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April 2, 2017

***I'VE BEEN THINKING...***

*That I want to share this Update regarding Wellington Orphanage in Sierra Leone, west Africa, which our church has supported for over 15 years...*

Pastor Hassan Mansaray (who established and provides leadership to Wellington Orphanage) and his wife, and some of the orphans from the orphanage were in a serious car accident on or about March 24<sup>th</sup>/17. Sadly, Abdul, the driver of the car, passed away in hospital and has already been buried. He was a Muslim man with a wife and family. Pastor Mansaray remains in hospital ICU. He had surgery on one leg and requires surgery on the other. He has no memory of the accident, and is expected to remain in hospital for quite some time. His wife, Iysha was also injured and has had two surgeries on her arm.

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## Love Changes Everything

*"If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind...Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails...Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. **But the greatest of these is love**"*

--I Corinthians 13:3-4, 6-8, 12-13 (NIV)

# 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 | Please fill out a connection card in the pews and bring it to the Connection Point Table in the foyer, or hand it to one of the greeters.

Communion Sunday Collection for the Crisis Care Fund | Today we invite you to contribute to our Crisis Care Fund - a vital resource used with prayerful discernment by your ministry team. It allows us to provide care and hope for those in our wider community **as they cope with some of life's harshest** realities. Our prayer is for a day when such a fund will have no use...and we pray, until that day arrives, you will continue to contribute generously.

IDEA Burlington | Interfaith Development Education Association presents: Practicing Peace: Responding to troubling & conflicting circumstances ~ an interfaith discussion. Free event with refreshments (donations appreciated) Everyone Welcome! Burlington Seniors Centre (Multi-purpose Rm) 2285 New St. Burlington, TODAY Sunday, April 2nd, 2-4 pm

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 Sunday April 16th.

# happenings cont.



Two (2) Positions available at WSUC:

*Coordinator of Traditional Music Ministry*

*Coordinator of Contemporary Music Ministry*

Wellington Square United Church is currently seeking two (2) innovative, dynamic, people who can help draw people near to God and into the experience of praising God through music. While working in a team oriented church organization, the focal point of these ministries will be the traditional and contemporary components of our worshipping style that are consistent with the mission, vision and values of the Church. These part-time positions (12 hours weekly) begin as early as May 1, 2017. For more specifics about these job opportunities and our congregation, please refer to [www.wsquare.ca](http://www.wsquare.ca). Applications, including cover letter and resume will be accepted at [wsquareuc@gmail.com](mailto:wsquareuc@gmail.com) until Monday April 3, 2017.

PROPERTY | SAVE THE DATE APRIL 29TH  
Please come join the property team on Saturday morning April 29 to give the lawn a little TLC. We need people to help with dethatching, aerating, fertilizing, tree cutting, pruning, sod repair and gardening. Equipment needed include backpack blowers, fertilizer spreader and utility trailers. For more information, please contact Alvin Kiers at [property@wsquare.ca](mailto:property@wsquare.ca) if you can give your time or lend your equipment.

Lasting Gifts | Preserve Our Heritage.  
Create our future. Please remember Wellington Square United Church in your estate plans. For information contact Ruth Thoem at: [rthoem@wsquare.ca](mailto:rthoem@wsquare.ca)



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 (**Marg's marvelous 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

Lenten Study **"THE BAD BOYS OF EASTER"**

**"In the days and weeks preceding the**

crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, three men found their way into the story. Each refused to abandon his quest for control and surrender to the Savior of the world. In this 3-part series, Andy

Stanley uncovers the stories and how you fit

**in." This will be a three**

week study on Tuesdays offered both evening & in the afternoon.

Start date: We are offering this study Tuesdays, March 21, 28th & April 4th at 2pm or 7pm in the Pritchard Room. Sign up at the Connection Point Table. Jeff Weir, Rob DeWitte, Bruce Magwood - facilitators for 7pm. Joy Magwood - facilitator for 2pm.



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)

Kettles on Tea - Please join us Monday April 10 from 1:30-3:00pm in the Pritchard Room for our afternoon tea and music with the Singing Strummers. All are welcome.

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.

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

For a complete listing of small groups this spring, see the brochure in the foyer or go to [www.wsquare.ca](http://www.wsquare.ca)

# YOUTH | worship NIGHT EVENT

**ALL YOUTH AND MORE YOUTH**  
**WELLINGTON SQUARE UNITED CHURCH**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH • 7:30 - 9:30 pm**

Featuring **RHONDA ELGERSMA**  
as our guest teacher and  
**COLLISION WORSHIP** as our  
guest worship band.

