

Chalmers' Spirit

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In October!

Usually summer is a slow time when we can rest and prepare for the upcoming year. This summer was anything but, with Canada Youth 2012 in July, preparations being made for the new 10am service, and flyers being delivered to advertise our First Annual Fall Fair.

Looking at the calendar for October, it doesn't look like things are slowing down any!!!

We have our first meeting as a new youth group this Sunday, September 30th from 11:30 until 1:30. Then next week is Thanksgiving, with the Great Turkey Trek

for youth and young adults. Thanksgiving Sunday is also World Communion Sunday. Our annual God's People Together Service,



for those who find attending weekly worship too difficult is on October 13th. That evening, there is dinner at the Four Seasons Restaurant for all members of the congregation. The following weekend is Fall Rally for the youth and also

the Visioning Day for the whole congregation. Then we end the month with worship led by those who attended Canada Youth 2012 and another youth group lunch on October 28th. But wait, don't stop there!!! Add November 2nd to your calendars right now because Chalmers is hosting STEVE BELL!!!

And those are just a few of the highlights. Make sure you have a good look at the calendar for October (both in this newsletter and available on the Chalmers' website). There is a lot going on, and we need everyone to get involved!

Contact me!

- Comments, new emails? Let me know:
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In October, the nine Chalmers youth and adults who attended Canada Youth 2012 in July will be leading worship at Dorchester Presbyterian Church (Oct 14th), speaking to the ladies at Mary Moffat about our experiences (Oct 22nd) and leading worship at Chalmers (Oct 28th). So I thought you might enjoy a sneak peak at some of the photos.



Canada Youth is a gathering that happens every three years at Brock University in St.

Catharines, bringing

together Presbyterian youth from all over Canada. This year, there were over 500 youth, young adults and leaders who gathered to worship, learn and play together.

Canada Youth 2012

Light the Fire!





Hello Chalmers supporter,

It's September -a time for new beginnings. Whether we are students, in the work force, or retirees, after a summer of relaxation and non -structured days, we all look forward to a return to regular activities and routines.

Students may have had to review their courses and decide that changes were needed in order for them to reach the goals ahead. Adults, too, often assess their occupations and/or retirement, with the possibility of moving in another direction.

Just as the life of individuals can change and take a different direction, the vision and mission of the church can change over time as well. The time has come for us to refresh and revitalize the foundations that direct our Christian activities at Chalmers. We invite you to a Visioning Day on **Saturday, October 20, 2012** (MARK YOUR CALENDAR) from 10am to 3 pm. This day is not just for Session members or Committees, but for **every member** of Chalmers Presbyterian Church – we hope to see you there.

To help the Committee prepare for the Visioning Day, a QUESTIONNAIRE is enclosed to help collect your thoughts and information – *information that will help us understand what Chalmers means to you and where you think Chalmers should be heading in the future.* Your first inclination may be to set this aside and think that your ideas are not needed. In 1st Corinthians 12, verse 12 we read “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ”. We welcome input from each member/adherent of Chalmers (we hope children and teens will respond as well) to give us a true picture of what is needed in the ongoing vision and mission of Chalmers.

For your reference, we have included Chalmers' current Vision and Goals that were endorsed by Session in January 2001 and approved by the congregation in February 2001.

Once the questionnaire is completed there are many ways to get it back to Chalmers **by October 6th, 2012**: mail it directly to Chalmers; drop it in the 'Visioning Day' box in the Narthex; give it to your Elder when they visit prior to the October 7th Communion (there may be things that you want to discuss with your Elder); OR – email it to chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca.

We would like to thank you for your time and input as we continue our journey of living the mission and vision of Chalmers Church.

Sincerely,

Your Visioning Team

Bev Cameron, Carol Goodfellow, Debbie Kemp, Ed Stevenson, Erica MacKay and Rev. John Bannerman

CHALMERS CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Note: Answer the questions that you feel are important to you

How long have you attended Chalmers? What made you choose Chalmers?

What do you enjoy the most about attending Chalmers today? (What keeps you returning week after week?)

What are the things that are done well at Chalmers?

What challenges do you see Chalmers facing?

If there was one thing you could change about Chalmers, what would it be?

If Chalmers were to leave the community tomorrow, what do you believe would be missed?

In 3 to 5 years, what would you like to see Chalmers doing, working towards or have accomplished (ie. in the community, for the congregation, etc)?

Outside of church, what is one activity that you participate in that you really love?

Our Vision:

Loved by God, redeemed by Jesus and led by the Holy Spirit, we respond in joyful gratitude by worshiping God, sharing the Gospel and serving each other, our community and people everywhere.

