

**Chalmers
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Youth Spirit

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On to November!

Is anyone else surprised that it's November? It seems to me that the calendar is pretty standard with the months coming in the same order each year, and yet here it is November and I feel like someone has messed around with the year somehow! But here it is, so here's what's happening!

Don't forget that the Bellissima Ringers are going to be presenting their bell-ringing next Saturday evening, November 5th at 7:30pm.

The next day, Sunday, November 6th will be our Remembrance Day Service at both worship services. These



will be all ages services and the children will be involved in remembrance by placing the poppies on crosses on behalf of the congregation.

The following Sunday will be regular services and we'll be welcoming 4:12, our praise band, back to Sunday Morning Youth for a little joyful noise!

Make sure you get your Shoeboxes back by November 13th so that they can be distributed in time for

Christmas.

November 27th will be the first Sunday of Advent! This year, we will be celebrating Advent with an Advent Rotation program at Sunday Morning Youth, similar to our Lenten Rotation in the Spring where each week has a different theme. The tentative schedule is:

Advent 1—Crafts

Advent 2—Food

Advent 3—Music & Games

Advent 4—Movie & Popcorn

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Little Worship Assistants (9:00 am) &

Preschool Assistants (10:30 am):

Nov. 6: All Ages Remembrance Worship

Nov. 13: Robyn MacKeigan (9:00) & Cheri Vlieger (10:30)

Nov. 20: Courtney (9:00) & Dan Duffin (10:30)

Nov. 27: Bev Cameron (9:00) & Siska Soedarmasto (10:30)



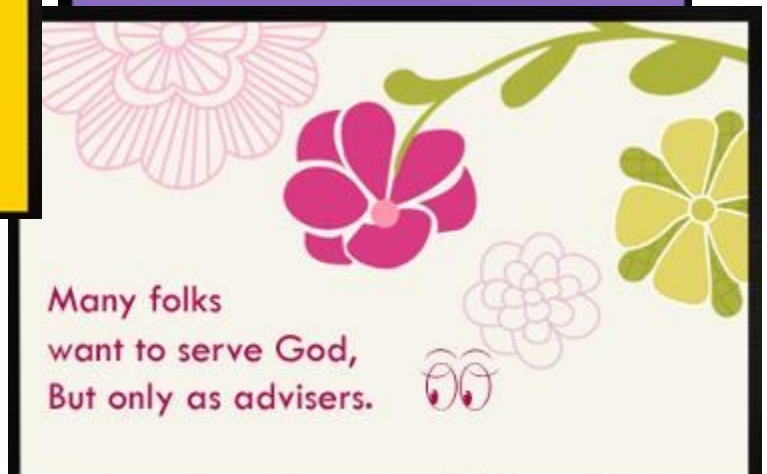
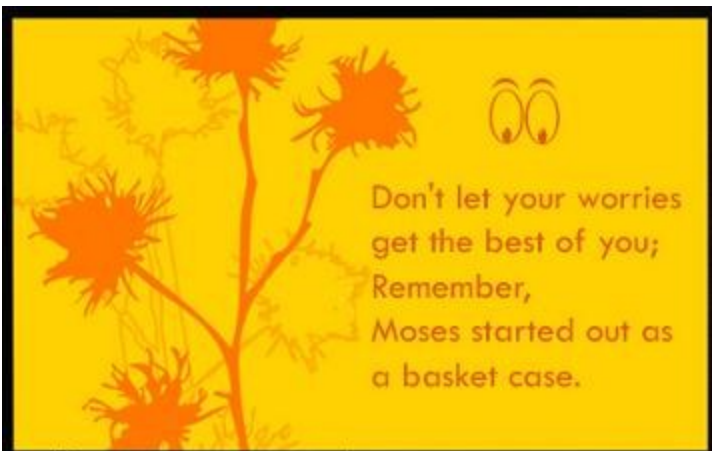
From the Editor

I went to Mary Moffat this month. It's not something I do often—I'd love to, but another evening out is just not always possible—but this month I promised to attend so that I could set up the video equipment for Sydney LeTissier's presentation on her trip to China. WOW! What a wonderful evening! Sydney was well-prepared, eloquent and enjoyable. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of her presentation, and I know everyone else there did too.

