



Go into the world.
Go everywhere and announce the
message of God's good news to one
and all.

Mark 16:15



GOOD NEWS!

The Christmas story as told by Luke offers not only good news, but the best news in the world.

The angels told the shepherds, "I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all the people, for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2: 10-11

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 "Welcome" 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.

One Service @ 10am on these dates:
Sunday December 24
Sunday December 31

Christmas Hours | The church will be closed on the following dates:
Monday December 25
Tuesday December 26
Monday January 1st

Givings Envelopes | Envelopes for 2018 are now available for pickup in the foyer on Sunday, or from the office during the week. *Please destroy any of your unused envelopes at the end of 2017 as your number may have changed from the prior year.*

Mitten Tree | is outside the office. We welcome any donations of mittens/gloves, hats and socks.

Bulletin Submissions for December | for Sunday Dec 24th and 31st please send to the office by Tues Dec 19th at 10am.

Christmas Bells

HANDBELL CONCERT



Sunday December 10 • 2:00pm

Wellington Square United Church

2121 Caroline St. Burlington

Christmas Favourites • Sing Along • Refreshments

(there will be a freewill offering to support the Hand Bell Choir)

Footsteps Library

Have you checked out the library tables this month? Our Christmas collection is on full display. Books, novels and classical stories from well known authors like Joyce Meyers, Max Lucado, Karen Kingsbury and many more **as well as Christmas DVDs and lots of children's material.**

We will be closed Sun Dec 24 and 31 so the extended due date starts Sun Dec 10 when items will not be due until the new year Sun Jan 7.



CHRISTMAS JOY, 2017



HOME AND COMMUNITY BUILDING IN MEXICO
DOT GOW'S THERAPY DOLLS
GROWING CROPS FOR FOOD GRAINS
LIFE CHANGING IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN MALAWI
SUPPORTING ORPHANS IN SIERRA LEONE
MEALS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE FOYER

Lessons & Carols



*Our special guest is
Hungarian Soprano
Erzsebet Almassy*



Sunday December 17, 2017

4pm at Wellington Square

Cider and Cookies for all!



Celebrating
THE BIRTH OF
Christ

Join us for Worship

December 3

9 and 11am Communion Services

December 10th at 10am and

2pm for the Handbell Concert

December 17th at 9 and 11am and

at 4pm for Lessons and Carols

December 24th at 10am

December 31st at 10am

Christmas Eve Services

*4:30pm Fun, Interactive service for kids and
their families*

6:00pm Worship with the Band

8:00pm Worship with the Sanctuary Choir

10:00pm Candlelight and Communion



Rockpile Christmas Party @ the Mackey House (Grades 7-8)

Tues Dec 13, 7-9pm

Calling all Rockpilers! Our Christmas Party is this Wednesday night at the Mackey House! Come on out for Christmas cookie decorating (and eating obvi) with our friend Julie, games and even more **food and fun! And if you'd like you have the** option to bring a \$5 unmarked, wrapped gift for our awesomely fun gift swap! Contact Adam privately if finances are an issue as we can cover this cost!

ALL YOUTH: Outreach day - **Christmas Carols at Aldershot Residence** (Grade 7-12)

Sun Dec 17, 2:30-4:30pm

Calling ALL YOUTH! We need your voices! Jesus calls us to go out and serve all year round and at Christmas there are many people who could use **some brightening up. It isn't an easy season for** everyone so Adam is rallying our youth to come out for this great chance to pour out love and joy to our friends at Aldershot Residence. Come and join Tim Watson, Dee Glover, Hannah Mackey and Adam as we head to the retirement home to sing carols at 530 Plains Road East in Burlington! We will meet and get picked up at Aldershot Residence.

Adam Cresswell our Interim Youth Ministry Director holds for office hours by appointment Tuesdays 3-5pm. Feel free to send him an e-mail if you'd like to meet: acresswell@wsquare.ca



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

Participant Forms are required every year for children and youth to ensure safety for all. 2017/18 forms have been mailed to each family to complete and return to our GraceLand Reception Area.

GraceLand Advent Activity Bags are available for pickup. They include an Advent calendar, activities to do each day, glue stick and candy cane during the season of Advent. If you have not received a bag, please ask your **child's GraceLand Leader for one.**

Christmas Themes:

Dec 3: The Christmas Story brings us hope

Dec 10: Go tell it on the Mountain

Dec 17: Jesus warms my Heart

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services (*10am, 4:30pm, 6pm, 8pm 10pm*)

Dec 31: The Little Drummer Boy (*Movie and Activities*) (*10am*)

Spread the JOY of Jesus to others!!





