

**Chalmers  
Presbyterian  
Church**

# Youth Spirit

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## Next up in November!

So far this year, we've had two Joyful Noise Sundays where our praise band, 4:12, and I spend the whole morning with all of the children and youth singing, dancing, praising and also having a bible lesson about the same scripture as Rev. John is preaching on that Sunday. In October, we focussed on the lesson from Luke 18 about the tax collector and the Pharisee who go into the temple. We used balloons to demonstrate what can happen if we puff ourselves up with our own hot air (they pop—kids scream—fun lesson!), but if we allow ourselves to be filled with the breath of God, He can mould us into wonderful shapes and make us in

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### Contact me!

- Ideas, suggestions, comments, new emails? Let me know: [lizzt@rogers.com](mailto:lizzt@rogers.com)

His image (we made Jesus fish balloon animals).

In November, we will be preparing for the upcoming Christmas Celebration Sunday on December 12th when the children and youth will lead worship and present a drama.

We have also had two All Ages Sundays so far this year. The one in October was on Thanksgiving Sunday and featured an offering of harvest gifts and a message about truly Thanking God. I would like to thank everyone who contributed a donation to the harvest offering. We had baskets upon baskets of fresh fruit and vegetables to distribute to our Care & Share families that week.

What a blessing!

Our All Ages Sunday in November will be November 7th, which will be the Remembrance Sunday celebration. We would like this to be a special time when all generations can honour and share the remembrance of those men and women who fought for our freedom and who continue to do so.

Remembrance Day can be a difficult thing for those of us who have never lived through a war to understand. I can remember as a teenager stating to my parents that I thought Remembrance Day was a stupid thing to celebrate. War is evil and we shouldn't glorify it. (yep, I was opinionated back then too!). My father (who incidentally lost his father in WWII) very calmly said to me that if anyone came into his house and tried to take his family away from him, he would go to war. That's all he said. And that's all he needed to say. In those few words, I understood.

We don't need to lecture our children & youth about Remembrance Day, but we need to show them what it means to us and that can be done in very simple and powerful ways. Please join us on November 7th so that we can pass on the meaning of this special day to another generation of very blessed Canadians.



## From the Editor

With our election of elders coming in December, I started out writing an article about what it means to be an elder and I tried to compare them to various other positions in society such as MPs. The problem is, there really is no other position like elder. It seemed logical to compare an elder to an MP, because they are both representatives of their district on a council. And just like you can write to your MP with issues or concerns that you would like them to voice on your behalf, your elder should also be aware of your thoughts on what is going on with the church and should bring your concerns to session. But the problem with this comparison is that MPs are politicians with their own agenda, political affiliation, etc. And MPs are often not even present in their

riding because their job demands them to be in Ottawa for large portions of time. Not to mention that MPs are paid much better than elders (hee hee), but joking aside it is very significant that elders are volunteers who care deeply about the condition of their church.

It is wonderful that one of the structures of the Presbyterian church is set in place to encourage elders to be in contact with their district on a regular basis. Three or four times a year, elders are given communion cards which they are to distribute to their district members. This is intended to create a natural opportunity for elders to talk with their district members and find out what they feel about things at church. Of course, elders are also available at all times to listen to their

members, not just when visiting with communion cards.

Elders are also much more than MPs in that, not only are they concerned with the running of the church, they are also concerned with the spiritual well-being of their members. I am truly blessed because I have a wonderful elder who speaks to me each week at church and is always aware of what's going on in the life of my family. She has established a caring relationship with my family in good times, knowing that in bad times we will feel comfortable turning to her for guidance and support. This is the way that the church is intended to operate—those who make the decisions about the church are personally connected to those they represent. Brilliant!

## Have a Laugh!

A Sunday School teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the Commandment 'Honor thy father and thy mother' she asked 'is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered 'Thou shalt not kill.'

### What a Quote!

**“Everyone who lifts himself up will be brought down.**

**And anyone who is brought down will be lifted up.”**

**Luke 18:14** (focus verse at Joyful Noise Sunday, October 24th)



Gail & Karen performing a drama for the children about what goes into planning a service and how easy it is to lose the real meaning of Thanksgiving. “Can’t we just thank God?”



Clockwise from top left:  
 1) Children story  
 2) Youth group singing during morning worship.  
 3) 4:12 performing "Days of Elijah".  
 3) Praise God!  
 4) Morgan LeTissier receiving her Bible on Grade 3 Bible Sunday.



