

Thoughts on Easter, & the Resurrection

“Perhaps [the critics are right and] the danger is over now and Jesus is safely dead and buried. Perhaps... It is ironical and entertaining to consider that at least once in the world’s history those words might have been said with complete conviction, and that was on the eve of the Resurrection.”

– **Dorothy L. Sayers, The Whimsical Christian**

“Jesus’s resurrection is the beginning of God’s new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord’s Prayer is about. (Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth...)”

– **N.T. Wright, Surprised by Hope.**

“If you live in the dark a long time and the sun comes out, you do not cross into it whistling. There’s an initial uprush of relief at first, then— for me, anyway— a profound dislocation. My old

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CHRIST IS RISEN!  
(any questions?)

*“Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord;’...When it was evening on that day,...and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked..., Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord...Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.”*

--John 20:18a, 19&20, 30&31(NRSV)

# welcome!

**We're glad you're here today. We're a** group of people learning what it means to be followers of Jesus. This is a place where **everyone is welcome, nobody's perfect, and** anything is possible. We welcome and encourage you to share your life with us as we journey in faith together.

What can you expect on a Sunday morning? Our worship services aim to be about 70 minutes long, with a mix of praise singing & prayer, and a time of inspiration and learning through the teaching that explores scripture, and issues of everyday life.

We believe that by working together, sharing our faith and our lives, we can accomplish much more than we could individually. **With God's help and the power of the Holy Spirit, we believe we can transform our community and our world as the hands and feet of Jesus on earth.**

**If you're ready for us to get to know you, please fill out a "Connect" card from the pew** and bring it to the Connection Point in the foyer after the service. We hope you too will find a place of belonging here, and share your life and faith journey with us.

# happenings

New to our church? We would like to get to know you | We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card which is in the pews. Please leave it in the box marked Connect/Reconnect at the exits at the front and back of the sanctuary. Please accept the book by Andy Stanley **"How Good Is Good Enough" as a gift from us.**

Please Note | The church will be closed Monday April 17th.

Staff Notes | Rev. Orville James will be away Apr 17 - 25th. Rev. Katie Southon is available during this time for any pastoral needs.

Renewing Your Faith, & The Church, Through Prayer - Saturday May 6th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. An event for leaders & **volunteers who know there's more to church than** gimmicks and techniques. Hear real stories of deep congregational change and how we in the church can encounter God again. Led by Rev. Heather Joy James, and Rev. Dr. Connie Denbok. Lunch provided. Please register by contacting Orville (orvjames@gmail.com), or the Church Office (905) 634-1849.

Lasting Gifts | Preserve Our Heritage **This morning's offering is one of many ways** which faithful Christians express their stewardship and give thanks to God. Please include the work of Christ in your estate planning. Please remember Wellington Square United Church in your will. For information please contact Ruth Thoem at: rthoem@wsquare.ca

Fellowship Lunch | Please join us Sunday April 23rd after the 11 am service. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door.

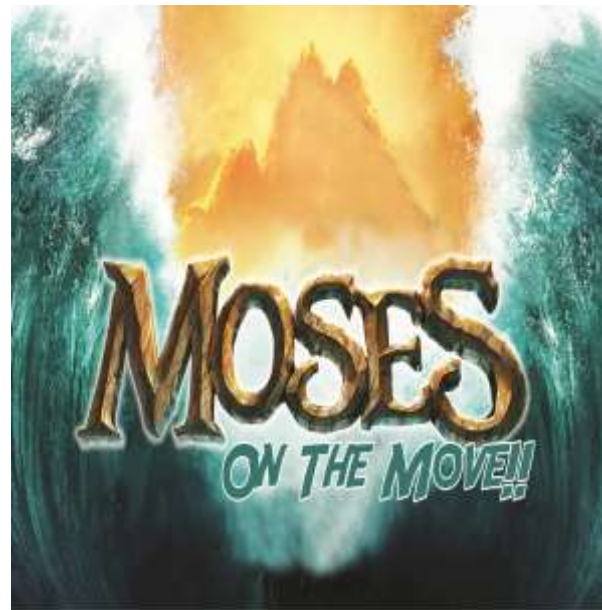
# happenings cont.

Community Garden | Thank you to all those who communicated their interest and support for creating a Community Garden at Wellington Square. We will be installing three, 40 x 4 ft. raised garden beds outside of the GraceLand doors just in time for spring. It is our hope that this community garden at Wellington Square will be a valuable place and space for folks to get to know one another and build a sense of community and belonging. We are excited about creating these gardens where people can learn, share, and enjoy green space and healthy food.

We are in need of your help to cut sod, dig the base, lay crushed gravel and build the garden walls on Saturday, April 29 (beginning at 9:00 am) and Sunday, April 30 (beginning at 11:00 am). The property team will also be doing some spring cleaning of the church property on Saturday morning. Our Saturday work teams will break together for a lunch BBQ.