Our Goals:

Based on our commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ, we, the people of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, will:

Be a welcoming and supportive worshiping community

Seek to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our members and adherents

Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with enthusiasm and serve the surrounding community with reach out mission

Participate actively in national and international mission work

Commit to continuing spiritual growth

Encourage a vital ministry of the people of God

Embrace generous and responsible stewardship of God's gifts

Photo Time!

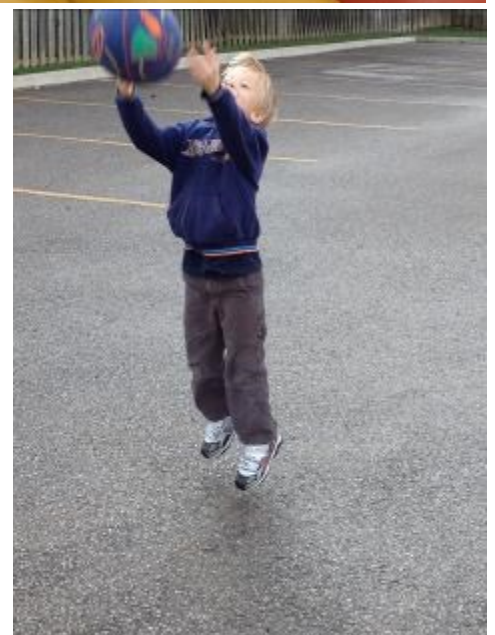


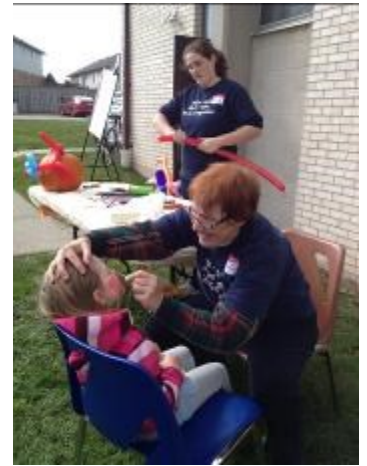
The First Annual Fall Fair was a great success! If you didn't make it out this year, make sure you come next year.



Fall Fair

**A good time was
definitely had
by all... even the
children!**





But of course, where would we be without our volunteers (these few and a whole lot more!) And they did all, at some point, actually do some work!