Not only did I really enjoy learning about Sydney's trip, being amazed by what they did, and listening to her stories, but it made me wonder who else in our congregation has a story to tell that we should all be hearing. See, I found out about Sydney's experience through a chance encounter with my mother-in-law's next door neighbour. She's a French teacher so we were enjoying a chat about life at school. It turns out that she's a teacher at Glen Cairn Public School, so I mentioned that she probably knows some of our kids from Chalmers. "Oh yes," she gushed! It turns out that she is very fond of many of our students. It was that teacher who mentioned to me that Sydney had had quite a summer! I quickly contacted Sydney and asked her to share her experience with us, first through the newsletter and then through the Mary Moffat, which she so graciously did.

It is so easy for each of us to live our life in our own bubble, unaware of what others around us are doing, and unaware that others might be interested to hear what we're doing. Sometimes we're too shy to speak up and ask for the attention. Sometimes we may not think that our experience is really worth sharing. But we are a family. God's family. Chalmers' family. We should be, and are, interested to hear what everyone is doing. By sharing our stories with each other, we build each other up, encourage each other and grow together as a family. Unfortunately we don't all sit down together at supper each evening to hear how everyone's day went, so we miss out. I'm so glad we didn't miss out on Sydney's story.

Here's a Smile



Contact me!

- Comments, new emails? Let me know: lizzt@rogers.com

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CHALMERS' YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DESK OF
LAURIE PONSFORD-HILL
YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR

OCTOBER 2011



We live by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

We live by faith in a lot of things that we do. We had a chance to test out our faith as we visited the THE MAIZE. And it was amazing! We had the opportunity to test our biblical knowledge and see if we could follow the signs! God sends us in all kinds of directions – not just down a straight path sometimes, and so we had the chance to see if we could follow the signs – and we didn't do too bad – we missed a few stops, and turned a few wrong ways, but we made it out in 1 hour 20 minutes!

Our trip to the Change Conference held at the Church on the Queensway was also an amazing experience. What energy, what numbers of youth, what sounds!



On Saturday night we had the opportunity to put a few instruments together and try for the first time ever to put together a video short for our Fast For Change. Wow, what a lot of work for 3 minutes of video – but we did it! We also raised \$150.00 to help send farming animals to third world countries for PWS&D.

November 4th we will be heading to the Sari Farm meeting at 6pm.

November 5th we are looking for greeters for the Bellissima Bellringers

November 6th Laurie will be preaching at Port Stanley Presbyterian Church

We will also be setting up our own MAIZE for members of Chalmers to see if they can follow the signs!

December 2nd join us at 7pm for candle making. We are asking for donations of old crayons, taper candles and juice cartons.



Photo Time!



From Thanksgiving Sunday!