Please contact Alvin Kiers at: [property@wsquare.ca](mailto:property@wsquare.ca) if you can give your time or lend your equipment to help with the spring clean up, and Lisa at: [llunski@wsquare.ca](mailto:llunski@wsquare.ca) to help with the community garden install on either day. Thank you for your support in caring for our outside space.

Observer Magazine | Please note that the cost of the Observer subscription is \$25 per year. If you wish to renew your subscription or start a new one, you can pay for it by using the grey Observer envelope included in your box of offering envelopes, or by using a blue pew envelope and writing Observer on the envelope with your contact information by today, Sunday April 16th.



## SUMMER KID'S CAMP

Aug. 28th - Sept. 1st, 2017

Mon. - Thurs. • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fri., Sept. 1st • 9:00 am - 11:00 am

*(11:00 am - closing celebration ceremony for the whole family!)*

### SK to Grade 5

*(Must be 5 years of age by Dec. 31, 2017)*

**\$30 per child per week**

*No refunds after July 1st.*

*Financial assistance is available.*

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SMALL  
**groups**

*"Making Rows into Circles"*

*For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them"*

Matthew 18:20

Discipleship Café: Saturday April 29

Time: 10am-noon (muffins & coffee being served at 9:45am) Topic: EXCEPTIONAL

LEADERSHIP AT EVERY LEVEL with T.D. Jakes

- how to have leadership excellence at every level
- the change begins with me
- the three moves of MOSES

Sign up at the CONNECTION POINT TABLE

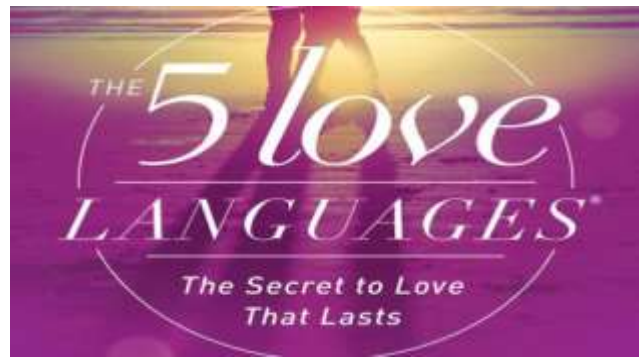
SAVE the DATE: MEET & GREET Monday, May 1st @ 7pm in the Pritchard Room. For more details see the flyer posted in this bulletin!

JOYFUL SPIRITS - This small group meets Thursday, April 20th at 7 pm in the Pritchard Room. Discussion & DVD will be on Session 6 of **"FOLLOW"** by Andy Stanley - **"WHAT I WANT TO WANT"**.

Contact: [jmagwood@wsquare.ca](mailto:jmagwood@wsquare.ca)

The Chapel is open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm and Sunday morning. We encourage and welcome you to take time for prayer and reflection in the Chapel this holy season.

Monday Men - meet each Monday @ noon in the McMillan Rm. Please join us for discussion, fellowship and bible study. Please note there will be no Monday Men meeting on Monday April 17th.



With spring being a time of renewal, we invite you to please join us for a 5 week DVD small **group series on Gary Chapman's "The 5 Love Languages"** to refresh your relationship.

The series will be held at Greg and Shelley Buxton-Forman's home every **Thursday evening** at 7 pm from May 4 to June 8 (except **May 18**). We hope you will consider reading **"The 5 Love Languages"** book to complement the DVD.

For anyone who is available we will be going to see Gary Chapman in Cambridge on Monday, May 15 at 7:30 pm ([https://tickets.buzztix.com/event/dr\\_chapman\\_cambridge](https://tickets.buzztix.com/event/dr_chapman_cambridge)).

Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you will be able to be a part of the series ([shellbuxtonforman@gmail.com](mailto:shellbuxtonforman@gmail.com)).

New Small Groups - We are now in the process of preparing our spring/summer small **group brochure, if you are feeling God's nudge** to serve by hosting a new small group, please contact Joy Magwood.

...Jesus Calling devotional now available again at the Connection Point (\$11).



*Flower Sale*  
seeds, bulbs and plants

Sunday April 2 - 23

Please visit the order table in the foyer after service

Order pickup beginning May 11

online catalogue is available to view at [wsquare.ca](http://wsquare.ca)



*Exceptional Leadership  
at Every Level*



**Saturday, April 29, 2017 | 10am - 12noon**

**Discipleship Café  
with T.D. Jakes**

- the change begins with me
- the three moves of Moses
- how to have leadership excellence at every level



**MEET & GREET!**

**MONDAY  
MAY 1  
7-8:30 pm**

Pritchard Room  
Wellington  
Square  
United Church

For new folks that want to learn more about Wellington Square and connect with others over fellowship time. Ministry staff will also be a part of the evening.

