

I'VE BEEN THINKING...

...about a story Philip Yancey told. In 1991 he was in the Soviet Union as it collapsed. An army general was ordered by Boris Yeltsin to close down all national, regional and local Communist Party offices.

"Not one party official,' said the general, 'not one person directly affected by the closings protested." Then the general contrasted that to the 70 year campaign to destroy the church and stamp out belief in God. He had never read a Bible, but he had heard about it from his grandmother, and older believers. Now this general and hundreds of thousands more, eagerly sought to read and learn the Christian story.

The Church endures. Across the centuries followers of Jesus have been banned and outlawed, or trivialized and ignored. But the Church endures.

So we're having our 53rd Anniversary, with Rev. Greg Brawn from London here to celebrate and share faith with us. Wellington Square's roots go back to about 1820 when the first Methodist preachers came through the area on horseback. I rejoice for our longevity. (I'm in Niagara, preaching at St.

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ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

April 30, 2017

Acts 6:1-7

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.

Mexico Mission 2017 Info Session
This year we are planning on building a house, as well as exploring other opportunities to connect with, and serve, the local community in Ensenada. Our next trip is planned for Nov. 2017, come learn more in the Pritchard Room after the 9am service on May 7th for a short presentation and Q&A. If you are interested in coming, or you have been before and want to **find out how this year's trip might be different,** please join us! Contact Gwen Vernon, Rob Crawford, or Les & Lindsay Reynolds for more info.

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
Net deficit	\$ (37,213)	\$ -

Hello Faith friends at Wellington Square ...
Here is your invitation to a special
day ... Please mark your
calendar, and plan to experience this
together with me ... *ORV*

Uncovering the Historic Practices of the
Church: Corporate Prayer, Hearing God,
Repentance, and Freedom - Sat. 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. Special guests:
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. **Bring your Bible,
pen, & paper or notebook...**



*This is what the Lord says:
"Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls."*

Watch this introductory video for more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANUITYiRms4>



One of our Malawi partners is coming to
WS in June!!

Rodrick Zalimba, Exec Director of Prison
Fellowship Malawi will be coming to Burlington
June 4-11 on route to PF International training
in Washington DC.

He will be in attendance at both services
Sunday June 11th.

More information will follow on opportunities to
meet with him and hear of the life changing
work of PFM.



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.

SAVE the DATE: MEET & GREET

TOMORROW, 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

Monday Men - meet each Monday @ noon in the McMillan Rm. Please join us for discussion, fellowship and bible study.

Thursday at Seven | *New Series*, Book Study - The Red Letters - The words of Jesus **for today's world** by Tony Campolo. Please contact Bruce: bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca

Thank you to our flower team for beautifying the sanctuary during the Holy season of Easter. It was a magnificent tribute to our God. You ALL are AWESOME!! Thank you - Joy

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 or contact lkasprzyk@wsquare.ca

and szwicker@wsquare.ca



"I AM A CHURCH MEMBER" This *wonderful* little book explains the power of belonging to a church family. If you are considering this, we invite you to join us for a brief discussion together based on this book. Cost of book \$10. Available at the Connection Point. Sunday, May 28 in the McMillan Room, 10:30-11 am.

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

New Small Groups - If you have an idea for a new small group, please see Joy Magwood or contact her at 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.

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

Joseph Brant Hospital Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee

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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

A photograph of a silver kettle on a wooden table. The kettle is the central focus, with its lid slightly ajar. To the right of the kettle is a white bowl filled with cookies. In the foreground, a white cup is partially visible. The background shows a wooden chair with ornate carvings. The text is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

KETTLE'S ON

2nd Monday of the month

drop in 1:30-3:00pm

(September-May)

ALL WELCOME!



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:
Heather Mackey hmackey@wsquare.ca OR
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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, May 7th, Inter-generational Communion and Baptism

Registrations are coming in! Please be sure to get yours in ASAP!

