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Youth Spirit

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Marching Along!

With the arrival of March, we see the beginning of Lent, which means our annual Lent Rotation. This year we will have Movie & Popcorn Sunday on March 13th, All Ages Sunday on March 20th, a Passover Meal on March 27th, Lent music and games on April 3rd (with 4:12), and Resurrection crafts on April 10th. That will lead us to Palm Sunday on April 17th and Easter

Sunday (All Ages) on April 24th. All of this takes a lot of organizing and preparation on the part of the Sunday Morning Youth leadership and we really

appreciate the great job they do every year in bringing the Easter story to life for the children & youth.

Also coming in March we have youth group on Friday March 4th from 7-9pm and volleyball on Friday March 11th at Laurier SS from 7-9 pm. And of course: MARCH BREAK! I hope everyone has a relaxing and fun week!



Have a Laugh!

Sight for Soar Eyes

Mr. See and Mr. Soar were old friends. See owned a saw and Soar owned a seesaw. Now, See's saw sawed Soar's seesaw before Soar saw See, which made Soar sore. Had Soar seen See's saw before See saw Soar's seesaw, then See's saw would not have sawed Soar's seesaw. But See saw Soar and Soar's seesaw before Soar saw See's saw, so

See's saw sawed Soar's seesaw. It was a shame to let See see Soar so sore just because See's saw sawed Soar's seesaw.

From Uncle John's Bathroom Reader, page 262

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Contact me!

- Ideas, suggestions, comments, new emails? Let me know:
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From the Editor

We talk a lot about “being a part of the family of God” and that our fellow believers are our “brothers and sisters in Christ”. Here’s a story that shows how that can be demonstrated in the simplest of ways.

On January 9th, tragedy struck our household. Baby Bear went missing! Baby Bear is Torry’s most treasured toy. She has had him since she was 6 months old and he has travelled the world with us. Each night, I tuck both of them into bed, but on that particular Sunday evening, Baby Bear was nowhere to be found. Torry reluctantly went to bed without him with a promise that I would keep searching and tuck him in with her when I found him. I searched and searched but he was nowhere to be found. We started retracing our steps through the day: we had had supper at grandma’s house, could he be there? We called but no one remembered him coming in. We had been at church in the morning. Had he come with us? Don’t think so, but can’t be sure. Had we even seen him at home that morning? Things were starting to get fuzzy. The last memory Andrew & I had of Baby Bear was at Chili Night the previous evening. We checked with some friends and they confirmed that they too had seen Baby Bear at Chili Night. So, next

day, Torry & I went to the church and searched everywhere. We searched the lower hall from chili night, the pews from church, the upper hall from Sunday Morning Youth, the nursery and preschool rooms in case someone else had put him away with the toys. No luck. We even posted signs around the church in case someone found him. At church the following Sunday we checked with Rita, but she assured us



Torry hadn’t had Baby Bear with her the previous week. Just in case, we checked with Judy & Linda and they had the Sunday Morning Youth kids do a thorough search upstairs. Joanne even put in a announcement.

Time marched on and we had to go to Florida, without Baby Bear. While we were gone, the search continued. Joanne kept searching, Judy kept searching, the signs stayed up. But to no avail.

A week after we returned from Florida (three weeks after Baby

Bear had gone missing) I was making my bed and I threw Andrew’s top pillow (the one that just looks pretty but he doesn’t sleep on) onto the bed and I felt a lump! I reached in and there he was!!! I ran to Andrew’s office; we sprinted downstairs to Torry; and amidst all the dancing and screaming, we called the church to let Rev. John & Joanne know and they joined in the celebration.

BUT, that’s not the end of the story. Rev. John took down the “missing” posters and the following Sunday we allowed Torry to bring Baby Bear to church to show everyone that he had been found. The response was **OVERWHELMING!** I was truly taken aback by how many people of all ages celebrated with Torry over finding her lost treasure. No one treated this as the silliness of a 5 year old. This was adults truly concerned about Torry’s story. Two week later, I’m still having people ask me if Torry has found her bear! Amazing! That’s what being a part of the Family means to me. In the end, it doesn’t matter who found Baby Bear or where. Torry will never forget the way she was supported by her church family through this tragedy & celebration and that may make all the difference in her life one day in the future.

Happy to See You

Well, February was a little better than January as far as attendance goes, but we are still missing a lot of you! Just to clarify ('cause I seem to be causing some confusion): I am tracking attendance at **church** not at Sunday Morning Youth—so it doesn't matter whether children attend the 9:00 service, the 10:30 service, stay in worship or go to Sunday Morning Youth programming. As long as you're in the building, worshipping in one way or another, I count you as "here".

This month I would also like to offer a warm welcome to Sawyer & Jackson!

Naomi	Colin	Tom	Zack	Daniel
Isla	Reece	Jackie B.	Jackie N.	Jaclyn
Julie	Hailee	Brynn	Joycie	Taylor
Lily	Josiah	Amber	Abbey	Damien
Sarah	Cameron T.	Charleen	Allyson	Zoey
Jackson	Torry	Spencer	Yunesta	Kirsten
Sawyer	Crissy	Kenneth	Yunike	Beth

What a Quote!