*Encourage one another and  
build up one another.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

For further information, contact:  
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GraceLand - a place full of God's grace and where children learn the love of Jesus and how to shine His light everyday. Sundays at 9am for Nursery to Gr. 6

Sign-in/out procedures ensure safety for all children and leaders. Pagers are available to provide extra comfort and ease for families.

April's theme/focus:

- Lent - doing something as well as giving up something
- Praise and follow Jesus
- Jesus loves us and forgives us (Good Friday 9am Service)
- Thank you Lord for Easter
- Lord I lift your Name on High
- Jesus Gives the Great Commission

Sunday, April 23, our GraceLand Band and all GraceLand children will take part in the service with a special worship song!

Sunday, April 30th, Anniversary Sunday - stay tuned for some GraceLand participation in the service.

Sunday, May 7th, Inter-generational Communion, GraceLand Dancers will be **dancing to ABC's of Praise!**

A writer from The Observer Magazine wrote an article about GraceLand. If you'd like to check it out, it's posted on our web - [wsquare.ca](http://wsquare.ca) (children section).



FUN, FAITH, FRIENDS...April, May & June

Rockpile (Gr. 7&8)

Meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday from 10:30am-12pm YOUTH ROOM

The Edge (High school)

Meets every 2nd & 4th Sunday from 10:30am-12pm - YOUTH ROOM

Up-coming Events for ALL YOUTH:

Wednesday, April 19, 7-9pm - VOLLEYBALL

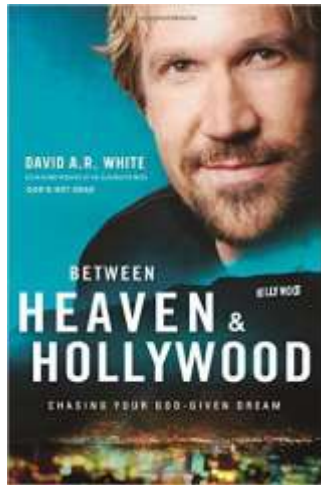
GAME NIGHT - join a bunch of us leaders to play a bunch of youth in some good old fashion Volleyball matches - food will be there and of course a whole lot of fun.

Friday, April 28th (PD Day)

- 9-11am (Set up, sort food, baking)
- 4-6pm (Preparing the meal)
- 5:30pm (**Children's area, music, etc.**)
- 7pm (Clean-up)

For The Edge...





## Between Heaven & Hollywood By David A R White

David A R White is an actor, writer, director and producer in Hollywood. Though he has many credits to his name, his career hit new heights with the release of the blockbuster film God's Not Dead.

This is not a quick-fix book promising instant success. White shows you how to discover and then relentlessly pursue the passions God has placed on your heart, passions that are unique to you and essential to the world. Laugh with and, sometimes, at David as you join him on the chase from a small Mennonite town in Kansas, through the fairytale world of Hollywood, all the way to the doorstep of your own dreams.

A very compelling read and inspirational story about the grit, hard work, sacrifice and faith it takes to achieve your dreams and bring God's kingdom closer to the here and now.



Over the last year we have pondered how we can do more to invite friends in, and support and care for one another. Some folks who initially began coming to enjoy a meal are now part of our set up crew, and spend the day helping, sharing in conversation or just hanging out in a place they like to be. Other friends come earlier than 4:00 in anticipation of what is to come, and sit on benches or just wait outside for someone to talk to. We are now opening the doors of the Pritchard Room at 1:00 for folks who are in the area and would like to come early for a cup of coffee, a snack and to share in friendship with others. We wish to provide a space for games, a table to draw and colour, a corner for knitting and a comfy couch to sit back and rest. Our vision is for this space to be a **'hub of kindness and purpose'**.

**"Feeling empowered and valued is essential to our mental health. I think we are on to something that is really different and it spins help services on its head. In a living room I'm able to offer support when people want it. The most effective thing is to be alongside people, to help each other. I can ask their help, they can ask me for advice. It's much more human."** ~Washington Post

Most needed items:

\*games (Crokinole, Chinese Checkers, Backgammon, Chess, Checkers, Trouble)

**\*snacks for children's lunches**

**\*salad bar toppings (pickles, beets, olives...)**

\*double bed frame and mattress (newer)

\*boys and girls running shoes (gently used)

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assumptions about how the world works are buried, yet my new ones aren't yet operational.

– **Mary Karr**

“It is such a letdown to rise from the dead and have your friends not recognize you.”

– **Rob Bell**

“...left to ourselves we lapse into a kind of collusion with entropy, acquiescing in the general belief that things may be getting worse but that there's nothing much we can do about them. And we are wrong. Our task in the present...is to live as resurrection people in between Easter and the final day, with our Christian life, together and individual, in both worship and mission

– **N.T. Wright**,

“I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world—and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible.”

– **Charles W. Colson**

“The devil, darkness, and death may swagger and boast, the pangs of life will sting for a while longer, but don't worry; the forces of evil are breathing their last. Not to worry...He's risen!”

– **Charles R. Swindoll**