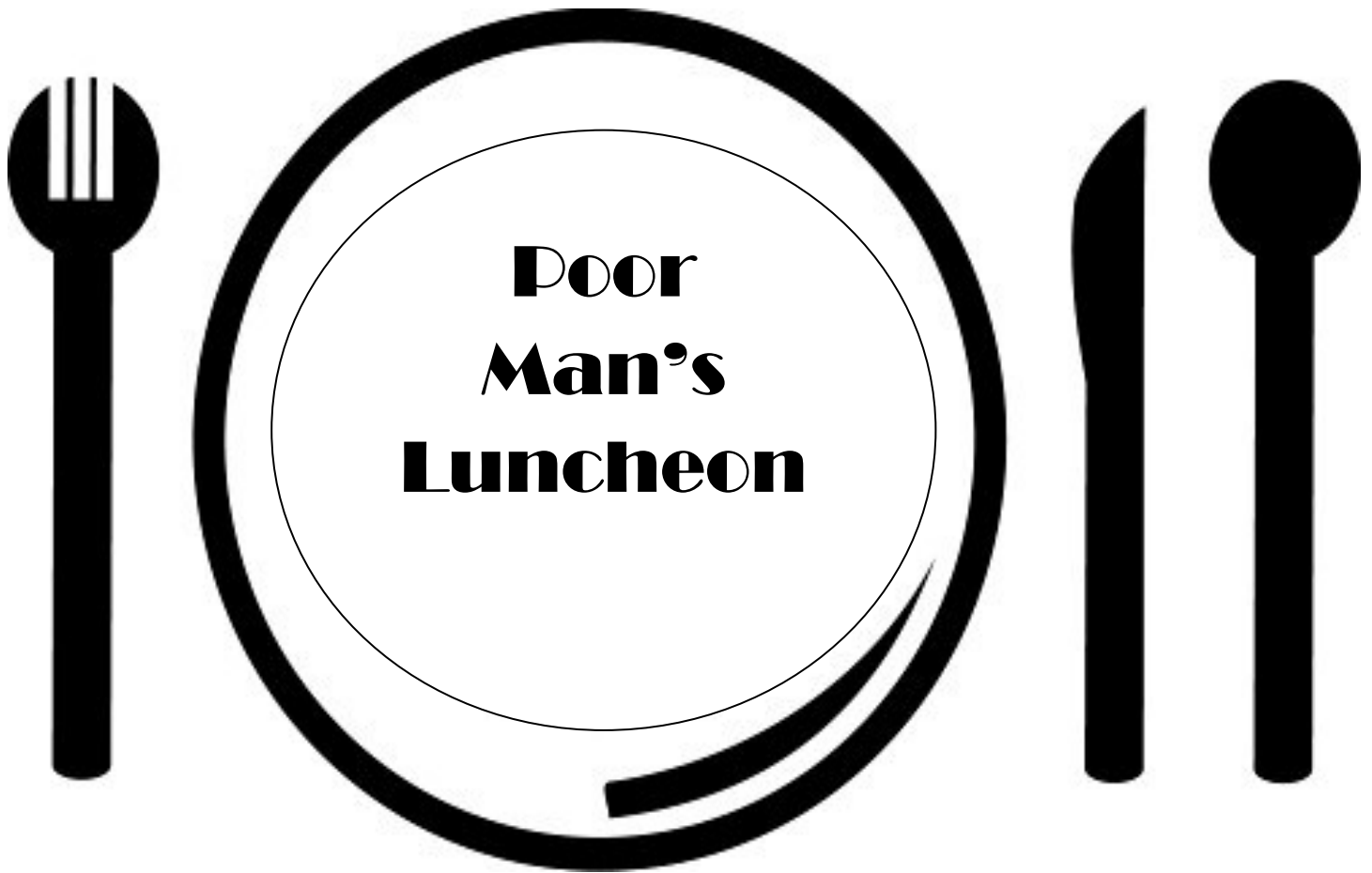
Just a reminder to everyone that I won't use pictures in the newsletter (which is hosted on the Chalmers website) without permission from parents. I had to skip over 4 great photos this month. Hopefully I'll be able to include them in the future. If you're new to Chalmers or haven't filled out a photography permission form for me yet, please see me Sunday morning! Thanks!!!

(By the way, this is simply a courtesy, not a legality. Places of worship are considered public spaces and therefore permission is not needed to take and publish photos.)

October 30th

Dressing up at 9:00
Reformation Sunday
Bible Presentations





Pay what you can

for beans, biscuit, brownie and beverage

Sunday, November 6th,

after the 10:30 am service

Proceeds go towards the church budget.

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IS PLEASED TO PRESENT

BELLISSIMA RINGERS

One of Canada's most advanced handbell small ensembles, the Bellissima Ringers are active throughout southwestern Ontario and beyond. The quartet has appeared in concert with the London-based semi-professional brass ensemble, BRASSROOTS, and performed at Guelph Fest. It formed the core of choirs that performed at the Stratford Summer Music Festival, and in special Christmas concerts with Orchestra London Canada.



