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Chalmers' Spirit

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

June News!

June seems to be the month of listening and eating. On June 7th, we have our Dinner and Gathering where Worship Committee is providing a dinner and they want to hear what draws us into worship. Then we have a picnic on Sunday, June 8th, followed by the provincial

election on June 12th. Then there's the Tasteful Topics luncheon on June 15th where you can enjoy lunch and listen to Dr. Martha Harding talk about "Animal Alert". Then finally the Strawberry Social on June 22nd following worship. I think perhaps we should

focus on fitness in July,
following all of these
wonderful, tasty gatherings!
But please do take the
opportunity to participate
when you can, and share your
thoughts about What Draws
You into Worship with the
Worship Committee.

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Connection Question

This past Sunday at church, I made an announcement about a new idea that the Outreach & Communications Committee has had. We believe that it's very important for us, as a congregation, to make people feel welcome. But we know that for most people it's hard to walk up to someone new and start a conversation. So we racked our brains for ideas of how we could make it easier to be welcoming—not just to people who are new to Chalmers, but also to each other! I've gone to Chalmers for 37 years and I'm ashamed to admit that there are people in the congregation that I've never had a conversation with! That doesn't seem right to me! We're supposed to be brothers and sisters in Christ—surely we should know each other by name.

Anyway, the idea that we came up with is the Connection Question. Each week, we will post a question or thought for the day. It will be on the announcement slides before worship. It will be in the bulletin, and it will be on a poster at coffee time. We encourage you to use this question, be silly about it if you wish, and talk to someone you've never spoken to before. Or find out something new about someone you've only ever said hello to.



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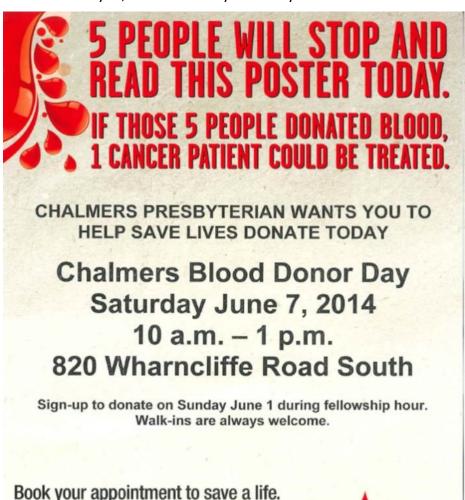
Like, Share & Bring a Friend

I wrote last month about how we can use Facebook to invite our friends to join us for events at Chalmers. The example that I was using was the "Scotland Calling" concert. Well, the technique I used posting that poster is continuing to work with others as well and it reminds me that I have very little to do with "getting the word out". I can post the posters, but the more people that share them, the more people they reach. That poster, for Scotland Calling, ended up being seen by 632 people! A number that blows every other one of our posts out of the water! As a comparison, I posted a note one day recently that the Health & Wellness presentation for May was cancelled. I didn't share it to any other walls or groups, I just simply posted it on the Chalmers page. 13 people saw it. However, with our upcoming Blood Donor Day, 3 people have shared that poster and already 91 people have seen it! So I encourage you, if something is happening at Chalmers that interests you, share it. It may interest your friends too!

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TASTEFUL TOPICS

CONGREGATION A SELECTION

Sunday, 15 June 2014 11:30 am = 12:30 pm

\$8.00 per person

Speaker: Dr. Martha Harding Co-owner of East Village Animal Hospital Topic: Animal Alert

Chalmers Presbyterian Church
342 Pond Mills Road
www.chalmerslondon.com

Sunday, June 22nd
11:30am
Freewill offering · Proceeds to Camp
Kintail Sponsorship

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Grab a Book by Christine Hunter

For the older teens and twenties this month, I have chosen two books of a more serious content. They are not fiction, but are interesting books with a definite message that will help you in your walk with God!

The Prayer of Jabez for Teens - by Bruce Wilkinson

I wasn't sure about this book when I started to read it! It was almost like a fantasy pray this simple prayer and you will get everything you want! I didn't feel that that was what prayer was all about, but as I read further I was surprised and affirmed to read that the prayer was much deeper than just the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow! You really had to be sincere in your belief that this was what you wanted to do with your whole heart, and you had to be prepared for what God would ask of you in return. Very interesting book – great food for thought – and a deep insight into what God wants of you.

A challenging book !!!!