## Grab a Book!

### DVD/Video Review

Over the next couple of newsletters I thought I would take a look, dragging you along with me, at what we have in the DVD/Video section of our library. Did you know we had such a section?

This month, let's take a look at a series of DVDs/Videos that really and truly appeal to all ages - right from the very young to the 'not so very young'. I am talking about the Veggie Tales shows. Young folks enjoy the stories, the songs, the dressed up vegetables and even just the bright colors of the vegetables and their costumes. Older folks (yes teenagers love these shows) enjoy the humor that is often lost on the little ones. They enjoy the 'almost Gilbert and Sullivan' approach of 'Lyle the Kindly Viking'. They enjoy the word play in 'Josh and the Big Wall' and 'Rack, Shack and Benny'.

Sign one out and see how much even you, as a parent, can enjoy singing along with 'The Adventures of Noah's Park' or hugging your little one as you enjoy 'Where's God When I'm S-Scared?'

Here is a list of Veggie Tales – let me know how you and your children enjoy them.

### **DVD -**

**The Adventures of Noah's Park**  
**Josh and the Big Wall**  
**Minnesota Cuke & the search for Samson's Hairbrush.**  
**The Wonderful World of Ha's**

### **Video -**

**A Snoodle's Tale**  
**Are you my Neighbor?**  
**Dave & the Giant Pickle**  
**Duke & the Great Pie War**  
**Lyle the Kindly Viking**  
**Rack, Shack and Benny**  
**The Wonderful World of Auto-tainment**  
**Where's God When I'm S-Scared?**

Enjoy! Enjoy! Enjoy!

Christine Hunter



# Great to See You!

We are so glad to see everyone! We've been having a wonderful turn-out for Sunday Morning Youth each week and also for our All Ages Sundays. Thanks you for being a part of Children & Youth Ministries at Chalmers!!!

## Our preschool class: (JK and younger)

Naomi      Isla  
Julie        Lily  
Sarah        Julia  
Avery

## Our Primary Class: (SK—Grade 3)

Jessy        Torry  
Hailee       Josiah  
Morgan      Aly  
A.J.

## Our Junior Class: (Grades 4-6)

Colin        Sarah  
Joycie       Reece

## Our Senior Class: (Grades 7 and up)

Tom            Jackie  
Sydney        Charleen  
Sam            Abbey P.  
Allyson        Yunesta  
Crissy         Jacqueline  
Yunike         Kenneth  
Crissie         Zack  
Cyndi          Emerald

## Reminders:

Just a reminder that if you know your children will be away from Sunday Morning Youth, we'd love it if you let us know. You can contact the teacher, or email me [lizzt@rogers.com](mailto:lizzt@rogers.com)

Also a reminder to our Preschool volunteers this month:

- November 14th: Phylis Johnston
- November 21st: Lynn Ball
- November 28th: Joyce Kilbourne

## Youth News

### Junior Youth (grades 6-8):

Nov. 12th—(7-9pm) Junior Youth Night

### Senior Youth (grades 9-12):

Nov. 5th—(7-9pm) Senior Youth Night



## Butterfly release!



# Children & Youth Ministries at Chalmers

## November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy 22 <sup>nd</sup> birthday Heather B.!	2	3 7:30 Reach Out rehearsal	4	5 3:00 4:12 rehearsal 7-9pm Senior Youth	6
7 Happy 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday Damien!  10:30 ALL AGES Remembrance Sunday with 4:12  12-2 Card Making	8	9	10 7:30 Reach Out rehearsal	11 Remembrance Day	12 3:00 4:12 rehearsal 7-9pm Junior Youth	13 Happy 22 <sup>nd</sup> birthday Jasmine!
14 10:30am SMY Preschool Assistant: Phylis Johnston  12-2 Card Making	15	16	17 7:30 Reach Out rehearsal	18	19 Happy 24 <sup>th</sup> birthday Kyle!  3:00 4:12 rehearsal	20
21 10:30am SMY Christ the King Sunday Preschool Assistant: Lynn Ball  12-2 Card Making	22 Happy 15 <sup>th</sup> birthday Alex!	23	24 7:30 Reach Out rehearsal	25 Happy 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday Sarah!	26 3:00 4:12 rehearsal	27 Happy 14 <sup>th</sup> birthday Liam!  6:00 Church Potluck dinner
28 10:30am SMY 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent World AIDS Sunday Preschool Assistant: Joyce Kilbourne  12-2 Card Making						