care & Share	8	9 9am - noon Spring Clean- up
	7pm Stephen Ministry	7:30pm Policy & Planning	7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	7:30 pm Senior Choir		
10 10:30 am Worship Chalmers Church Picnic 3:30 Worship at Meadow Park	11 10 am Session Executive 1:30 pm Walkfit 2pm Bible Study - Hunter's 6:30 pm Mary Moffat pot luck supper 7pm Bible Studies - Sumner's & Chalmers	12 1pm-2pm Care & Share 7:30 pm Social & Communication	13 2:15 pm Knitting group 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	14 1pm-2pm Care & Share 7:30 pm Senior Choir	15	16
17 8 am Congregational Breakfast 10:30 am Worship 2 pm Book of the Month Gathering 2:15 Reach Out at Parkwood	18 1:30 pm Walkfit 2pm Bible Study - Hunter's 6:30 pm Evangelism 7pm Bible Studies - Sumner's & Chalmers 7pm Stephen Ministry	19 1pm-2pm Care & Share 7pm London Presbytery at Chalmers (Reach Out sings)	20 2:15 pm Knitting group 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	21 1pm-2pm Care & Share 7:30 pm Senior Choir	22	23
24 10:30 am Worship 2pm Reach Out at North Yarmouth	25 1:30 pm Walkfit 2pm Bible Study - Hunter's 7pm Bible Studies - Sumner's & Chalmers	26 7:30 pm Session	27 2:15 pm Knitting group 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	28 7:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30pm Property Management	29	30 Camp Kintail Staff Commissioning

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!

