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Youth Spirit

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Coming in March:

Lent continues in March with the lent rotation cycle. We've already had movie week and a re-enactment of the Last Supper with all the elements (Torry told me that they even got to drink "wine juice"!). In March they'll have a games week centering on Easter Symbols, through March Break there will be crafts and then March will be finished off with a Family Sunday for Palm Sunday when a drama will be performed during the service. The first week of March will once again feature The Gathering led by Andrew



Thibodeau. The Gathering is a time for all ages to come together for some fun, games, bonding and relationship building. Through The Gathering we try to encourage friendships between our youngest members and our older students, giving our primary children someone to look up to and teaching our youth to look out for the little ones. Please encourage your children to come out and participate fully.

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One Day... Wonderful

The nice warm welcome you get entering the church's doors...the kind and friendly faces you meet...the up beat music that fills the room...the joy of celebration as you all sing songs that inspire you to just wave your hands high above your head and praise God. All these things are what made "One Day Wonder" simply... *wonderful*.

My friend and I experienced this great event, and couldn't stop talking about it afterwards. We did so many fun things that day, sharing the time with new friends that accompanied us on the way to other stations. For example, some people went to Teen Challenge, some to the Food Bank and others went to a nursing home and sang songs and much more. But my friend and I went to Chalmers Presbyterian Church to bake cookies for the Mission Services. At Chalmers, Joanne Dickert explained

about the work of Mission Services and that our cookies were being sent to a shelter here in London.

Then we had fun trying to make duct tape sandals and sunglasses. I think my friend enjoyed baking cookies most of all, and I did as well, but I also loved being in the sanctuary with everyone singing songs, and listening to the band play. I admit that I was embarrassed to dance and jump around like everyone else, but I loved sitting down and singing just fine.

It was a long day for everyone, but the fun didn't stop there when Bob Cates showed up. He was a juggler, who did many tricks that amazed everyone! After that, it was time to leave, and I saw sad faces walk out the door. But I knew... that they were definitely coming back next year!

By Abby MacPherson



From the Editor

Well, many people may think that the 2010 Winter Olympics were the highlight of February. And with 12 Gold medals and 24 overall (so far) I would be inclined to agree. Except that today (it's Saturday evening as I write this) I spent an amazing 6 hours at the church working with a total of 14 other people to paint the John Marshall Hall. If you're unfamiliar with that formal name, that's the hall where we hold Sunday Morning Youth.

I was completely overwhelmed with the support and enthusiasm of everyone who came to help today. Some people could only stay for a couple of hours but that was fine. Initially we actually had enough rollers, brushes and drop-sheets for everyone to take a wall and start painting, but as areas got completed, to have 15 people painting at one time would not have been possible. By the time we were working on the second coat, we could only work on small areas at a time as we waited for the first coats to dry.

I want to shout from the mountain tops how much I appreciated EVERYONE who came to help today. Todd & Brenda Webster, Laurie Spence-Bannerman, John Biro, Barb Jessop, Bob Taylor, Brian MacKay, Rev. John, Doris Tutt, Tom Vannus, and Joanne MacPherson all made their mark and are probably still sporting some paint as proof of their efforts. A special thanks has to go out to Massa and Bruce Dickert who both came out for

several hours during the week to help me get the primer up so that we were all ready to start painting when the whole crew arrived Saturday morning. I'd also like to thank my parents, Tom & Christine Hunter who came by mid-morning to provide coffee, juice and donuts. No work party is complete without snacks!

There is one person that I didn't include in my thanks because of a special story I'd like to share. As I was painting Thursday afternoon, Joanne Dickert brought a woman into the John Marshall Hall and introduced us. She said that she would like to help paint and wondered if she could come on Saturday morning. Although I knew that there were already at least 12 people on the list, how could I turn down a willing volunteer so I welcomed her to come join us. I didn't get a chance to ask Joanne who she was so I wasn't sure how she was associated with Chalmers.

When she arrived Saturday morning, Joanne M. welcomed her and they began painting together. When I had a chance to lay down my brush, I went over to thank her for coming and I asked Joanne if they were friends. "No," our visitor responded. "I have come to Chalmers for help with food and I wanted to find a way to give something back."

Wow! Suddenly our painting project had become something so much more!