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH, 2011

7.30PM

TICKETS: \$ 10.00 PER PERSON

\$ 20.00 PER FAMILY

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Happy Birthday!

I've decided to include the full congregational calendar in the newsletter, rather than just the events pertaining to children, youth & families (it was hard to always decide what should be included) so I'll list the birthdays separately.

November 1st—Heather is 23

November 7th—Damian is 4

November 13th—Jasmine is 23

November 21st—Sawyer is 1

November 22nd—Alex is 16

November 25th—Sarah is 2

November 27th—Liam is 15

Happy Birthday one and all!!!

Glad to See You!

It's been a slow kick-off to the year this year, but we've still seen lots of children & youth on Sunday mornings and we're glad that each one of you has chosen to join us.

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| Isla | Hailee | Zack |
| Julia | Naomi | Sam |
| Evelina | Josiah | Jacqueline |
| Lily | Morgan | Joycie |
| Sarah | Aly | Allyson |
| Nicole | Kirsten | Yunesta |
| Jaxson | Torry | Yunike |
| Sawyer | Crissy | Cameron |
| Colin | Tom | Christian |
| Jessy | Brynn | Avery |
| William | Cyndi | Emerald |
| Elizabeth | Sydney | |
| Daniel | Charleen | |
| Reece | Kenneth | |



This calendar is updated throughout the month as activities are added or change. Please check it out!

http://www.chalmerslondon.com/church_calendar.htm

November 2011 – Updated 31 October 2011

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 9:30 am Pastoral Care 10am-2pm Care & Share 7:30 pm CE & Faith Develop. 7:30pm Policy & Planning | 2 2:15 pm Knitting circle 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal | 3 10 am Bible Study - Hope (5) 10am-2pm Care & Share 6:15 pm Children's Choir 7:30 pm Senior Choir | 4 6 pm Youth Group to Sari Stables 6:30 pm CW practice | 5 7:30 pm Bellissima Ringers |
| 6 Remembrance Day Services 9 am Contemp. Worship (all ages) 10:30 am Worship (all ages) Noon - Poor Man's Lunch 2:30 pm Book of the Month Gathering CANCELLED | 7 1:30 pm Walkfit 7 pm Bible Study - Gifts of God (3) POSTPONED | 8 10:30 am Session Executive 10am-2pm Care & Share 7:30 pm Social & Communication | 9 2:15 pm Knitting circle 6 pm Worship Committee 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal | 10 9 am Mary Moffat making meat pies 10 am Bible Study - Hope (6) 10am-2pm Care & Share 6:15 pm Children's Choir 7:30 pm Senior Choir | 11 Remembrance Day 6:30 pm CW practice | 12 |
| 13 Return Shoeboxes! 9 am Contemp. Worship 10 am Coffee Time 10:30 am Worship Joyful Noise with 4:12 Noon - Be Our Guest (newcomers' lunch) | 14 1:30 pm Walkfit 7 pm Stephen Ministry | 15 10am-2pm Care & Share 7:30 pm Session | 16 2:15 pm Knitting circle 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal | 17 10am-2pm Care & Share 6:15 pm Children's Choir 7:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30pm Property Management | 18 6:30 pm CW practice | 19 8:30 am - noon Everything Christmas Sale |
| 20 7:30 am Congregation Breakfast 9 am Contemp. Worship 10:30 am Worship Youth Mission Trip Team leading worship at Knox St. Thomas 3 pm Memorial Service | 21 1:30 pm Walkfit 6:30 pm Evangelism | 22 | 23 2:15 Knitting circle 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal | 24 10am-2pm Care & Share 6:15 pm Children's Choir 7:30 pm Senior Choir | 25 6:30 pm CW practice | 26 6 pm Church potluck |
| 27 - Advent I 9 am Contemp. Worship 10 am Coffee Time 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Reach Out in Ridgetown 7 pm Stephen Ministry | 28 1:30 pm Walkfit 7:30 pm Mary Moffat Women - presentation by Jackie Harrett | 29 10am-2pm Care & Share | 30 | | | |