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April 9, 2017

I'VE BEEN THINKING...

...we don't have a church Board meeting this coming week. So what? The Board met last week instead. Why? Because the coming days are known as Holy Week, and that is BIG. For followers of Jesus, this week is The most impactful week of the year.

It's a long tradition within the history of the Church. It goes back to the 3rd century, when Roman Emperor Constantine, ordered an abstinence from public business for the seven days immediately preceding Easter Sunday, and also for the seven which followed it.

Our congregation has tried to dial back our 'business meetings' and ramp up our spiritual experiences. So – this week we have a number of special events for worship, learning, and growth. And we join with others on **Jesus' team (Burlington Baptist, & Port Nelson United)**.

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The Dark Week of the Soul

"When they had come near Jerusalem...A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road...shouting 'Hosanna to the Son of David!'"

--Matthew 21:1, 8&9 (NRSV)

"Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, 'Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.'"

--Matthew 26:3-5 (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 | 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.

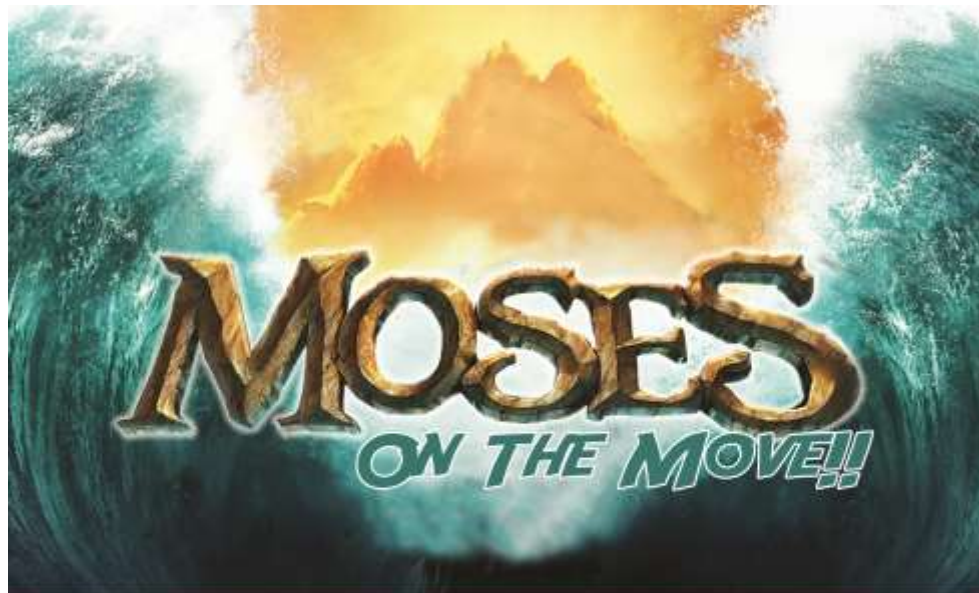
Memorial Flowers | Flowers are placed on the chancel today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Hadcock from Jean Hadcock and Family.

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.

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

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

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.



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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"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!

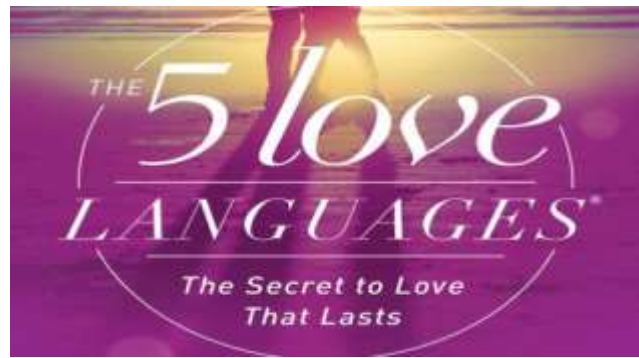
JOYFUL SPIRITS - This small group meets Thursday, April 20th at 7 pm in the Pritchard Room. Discussion & DVD will be on Session 6 of "FOLLOW" by Andy Stanley - "WHAT I WANT TO WANT".

Contact: jmagwood@wsquare.ca

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.

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



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 our home in Burlington every Thursday evening at 7 pm from May 4 to June 8 (except May 18) and will include dinner and an opportunity for discussion. Please see the attached video and links for more information. We hope you will **consider also 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).

We really look forward to spending time with all of you! Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you will be able to be a part of the series (shellbuxtonforan@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.

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



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

*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

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



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 (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

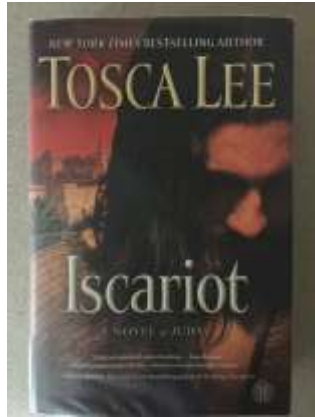
GAME NIGHT - join a bunch of us leaders to play a bunch of youth in some good old fashion Volleyball matches - food will be there and of-course a whole lot of fun. A big thanks to Bob Mulcaster for welding and painting our ancient 40 year old volleyball poles together to be ready for the game night!!

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...





Iscariot
by Tosca Lee

Iscariot is a compelling portrait of biblical **history's most maligned character**—from his tumultuous childhood to his emergence as the man known to the world as the betrayer of Jesus. But even more, it is an extraordinary view into the life of Jesus that forces us to re-examine everything we thought we knew about one of the most famous—and infamous—religious icons in history.



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 if you can give your time or lend your equipment to help with the spring clean up, and Lisa at llunski@wsquare.ca to help with the community garden install on either day. Thank you for your support in caring for our outside space.

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

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Wednesday morning there is a Lenten Breakfast (8:30a.m. @ Port Nelson) with a chance to hear from a farmer, and the director of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank about their life-saving development work. Thursday evening (7:00 @ Port Nelson) there is a quiet prayerful service commemorating the Last Supper that Jesus had with his first disciples. Then Friday morning - two worship opportunities: 9a.m. here (with band), and 11a.m. (at Port Nelson) with massed choirs.

Today is known as Palm Sunday (remembering Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem with crowds cheering him along). This Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday to commemorate the beginning of **Holy Week and Jesus' final agonizing journey** to the cross. The English word *passion* comes from a Latin word that means "to suffer".

I think it's good to slow down and do things a little differently this week. Pause a wee bit and reflect on the gracious love of God, shown in Jesus, who sacrificed himself, and accepted the physical and emotional **suffering that humanity's sinfulness brought** upon him.

We don't beat ourselves up, nor do we wallow in guilt. Rather we slow down enough to think about the historic events of generous self-sacrifice that Jesus went through.

And then with an attitude of gratitude, maybe this week we pray a little more, give something extra, sing and worship and seek **Christ's presence in a special way.**

The Lord be With You, this week and **always... ORVILLE**