For more details contact  
Heather Mackey at [hmackey@wsquare.ca](mailto:hmackey@wsquare.ca) or  
905-634-1849 x21



**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.



# 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)



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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Joy Magwood [jmagwood@wsquare.ca](mailto:jmagwood@wsquare.ca)

## Outreach Breakfast

April 12, 2017 at Port Nelson

8:30am Please join us for a free Continental Breakfast. Speakers: David Epp, Ontario Coordinator, Canadian Foodgrains Bank and Scott Brooks, Seeds of Life Project.



## Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2017 at Port Nelson

7:00pm Reflective Prayer with the Songs of Taize and the Sacrament of Communion, shared with friends from Burlington Baptist, Port Nelson and Wellington Square

## Good Friday

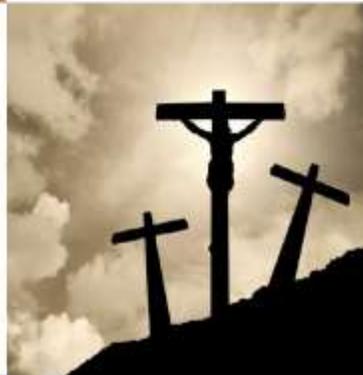
April 14, 2017

9:00am at Wellington Square

Contemporary Service with Children's Ministry

11:00am at Port Nelson

Preacher Rev. Dr. Shaun Whitehead  
Assoc. Chaplain, St. Lawrence University, NY State  
combined choirs of Burlington Baptist,  
Port Nelson, and Wellington Square



## Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017 at Wellington Square

7:30am Sunrise Service on the lake at the west end of Spencer Smith Park

9:00am Resurrection Celebration and Contemporary Worship Service

11:00am Resurrection Celebration and Traditional Worship Service

## Inter generational Communion

Sundays we link children together with their families to partake in the **Jesus' meal together.**

- Parents/guardians will sign in their child at the GL reception desk and in their child's class before entering the sanctuary
- GL leaders and helpers can be available to assist families for support in the service. Nursery, Toddler and Preschoolers can go straight to class and be lead to the service by their leaders
- Once communion is received, parents can lead their child to the side transept where GL leaders will be ready to lead children to SPH for Open session and the remainder of GraceLand
- Sign-out will be done as normal at the end of the service



*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

# Joseph Brant Hospital Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee

Presented in Partnership  
with:

*Friday* night  
COMMUNITY

**Friday April 7, 2017**  
**Friday Night Speakers Series**

*Michele Sparling, (lived experience parent)*

## *Parents for Children's Mental Health*

Family Peer Group support – Children's mental health, all ages, with focus on 12yr to 24yrs.

Michele will discuss symptoms of children's mental health requiring professional help, how required services are accessed in the community, how treatment and behavioural changes impact the dynamics of the family, and how these can be accommodated.

**FRIDAY April 7, 2017**

**PRITCHARD ROOM, WELLINGTON SQ. UNITED CHURCH**

**2121 CAROLINE STREET, BURLINGTON**

**Speaker at 7PM to 8:30PM**

**Dinner @ 6pm All Welcome**

Sponsored by:

*Friday* night  
COMMUNITY



**JOSEPH BRANT  
HOSPITAL**

Mental Health Consumer  
Advisory Committee



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

FAMILY MINISTRY:

Last Sunday's Faith at Home event 'How to read the Bible' encouraged and involved gr. 2's and their parents to practice their faith skill in the home. We gave 13 grade 2's an NIV Adventure Bible and taught some Bible history, the library, some Bible facts and how to approach reading it. A beautiful morning! Thanks all!!

Today is Inter generational Communion which provides adults and young people the opportunity to come along-side-of one another and partake in the Jesus' meal - remembering what Christ did for us.