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

\$K 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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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 of each month from 10:30am - 12pm YOUTH RM

Rockpile Special Event:

Wed., May 17 from 7-9pm: Baking making for WS Food Ministry with Julie

Edge (High school)

Meets every 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month from 10:30am - 12pm YOUTH RM

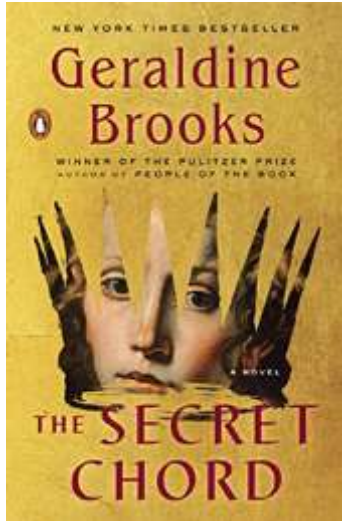
Edge Special Events:

Thurs., May 25 from 6-9pm: Taco Night at The Mackey House!

Wed., May 31 from 7-9pm: Volleyball Night at the Square

Another thanks to a lot of our youth for their help prepping, serving and cleaning at Friday Night Community!!

A BIG thanks to Rhonda Elgersma and Collision Worship for an awesome Youth Worship Night at the Square this past Friday night. So blessed!!



The Secret Chord
by Geraldine Brooks

Get swept away by this fascinating portrayal of **the Bible's King David**. **Geraldine Brooks** brings him to vivid life, exploring his many positive traits, but not shying away from exposing his darker side. King David was a charismatic leader and gifted musician with a deep faith in God. Yet he was also ambitious, power hungry, and violent, doing whatever it took to advance his nation through war and bloodshed. The story is told through the eyes of Nathan the Prophet, covering his childhood, rise to fame, persecution by Saul, long years of kingship, many wives, evil sons, and ending with the anointing of his son Solomon.



Volunteers reach out beyond themselves to be the voice and hands of compassion and hope. By giving our time we are improving the lives of others.

What a wonderful way it was to start National Volunteer Week with an award breakfast to honour our friend Robin Brown, who was selected as Community Volunteer Winner for Burlington. Every week he spends a number of hours setting up dining rooms, picking up and sorting food donations, and cleaning dishes. Robin has had many challenges in his life, which began to turn around when he started serving in the local churches. He grew from a dinner participant with little self-confidence to one working and leading his team with strength. Through volunteering Robin has gained positive mentors, support networks and friends. Although Robin has benefitted greatly from this community support, so many folks in return have been blessed by his unshaken enthusiasm, unfailing commitment and strong work ethic. Robin continues to overcome obstacles in his life that many of us will never have to face, and his commitment and life goal of volunteering in his community continues to keep him moving in a very positive direction. Robin recently shared, **"My life** turned around when I started volunteering at the churches. I was hanging around with some pretty bad people and making dangerous choices. Now my best friends are the people at my work. This is my calling and God **has a purpose for my life."**

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David United's anniversary. Their roots go back to about 1815 – when Methodist circuit riders crossed the Niagara to preach the faith into Upper Canada).

Every anniversary is an achievement worth celebrating. And an opportunity to reflect on 'what's next?'

What's to celebrate this year? Lots... the largest children's ministry in the United Church of Canada, a successful resettling of the Baroody family from Syria, a new 'community garden' being installed, a Christ-centered community that is inviting and invigorating for spiritual seekers, and more...

What's next? This week there were possibilities and planning toward: - a summer-time city-wide Inter-faith picnic\party; hiring musical leadership to support our volunteer worship bands, conversation about a new local outreach ministry with & to seniors, and ongoing preparation and delivery for all the programs and groups (Youth, Vacation Bible Camp, Adult Discipleship groups, etc). And of course, a 53 year old building expects maintenance and upgrades.

So we celebrate – the Church of Jesus Christ endures, outliving cultures and empires. And in our time and in this place, we continue **to live in God's grace, as we serve and share,** in Jesus name.

Peace & Joy to you, *ORVILLE*