Then, as I was covering myself in purple, and getting some on the

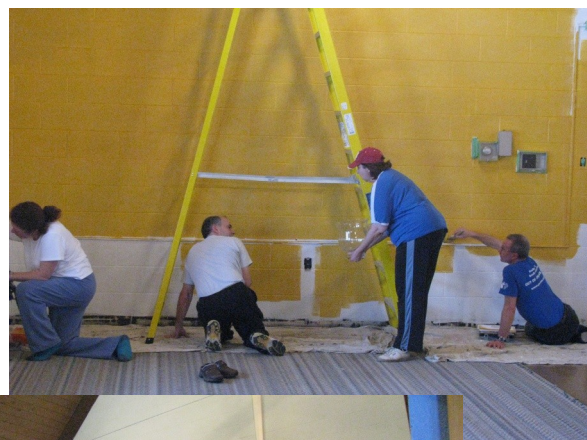
wall too, one of my companions pointed out that more community is built through working together than through any social activity. I have to say that after working so hard today, I must agree. I have been to many different social gatherings with many of the people I worked with today and yet I feel a new bond with each one of them after all the work we put in. We had a common goal, a common purpose and to see it coming alive before our eyes was incredible. I will never walk into the John Marshall Hall again without thinking of Brian on top of the ladder painting our brown stripe, or Todd, Brenda and Laurie taking over the blue stage area. I'll remember Barb, Bob and Joanne every time I look at the orange and red panels. I'll see John up and down the ladder when I see the purple, and I'll never forget seeing so many people (Rev. John, Doris, Tom, Massa, Gemma) working away on the yellow. So much yellow! And I had no idea what dedicated perfectionists we have in Tom & Bruce! They stayed to the "bitter" end, dotting in every crevice with paint brushes when rollers weren't good enough. I truly thank God for every single person who contributed to this fabulous project today.

At one point today, I joked with Rev. John saying, "Have you ever seen so many Presbyterians on their knees?" While we might not have been praying, and rollers may not be the standard tools for worship, this was definitely a powerful act of Christian service.

Painting a Rainbow!



The John Marshall Hall with the beginning of the primer on.



Top right: Gemma, Rev. John, Joanne & Bruce working on the yellow.

Middle Right: Todd & Laurie working on the blue.

Above: John on purple and Bob on red.

Right: A well-deserved coffee break.



The final result.

Chalmers' Youth Presents



April 2-3 from 6pm ~ 8am

Good Friday

Grades 9 and up

NO NAPPING!

Jesus' disciples couldn't stay awake; can you?

Join us for supper, games, missions, dancing, movies,
snacks, and **LOTS** of fun!

Bring \$10 and don't forget to bring your friends!

Register with Joanne at jdickert@bellnet.ca (519-681-7242)



Grab a Book!

Cool Hand Cuke – by Cindy Kenney

(Ages 4 – 8)

This is a 'Veggie Tales Value' book – a lesson in giving. Veggie Tales are stories about vegetables that are alive, have adventures, tell an amusing story and have a moral to the story. This story is about Junior Asparagus who works at the Veggie-HOP café and whose only ambition in life is to make lots of money. Getting rich is all Junior cares about until he gets whooooooshed down, down, down onto a farm where he discovers Hot Hand Tomato and Cool Hand Cuke who seem to have this 'making money' business down pat. But wait..... what they are doing with the money they are making.....giving it away.....wait a minute!

The veggie tales books and videos are good stories – wee ones usually love them – and the morals are down to earth and very understandable by young ones.

The Haunted Shop by Lois Gladys Leppard

(Ages 7 – 10)

Mandie loves to solve mysteries, with the help of her friend Joe. In this book, Mandie is nearly ten years old, the year is 1898, and she is off to visit the big city, Bryson City, with a bunch of her school friends. They hear that there is a haunted shop in Bryson City and decide that they must visit this shop and see if there is a ghost or not. After a difficult journey they arrive in the big city – but the store is a disappointment – only an old store, dusty and full of boxes and rubbish. Then they see “the ghost” and decide to come back later and see if they can solve this mystery. Is there a ghost in the shop – or is it a person? And if it is a person, what is he doing there? This is a great story for this age group – and if you enjoy the Young Mandie Mysteries we have a couple in our library. I enjoyed this mystery story.

Until Tomorrow – by Robin Jones Gunn

(Ages 14+)

Christy Miller is 19 years old, and is living and studying in Switzerland. Her two closest friends Todd and Katie come to spend the summer with her – and tour Europe (on a very limited budget). Their trip gets off to a rocky start when Katie wants to just “have an adventure” “take things as they come” and “go where the spirit takes them”. Christy is too organized for this, she wants to study the tour guide books, make a plan, and see as much of a few chosen countries as she can. Todd is somewhere in the middle. Not wanting to upset Christy, but also trying to keep Katie happy he sits on the fence a lot and ends up upsetting Christy a lot. Aside from all this they travel for a while with Antonio – then Marcos – who are Italian and who try to show them a bit of “their Country”. This is a book directed at teenagers, with feelings and light moral issues surfacing regularly, but it is also an interesting adventure with three young people and a look at some of the interesting people and places they meet along the way. I found this to be an interesting read – very well written. And did I tell you it is the first of a series of three books, so once you read the first, get to know the characters, the second and third books would become a must-read.

Reviewed by Christine Hunter

Just For Fun

How many of these “common” proverbs can you translate back into plain English?

- ♣ A beheld vessel never exceeds 100 degrees C.
- ♣ Prodigality is produced by precipitancy.
- ♣ It is not proper for mendicants to be indicative of preference.
- ♣ It is fruitless to become lachrymose because of scattered lacteal fluid.
- ♣ Articles which coruscate are not fashioned from aureate material, at least not necessarily.
- ♣ Your immature galliformes must not

be calculated prior to their being produced.