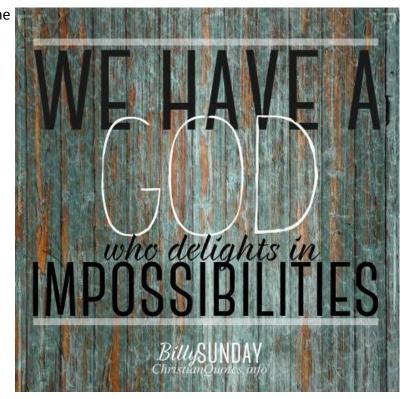
Christine Hunter, Librarian

The Case for Christ, Youth Edition - by Lee Strobel

Lee Strobel is an interesting writer who has written a whole series of book on 'The Case for'. In each of these books he steps the reader through his own thought process on why you should believe this! Lee was an investigative reporter and was used to delving deeply into the reasons behind stories, and he has carried this on into his Christian writing. Lee was an Atheist when he first started writing this series of books, and set out to prove (in the Case for Easter) that Jesus did not die and rise again from the dead. But by the time he had

done all his research – he was a Christian! In The Case for Christ he brings forward all the reasons we should believe in Christ. He includes all the argued reasons against our belief, but he consistently blows them out of the water. It is written like a newspaper article, which makes it very interesting.

I enjoyed this book – and I'm sure you will too! Christine Hunter, Librarian.



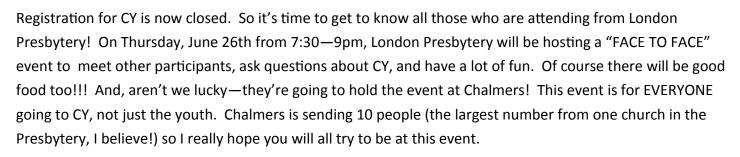
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Youth News

Don't Miss:

- Movie Night "Gravity" Friday, June 6th @ 7pm
- Junior High Weekend—Friday, June 6th to Sunday, June 9th at Camp Kintail
- Pre-CY Event "FACE TO FACE" Thursday, June 26th, 7:30-9pm at Chalmers
- Canada Youth 2014—July 7-12th, 2014





Involvement

We haven't had any youth-specific events recently; however, we have had some wonderful opportunities for youth to be involved in the life of Chalmers. Two of our group decided to join the church this spring, so on Easter Sunday, Kenneth & Courtney stood before the congregation and professed their faith! How exciting for them and for the whole congregation!

We've also had some youth and young adults helping lead worship through the praise team (Jackie & Joycie!), Reachout (Kenneth, Katrina, Abbey & Tom!) and in June we'll see dance (Courtney, Jackie & Crissy!)! In May, we had Rev. Dr. Paul McLean and his wife Mary-Beth join us for worship. Paul works with translation teams in Taiwan to help translate the Bible into local languages. Because of their trip to Taiwan last summer, Tom & Abbey were able to be involved in worship and the luncheon with Paul & Mary-Beth.

And there have been other ways of being involved too—taking the offering, working in the sound booth, singing in the choir, greeting at the door, and so many others!

This is what youth ministry is really all about—not planning events that separate the youth from the rest of the congregation (although those events are a lot of fun and worthwhile in their own way), but to have the youth involved in the regular life of the church. I'm so pleased that Chalmers is open and accepting of the youth and young adults, and I'm so thrilled that our youth & young adults are willing to come forward and be involved in such meaningful ways!







June 2014 - Chalmers Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
General Assembly 10a Worship - Reachout sings 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Time 11:15a Library Open 11:15a a Find out your blood type	General Assembly 1:30p Haynes' Report 6:30p Mission Cmte	9:30a Pastoral Care 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness 7:30p Policy & Planning 7:30p CE & Faith Development	2p Knitting 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal	6:25p Praise Team rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir rehearsal	9a Seniors' Satellite 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre	6p Dinner & Gathering 10a Chalmers' Blood Donor Clinic For more info.
Pentecost 10a Worship Holy Communion 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Library Open 11:30a Congregational Picnic	1:30p Haynes' Report 6:30p Mary Moffat Potluck 7p Worship Committee	10 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness 7:30p Social Committee	2p Knitting 6p Stewardship Team 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal	6:25p Praise Team rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir rehearsal	9a Seniors' Satellite 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre	14
10a Worship 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Time 11:15a Library Open 11:30a Children's Choir 2:15p Reachout at Parkwood Tasteful Topics	6:30p Outreach & Comm.	17 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness 7p Session	18 2p Knitting 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal	6:25p Praise Team rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir rehearsal	9a Seniors' Satellite 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre	21
10a Worship 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Library Open 11:30a Children's Choir 11:30a Strawberry Social 2p Reachout at Dearness	23	10a Y4C Sandwich preparation 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness	25 2p Knitting 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal	6:25p Praise Team rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir rehearsal 7:30p Property Management	9a Seniors' Satellite 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre	28
10a Worship - All Ages 11:15a Coffee Time 11:15a Library Open	7p Stephen Ministry	1 1p Seniors' Fitness	2	3	9a Seniors' Satellite 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre	5

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Last Laugh!