"Better Together"

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

Matthew 18:20

Vision | to have every person in a healthy small group.

Mission | To live out the GREAT COMMANDMENT (Matt. 22: 37-39) and the GREAT COMMISSION (Matt. 28: 19-20).

NOW AVAILABLE: **"THE CASE FOR CHRISTMAS"** by Lee Strobel. A

wonderful little book that investigates the facts behind Luke 2:8-18. Copies available at the CONNECTION TABLE. If able, please contribute a loonie or a toonie to help cover the cost.



NEW TO OUR CHURCH:

We encourage you to fill out our WELCOME CARD that is in the pews. Please leave it in the CONNECT/RECONNECT box located at each entrance to our sanctuary or bring it to our CONNECTION POINT table after worship service. As a THANK-YOU, we would like you to **receive the little book by Andy Stanley "How Good is Good Enough?"**

FLOWER SMALL GROUP: THANK YOU to Carol Couse & her team (Rene Kraus, Ruth Couldrey, Judy Sovran, Barb Hurst, Carol Braley) for beautifying God's Sanctuary for this HOLY SEASON! It truly does MAGNIFY HIS GREAT NAME!!! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY: **"ADVENT CONSPIRACY"** – **"CAN CHRISTMAS CHANGE THE WORLD?"** A DVD study that shows you how to substitute consumption with compassion by practicing four simple, but powerful, countercultural concepts.

WHEN: Tues, Dec. 12th@ 2-3:30pm in the Pritchard Room
Team Facilitators:

Joy Magwood & Ana Walber
OR

Tues, Dec. 12th@
7-8:30pm in the Pritchard Room

Team Facilitators: Dee Glover, Gary & Alison Brown. Sign up at the Connection Point Table or Contact jmagwood@wsquare.ca or garybrown@wsquare.ca.

If you wish to have a book to follow along with this DVD study, there are a limited number available for \$15.



Joyful Spirits: Our CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION will be Thursday, December 14th at 6pm in the PRITCHARD ROOM. POTLUCK: Please bring your favourite dish.

THURSDAY AT 7: *New Series* Advent Conspiracy - "Can Christmas Still Change The World". Book and DVD study starting Nov 30th. Please contact Bruce for more information. bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca

GROUP LEADERS: If you would like to use the SPIRITUAL ASSESSMENT TOOL for members of your group, copies are available at the CONNECTION POINT or please see Joy.

"Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular check-ups....Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it." 2 Corinthians 13:5 (The Message)



We have so much to celebrate as over 80 ladies joined us this past Saturday to worship together, hear a message of hope, make a fun Christmas centre piece and share a delicious meal. It was an opportunity for our Friday Night Community women to grow together in a safe and caring space. We appreciate those who contributed in so many ways to making this happen. For some it was their first time at such an event, and they came with trepidation about what to expect. A few had never been to anything faith based before, and others **couldn't wait to return to hear another of Rhonda's messages of hope. One young woman** who is recently separated shared that this was the first thing she has done for herself in a very long time. Another opened up at **lunch about how she hadn't believed, but after** the morning message something stirred in her, and she knows there is a God. She will be sure to keep coming on Fridays to plug into a faith based community of friendship and love.

Most Needed Items:

- *hotel sized shampoo, body wash, etc.
- *holiday candy for Christmas tables
- *decaf coffee
- *snacks for children's lunch bags**
- *yogurt and sour cream sized containers
- *salad bar toppings (beets, olives, pickles..)
- *gently used, clean larger winter coats
- *gently used winter boots, hats & gloves
- *tool kits for new families (hammer, screw drivers, measuring tape, etc.)

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



CHRISTMAS JOY

As you may have noticed, we have changed our name and our logo. We have moved from **"Outreach" to "Reaching Out" because "Reaching Out" seems to be a more active way** to describe what we are trying to accomplish, as we continually seek ways to make a difference. We invite you to visit us today in the foyer to learn more about our various initiatives, both here and in other countries. We have had a busy and successful year and we encourage you to pick up a newsletter to read about our recent mission trip to Mexico, the irrigation project in Malawi, sponsorship of orphans in Sierra Leone, our contributions to alleviating hunger through Canadian Food Grains Bank and the long standing Dot Gow group who continue to sew therapy dolls for children in the hospital. Your generosity makes these missions possible; hope to see you in the foyer today, to see the progress that is being made and how your ongoing support makes such a difference in the lives of so many people.

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