- ♣ Lithodial fragments ought not to be hurled by tenants of vitreous material.
- ♣ A feathered creature clasped in the manual members is the equivalent, value-wise, of a brace in the bosky growth.
- ♣ Cleave gramineous matter for fodder during the period when the orb of the day is refulgent.
- ♣ A perissodactyl ungulate mammal may be addressed toward aqueous, but not forced to partake thereof.

Answers on page 6.



Happy to See You

Our preschool class:

Naomi D.	Julie
Isla	Sarah
Lily	Naomi C.
Salome	Dalyn



Our Primary Class:

Torry	Morgan
Rieley	Haillee
Josiah	Alyson B.
Taylor	Rachel

Our Junior Class:

Colin	Crissy
Reece	Sarah
Tyler	Yunika
Jacqueline	Joycelina
Brynn	Kenneth
Evan	Caleb

Our Senior Class:

Tom	Jackie
Sydney	Abbey P.
Abby M.	Yunesta
Charleen	Jessie
Sam	Nathan

What a Quote!

- "If you direct your heart rightly, you will stretch out your hands toward him... You will forget your misery; ... And your life will be brighter than the noonday; its darkness will be like the morning." Job 11:13, 16-17



Have a Laugh

English may be widely spoken, but that doesn't make it widely understood! Here are some foreign signs from Bathroom Readers Institute, Book 13.

- ♣ On the grass in a Paris park: "Please do not be a dog."
- ♣ Outside a Hong Kong dress shop: "Ladies have fits upstairs."
- ♣ A sign posted in Germany's Black Forest: "It is strictly forbidden on our Black Forest camping site that people of different gender, for instance men and women, live together in one tent unless they are married with each other for that purpose."
- ♣ At a Belgrade hotel: "Restauroom open daily."
- ♣ Outside an Athens shop: "Park one hour. Later dick dock goes the money clock."
- ♣ In a Rome hotel room: "Please dial 1 to retrieve your auto from the garbage."
- ♣ In menu in Nepal: "Complimentary glass of wine or bear."
- ♣ In a Tokyo rental car: "When passenger of foot heave in sight, tootle the horn. Trumpet him melodiously at first, but if he still obstacles your passage then tootle him with vigour."
- ♣ Detour sign in Japan: "Stop: Drive Sideways"
- ♣ At a Seoul hotel desk: "Choose twin bed or marriage size; we regret no King Kong size."
- ♣ In a Chinese menu: "Cold Shredded Children and Sea Blubber in Spicy Sauce"
- ♣ On packaging for a kitchen knife in Korea: "Warning: Keep out of children."

Coming up:

CREDO CONFIRMATION CLASS

- ♣ Calling all young people who are interested in professing their faith in God. The first Credo session will take place early in the season of Lent (late February or early March) with the hope that profession of faith will take place on Pentecost Sunday, 23 May 2010. All young people who wish to participate in this discipleship/confirmation adventure should speak with Rev. John or Jeanne Ferguson, the elder for senior high youth, as soon as possible. "Credo" is a Latin word that means "I believe."

The search committee is again looking for a new youth leader. The position was offered to a candidate in the fall, but the situation fell threw and the search is restarting. Please keep this committee in your prayers.

- ♣ Camp Kintail offers 3 incredible month long Leader in Training (LIT) programs. Applications will be received until March 1st, 2010. More information and applications available at www.campkintail.ca.

Sell Your Stuff Sale coming May 8th. Stay tuned for more information on how to book a table. Sell used items, crafts, baked goodies, etc.

Just for Fun Answers

- ♣ A watched pot never boils
- ♣ Haste makes waste
- ♣ Beggars can't be choosers
- ♣ Don't cry over spilt milk
- ♣ All that glitters is not gold
- ♣ Dou't count your eggs before they're hatched
- ♣ People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones
- ♣ A bird in the hand is better than two in the bush
- ♣ Make hay while the sun shines
- ♣ You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink.



Children & Youth Ministries at Chalmers

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Camp Kintail LIT Applications due	2	3 Happy 18 th birthday Brendan! 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	4 6:15 pm Children's Choir	5 Happy 1 st birthday Beatrice!	6
7 10:30am SMY The Gathering Noon Souper Sunday 7pm Contemporary Service	8 Happy 11 th birthday Sarah! Happy 17 th birthday Abbey P!	9 Happy 12 th birthday Chanelle!	10 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	11 Happy 4 th birthday Cooper!	12	13 Happy 11 th birthday Carson!
14 10:30am SMY	15 March Break	16 March Break Happy 1 st birthday Logan B!	17 March Break Happy St. Patrick's Day 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	18 March Break	19 March Break	20 Katrina Team Leaves
21 10:30am SMY 7pm Contemporary Service	22 Happy 12 th birthday Kenneth!	23	24 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	25 Happy 20 th birthday Alex!	26	27 Happy 23 rd birthday Peter! Happy 24 th birthday Arielle!
28 Palm Sunday 10:30am FAMILY SUNDAY Katrina Team Returns						

For a calendar of all Chalmers activities, go to
www.chalmerslondon.com/year_calendar.htm