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April 23, 2017

**"Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'**

**But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'**

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood **among them and said, 'Peace be with you!'** Then he said to Thomas, **'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'**

**Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'**

**Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'"**

*--John 20:24-29 (NIV)*

## The Disciple of Doubt

**"Sometimes seeing is believing but sometimes in the believing there is seeing."**

*--Author unknown*

**"Doubts are ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving."**

*--Frederick Buechner*

# 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.**

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 today, 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.

Baptism | The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated on Sunday May 14th and Sunday June 18th. For information, please contact the church office.

Nut-Free Scent-Free | Please note that at Wellington Square we do our best to be a nut-free and scent-free safe space for everyone. Thank you for your contributions to this effort.



Wellington Orphanage/Sierra Leone Update:

Wellington Square United Church has supported Wellington Orphanage in Freetown Sierra Leone for the past 15 years. In March, the spiritual leader of the orphanage, his wife and 3 of the residents of the orphanage were involved in a serious automobile accident. There is no public health care in Sierra Leone and everything has to be paid for up front. Pastor Mansaray and his wife and the orphans continue to recover following the accident. After a lengthy stay in intensive care, Pastor Mansaray has been discharged from hospital but will be in a wheelchair for the next two months, because of the surgeries he required on his hip, knee and ankle. His wife recently had her stitches removed in her arm. Jerome and Shanna Crawford, missionaries who were visiting the orphanage when the accident happened, have had to return to Oklahoma, but are continuing to try to meet the needs of the orphanage from a distance (clothing, shoes, medication, medical supplies, financial aid, orphan sponsorship etc.). Wellington Square is yet unable to offer tax receipts to provide financial aid directly to the orphanage, because of a delay in receiving the required paperwork from Sierra Leone. In the interim we are planning to be able to offer practical support to them. Details will be announced soon. Please continue to keep the children at Wellington Orphanage, the **Mansarays and the Crawford's ministry in your prayers.**

# SMALL groups

**"Making Rows into Circles"**

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

Matthew 18:20

Vision | to grow a prosperous, vibrant ministry together that glorifies God and equips His people to live out the great commandment and the great commission.

Mission | to create a loving, kind atmosphere **where God's people are cared for** and the marks of discipleship are lived out.

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, May 18th at 7 pm in the Pritchard Room. Discussion & DVD will be on Session 7 of **"FOLLOW" by Andy Stanley - "Leading Great"**. 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.

NEW GROUP: -  
"TRUSTING in CHRIST".

In this second study in the Jesus Calling series by Sarah Young, you will examine what the Bible says about relying on God for all your needs.

START DATE: Wed, May 17th for 8 sessions

TIME: 7- 9pm

WHERE: McMillan Room Facilitators: Sue Zwicker & Lynn Kasprzyk Please sign up at the CONNECTION POINT.



Kettles on Tea | Please join us on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3pm in the Pritchard Room for our afternoon tea. All are welcome.

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).



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## finance

Wellington Square Finance Update  
Three Months ending March 31, 2017

	Actual	Budget
Givings and other income	\$ 159,474	\$ 185,926
Expenses	196,687	185,926
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Net deficit	\$ (37,213)	\$ -
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# Joseph Brant Hospital Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee

Presented in Partnership  
with:

*Friday* night  
COMMUNITY

**Friday May 5, 2017**  
**Friday Night Speakers Series**

*Joanne Vassell-Pittman, ODSP lived experience*

*Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)*

*Thinking about applying for ODSP?*

*Do you have questions about eligibility and the application forms?*

*Do you know about the benefits that are available to you?*

**Joanne will be discussing ODSP eligibility and benefits and what  
benefits you may be missing out on**

**FRIDAY May 5, 2017**

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

**2121 CAROLINE STREET, BURLINGTON**

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

**Dinner @ 6pm All Welcome**

Sponsored by:

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**JOSEPH BRANT  
HOSPITAL**

Mental Health Consumer  
Advisory Committee

*Exceptional Leadership  
at Every Level*



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

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

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- the three moves of Moses
- how to have leadership excellence at every level

RSVP Joy Magwood, Adult Faith Ministry Director | 905-634-1849 x 23 | [jmagwood@wsquare.ca](mailto:jmagwood@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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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.

Families: Our GraceLand Faith at Home Family sheets are available for each month's theme that include our weekly scriptures, focus, life application summary and family activities and prayers. Be sure to pick one up from your child's class.

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!**

**MOSES**  
*ON THE MOVE!*

**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  
(7:00 am - closing celebration ceremony for the whole family!)

**SK to Grade 5**  
(Must be 6 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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Take a walk down to the Youth Room to check out the wall mural our awesome youth are working on!



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

On Friday, April 28th (PD Day) Youth Serving Opportunities for Friday Night Community.

For more information on all youth events check out our Facebook group pages and emails.

**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  
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905-634-1849 x21





Light in the Lion's Den (Adventures in Odyssey: Imagination Station)  
by Marianne Hering

With each easy to read chapter book, kids experience an unforgettable journey filled with action-packed adventure. Readers are whisked away with cousins Patrick and Beth to embark on a new journey around the world and back in time. During a lightning storm, the Imagination Station lands Patrick and Beth in the desert in the ancient Middle East. Soldiers escort them to the famed city of Babylon. In the royal court there, Patrick meets King Darius and his wise adviser, Daniel. But Beth must run for her life after insulting a powerful priestess and two scheming advisers. She seeks safety in the palace only to find Patrick and Daniel are now in danger. Who will save them from the jaws of disaster?



Easter is the story of hope. Because Jesus died for all the unGod-like things we have done, we can be forgiven. We can all start anew and hope is offered for all! At Friday Night Community when over 250 people come together, challenges arise. One friend was in tears as the folks at her table decided they did not want to sit with her due to her sexual orientation. One little boy accidentally bumped an adult, which then led to a series of unsettled and angry outbursts. Of course there were the usual grumbings about the container policy, as we continue to try to provide sufficient amounts of food for those struggling with food insecurity. Just before 4:00 prep time the menu had to change, because the broccoli sat out for too long and was beginning to smell. And of course the kitchen was cramped, hot and wet during clean up time. But every week we continue to push forward, implement new container policies, change the set up in the kitchen just slightly and have ongoing conversations with folks about including and caring for one another. Some weeks we do better than others. But we continue to serve even when it is messy and inconvenient, we strive to love others who are different than we are, and work with patience and smiles even when we may not be feeling it. God continues to work in our lives, and Easter reminds us that the many challenges that threaten to overwhelm all of us will be overcome.

**"There is hope in the darkness for all things will be made new."** ~Revelation 21:5

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