- "And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:40

Riddle Me This!

Here are some fun riddles for you. Send me your answers (lizzt@rogers.com) or give them to me on Sunday. Maybe there will be some prizes—say perhaps for the most correct and for the one that made me laugh the loudest!

1. What does a diamond become when it is placed in water?
2. What did the big rose say to the little rose?
3. What is it that doesn't ask questions, but must be answered?
4. What does a chicken do when it stands on one foot?
5. What kind of bird has wings, but can't fly?
6. What two words have the most letters in them?
7. What has neither flesh nor bone but has four fingers and a thumb?
8. How many of each animal did Moses bring on the ark?
9. What is it that grows larger the more you take away from it?
10. Poke out its eye and it has nothing left but a nose. What is it?
11. What runs all day and never walks / Often murmurs, never talks / Has a bed and never sleeps / Has a mouth and never eats?
12. Which side of a pitcher is the handle on?
13. What is the difference between here and there?
14. If two is company, and three's a crowd, how much is four and five?
15. What fruit do you find on a dime?
16. How can you divide 10 potatoes equally between three people?
17. What is no larger when it weighs 20 pounds than when it weighs 1 pound?
18. No sooner spoken than broken. What is it?
19. What falls but never breaks? What breaks but never falls?

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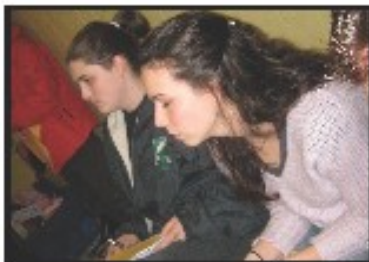
February 2011

CHALMERS' YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT

COMING EVENTS

March, April and May

Are all that are left of our first youth program together! To work on our spiritual and cultural component I would like to propose that we put on a congregational dinner and movie night for our Final Friday Youth Night in June (June 3rd), so mark your calendars!



Winnipeg Mission Trip information session night. Our first two sign-ups!



March 4th we will be learning how to make Egg Rolls together to start off our dinner preparation.

April 1st we will continue with the cooking – What are your favorite dishes when it comes to Chinese food? Start your suggestions coming for the rest of the meal we are creating together!

April 8th We will continue with our dinner creation and start to practice for Chine Shadow Puppet making night – We will create out puppets for our Chinese Shadow Puppet story telling presentation. Is anyone having an event in the church that would like the youth to come and perform talent? This is your opportunity.

May 6th Continue with dinner creation for the June 3rd Dinner and a movie Night for the congregation.

June 3rd – Asian inspired dinner and movie night. Come on out and enjoy!

February 26th One Day Wonder – Meet at the church and go together at 9am for the day!

SOUP'R SUNDAY Feb. 27 and Congregational Meeting
Come out and support this fundraiser for Youth going on the Winnipeg Mission Trip!

March 10 V Ball at Laurier hosted by Rev. John.

April 22nd Bible Read -A -Thon, all nighter!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A YAR

Young Adult Representative to
General Assembly Needed!

June 5-10th, 2011.

Are you between the ages of
16-25 years? And would like to
participate in the General
Assembly being held in London,
ON this year?



Your Youth Ministry Team at
work!

“PARTNERS IN PROMISE” YOUTH MISSION 2011 MANITOBA



FRIDAY JULY 29th to MONDAY AUG. 8th 2011

OPEN TO:

Highschool Youth

(youth who are presently in grade 9 through to grade 12)
Within the Presbytery of London

**Interested in Going? Need more info?
Contact Rev. Mavis Currie
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Children & Youth Ministries at Chalmers

March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Happy 19 th birthday Brendan! 6:15 pm Children's Choir	4 7-9pm Youth group	5 Happy 2 nd birthday Beatrice!
6 9am Contemporary Worship 10:30am SMY Preschool Assistant: John Biro Jr.	7	8 Happy 12 th birthday Sarah! Happy 18 th birthday Abbey P!	9 Happy 13 th birthday Chanelle! 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	10 6:15 pm Children's Choir	11 Happy 5 th birthday Cooper! 7-9pm Volleyball @ Laurier SS All Welcome	12
13 Happy 12 th birthday Carson! 9am Contemporary Worship 10:30am SMY Preschool Assistant: Joyce Kilbourne	14 March Break	15 March Break	16 March Break 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	17 March Break Happy St. Patrick's Day 6:15 pm Children's Choir	18 March Break	19
20 9am Contemporary Worship 10:30am All Ages Sunday	21	22	23 Happy 13 th birthday Kenneth! 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	24 6:15 pm Children's Choir	25 Happy 21 st birthday Alex!	26
27 Happy 24 th birthday Peter! Happy 25 th birthday Arielle! 9am Contemporary Worship 10:30am SMY Preschool Assistant: Dawn Bannerman	28	29	30	31	Want some more special days to celebrate? March is "International Mirth" Month.	How about Mar. 9: Panic Day Mar. 28: Something on a Stick Day Mar. 29: Festival of Smoke and Mirrors Day (from Uncle John's Heavy Duty Bathroom Reader, pg 98)