Chalmers Social & Communications Committee
Invite you to
Join us for

Let's Eat Out

**at
The Four Seasons
Restaurant**

1455 Fanshawe Pk. Rd. West

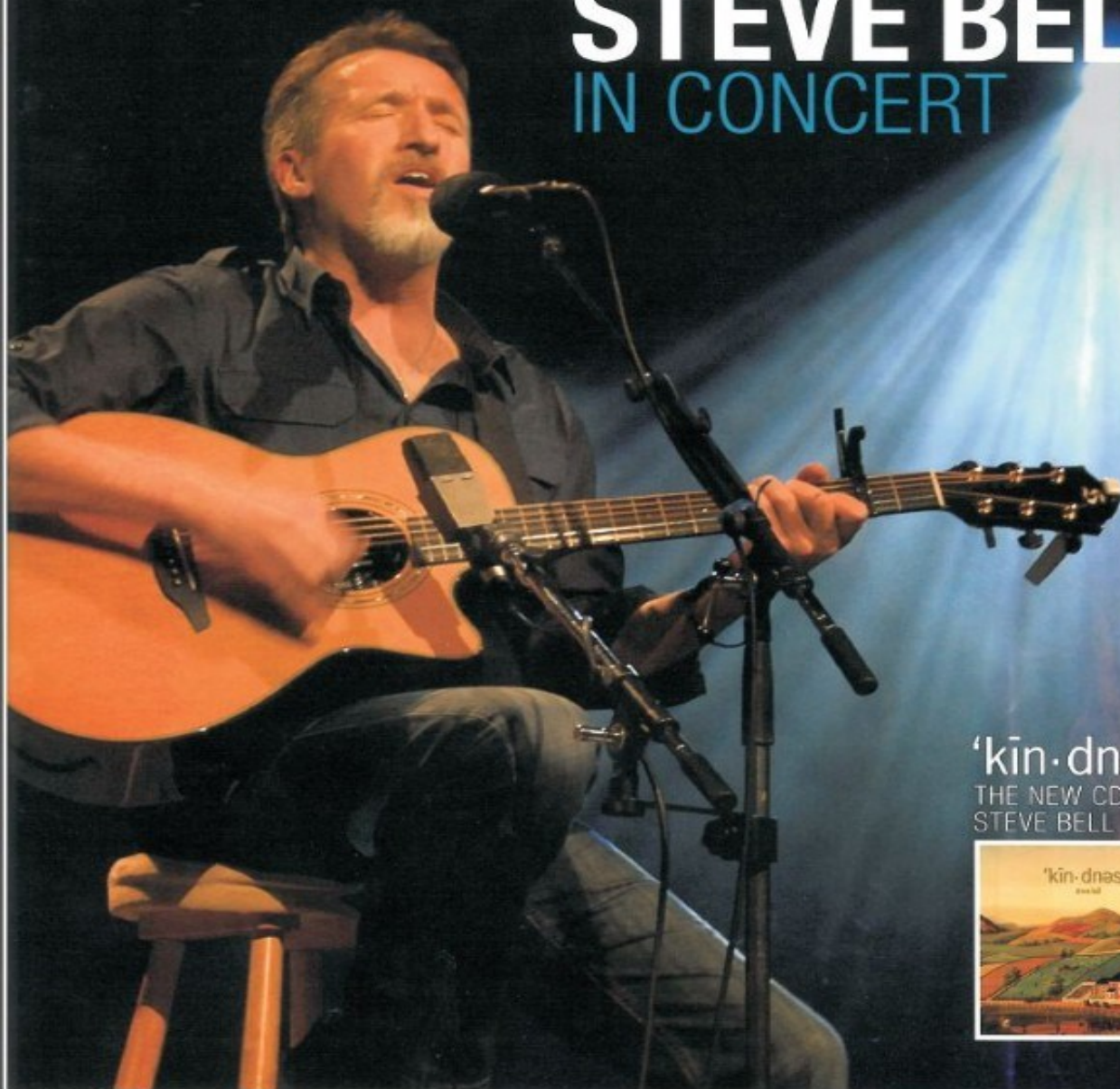
Saturday 13th October

6.00 p.m.

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
Please sign up by Oct 10th

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October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:30 pm Walkfit 7:30 pm Worship Committee	2 9:30 am Pastoral Care 1-2 pm Care & Share 1:30 pm Seniors' Fitness 7:30 pm CE & Faith Develop. 7:30pm Policy & Planning	3 2:15 pm Knitting Circle 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	4 7 pm Leading With Care 7:30 pm Senior Choir rehearsal	5 9am Seniors' Fitness 1 pm Seniors' Euchre 6:30 pm Praise Team rehearsal	6 1-3 pm The Great Turkey Trek (youth)
7 Thanksgiving & World Communion Sunday 10 am Worship - All Ages 11:15 am Coffee Time	8 Thanksgiving Monday	9 10 am Session Executive 1-2 pm Care & Share 1:30 pm Seniors' Fitness 7:30 pm Social & Communication	10 2:15 pm Knitting Circle 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	11 7:30 pm Senior Choir rehearsal	12 9am Seniors' Fitness 1 pm Seniors' Euchre 6:30 pm Praise Team rehearsal 7:45 Worship Planning Team	13 11:30 - 1:30 God's People Together 6pm Let's Eat Out
14 10 am Worship 11:15 am Coffee Time 3:30 pm Worship at Meadow Park with Rev. John	15 1:30 pm Walkfit 6:30 pm Evangelism Committee 7 pm Stephen Ministry	16 1-2 pm Care & Share 1:30 pm Seniors' Fitness 7:30 pm Session	17 2:15 pm Knitting circle 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	18 7:30 pm Senior Choir rehearsal	19 9am Seniors' Fitness 1 pm Seniors' Euchre PYPs Fall Rally (youth) 6:30 pm Praise Team rehearsal	20 10 - 3pm Chalmers' Visioning Day
21 8 am Men's Breakfast 10 am Worship 11:15 am Coffee Time	22 1:30 pm Walkfit 7:30 pm Mary Moffat Women - presentation by CY participants	23 1-2 pm Care & Share 1:30 pm Seniors' Fitness	24 2:15 pm Knitting circle 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	25 7:30pm Property Management 7:30 pm Senior Choir rehearsal	26 9am Seniors' Fitness 1 pm Seniors' Euchre 6:30 pm Praise Team rehearsal	27
28 10 am Worship - CY participants 11:15 am Coffee Time 11:30 am Youth Group	29 1:30 pm Walkfit 7 pm Stephen Ministry	30 1-2 pm Care & Share 1:30 pm Seniors' Fitness	31 2:15 Knitting circle 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	<div> <p>This calendar is updated throughout the month as activities are added or change. Please check it out!</p> <p>http://www.chalmerslondon.com/church_calendar.htm</p> </div>		

Last Laugh!