Rockpile and The Edge News:

What's up for April:

Rockpile (Gr. 7&8 - 1st & 3rd Sunday)  
Sunday, April 2 10:30am - 12pm (Youth rm)  
Sunday, April 16 10:30am - 12pm (Youth rm)  
The Edge (High school - 2nd & 4th Sunday)  
Sunday, April 9 10:30am - 12pm (Youth rm)  
Sunday, April 23 10:30am - 12pm (Youth rm)

April Events for Rockpile and The Edge:

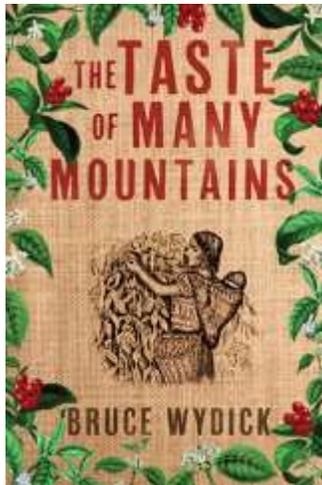
Tues April 4, 7-9pm - Movie night  
Wed April 19, 7-9pm - Volley Ball Game Night  
Fri April 28 (PD day) - Youth serving opportunities for Friday Night Community and then that evening...7:30-9:30pm Worship and teaching night - featuring Rhonda Elgersma and a guest praise band - Collision Worship!!  
For more details see the flyer posted in this bulletin!

Got questions or want to connect-in?

Contact Heather Mackey

hmackey@wsquare.ca or 905-634-1849 x21

Heather will be leading our Youth Ministry for April, May & June and is excited to provide fun and faith-filled programs along with special events and serving opportunities. Please check your emails and group Facebook page for on-going updates and details on Youth Ministry.



### The Taste of Many Mountains By Bruce Wydick

In this fact-based, fictional account, the author illustrates the chasm between poor coffee-growing countries and rich coffee-drinking ones. Four American grad students take on a project to study fair trade coffee. They follow coffee beans all the way from peasant growers in central America to the coffee shops in first world countries, trying to find out how much profit is realized at every link along the coffee value chain. Starting in Guatemala, they interview poor coffee growers and owners of local cooperatives who buy from the growers. They end up back in North America, interviewing roasters and coffee shop owners. The resulting economic analysis leads to some surprising conclusions!



The blessings continue to flow as prayers are answered. Charlene, our daytime baker and Brian, one of our longtime friends both returned this Friday after some challenging illnesses. We are thankful that we can continue to support one another with prayer, and that we have a team of folks so committed to lifting up folks who are faced with various struggles. It is amazing to see how folks share in friendships and care for others with gestures of special name tags, homemade treats, sending a card when times are tough, calling to check in during the week, and even buying a souvenir for a friend when on vacation. These are ways that folks show that they care and that people are important in their lives.

While thinking about last night, and seeing the clothes being handed out, the hair cuts, those being helped with their plates, food being cooked and served, hugs given, friendly greetings and on and on I could go, I was reminded of these words of Emerson, **"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping themselves."** (reflection from a friend)

Most needed items:

- \*Easter candy for Good Friday dinner
- \***snacks for children's lunches**
- \***salad bar toppings (pickles, beets, olives...)**
- \*empty yogurt & sour cream containers
- \*vacuum (gently used)

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At least 3 of the children from the orphanage were travelling with them and were also injured. Bobson received a broken arm, Dauda had a tooth knocked out and Abie Sankoh suffered numerous lacerations to her face.

Wellington Orphanage is reportedly currently in dire straits with regards to food, clothing and medicine. Fortunately, Jerome and Shanna Crawford, missionaries who have been involved with the orphanage for approximately 10 years, are currently in Sierra Leone and are working with some local pastors to try to keep things running as smoothly as possible while Pastor Mansaray recuperates. They are working hard to find sponsors for more of the children in the orphanage to help with the funding for day to day necessities.

Please keep Pastor Mansaray and the others injured in the accident in your prayers. Please also pray for Wellington Orphanage, that the needs of the children living there will be met and that they will be comforted during this time of uncertainty. Please also pray for missionaries Jerome and Shanna Crawford, for wisdom and discernment regarding actions to take. Please pray for the leadership of the orphanage, that others will come forward to help to fill the gap left during Pastor **Mansaray's absence. Please also pray for Abdul's family (driver of the car), to comfort and support them and help them to deal with their loss and grief.**

*So I share this report. The needs in our world are great, but we need not be overwhelmed. We do what we can, we partner with others of faith and good will, and we trust God to be at work in it all.*

*Thank you for being part of Jesus team here at Wellington Square.*

*Peace & Perseverance, with Joy, be upon your spirit – ORVILLE*