

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

We are Christians. Christ was the ultimate servant. We can't help but serve because the Spirit of the servant has filled our hearts. When we serve, we are just being who we naturally are.

Steve Sjogren

It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all...

Galatians 6:9&10

This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good deeds.

Titus 3:8

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The Volunteer Revolution

"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life."

--I Timothy 6:18-19 (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, **no-body'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.

Staff Notes | Rev. Orville James will be away Feb 13-21st. Rev. Katie Southon is available during this time for any pastoral needs.

Givings Envelopes | Envelopes for 2017 are now available for pickup in the office. *Please destroy any of your unused envelopes at the end of 2016 as your number may have changed from the prior year.*

Fellowship Lunches 2017:

February 19th	March 19th
April 23rd	May 28th
October 15th	November 19th

Please join us on Sunday, February 19th after the 11am 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.

Annual General Meeting | Please join us for our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday February 22nd. Coffee at 6:30pm, meeting begins at 7pm.

From Outreach | *Thank you* to everyone who supported our Trivia Mind Meld. It was a terrific night of fun and fellowship with the proceeds going to our African projects.

happenings cont.

Community Garden Initiative |

A 'community garden' is a powerful tool to help to build our families and neighbourhoods.

Community gardens have ecological, social, nutritional and economic benefits. For us at Wellington Square, a garden would improve community relationships and community building. Those who do not have access to a growing space of their own could benefit from enjoying fresh food that they plant and tend to themselves. Food knowledge would increase as people gain an understanding of growing, harvesting and cooking. Those who participate in its care would have an increase in their physical activity level and improved mental health, as they work towards a goal and take pride in the end results. A community garden at Wellington Square would be a valuable place and space for people to get to know one another and build a sense of community and belonging.

We are looking for folks interested in the planning, implementing or care for a Community Garden here at Wellington Square. We would also benefit from connections for purchasing materials for a garden.

For more information please contact:
llunski@wsquare.ca

Help Wanted at the 11am Service | Greeters, ushers and servers for Communion needed. If you would be able to greet at the door, take collection, and/or serve Communion, your help would be much appreciated. Please see Joyce Pearson or Karen Guyatt, or leave your name and contact information with the office and we will contact you. Thank you.



Friends enjoyed our Chinese New Year celebration meal of traditional dumplings, spring rolls, fried rice and vegetables this past Friday. Folks come together from many different cultures, faith groups, and backgrounds **to share a meal and enjoy each other's company.** The Friday Night Community is only one place we continue to need reminders to practice tolerance, kindness and peace. We are fortunate to have knowledgeable speakers come to present at our monthly Mental Health Information sessions. These valuable resources help us to understand, accept and support friends who are faced with challenging mental illnesses. We strive to walk beside and support folks from all intellectual abilities, and appreciate the blessings they bring to our community.

"Isn't it amazing that we are all made in God's image, and yet there is so much diversity among his people?"

~Desmond Tutu

Most needed items:

- *snacks for children's lunches
- *salad bar toppings
- *twin, double, queen duvet/sheets (newer)
- *crib (meeting safety requirements)
- *gently used/newer pull out couch
- *twin head & footboard for 8 year old girl
- *double bed & mattress (gently used)
- *boys clothes 2t-5, boots size 2
- *girls' underwear size 6
- *men's large underwear (including long)
- *men's & women's track pants
- *men's jeans size 34-32
- *men's slip on all weather boots size 11

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca

Board Nominee Bios

Greg Buxton-Forman



Shelley and I are excited to have found our church family and fellowship at Wellington Square. I was first introduced to Wellington Square by Peter and Rene Kraus (my amazing in-laws) in 2009 when I was still living in Toronto. In August 2012, Shelley and I were blessed to have Katie marry us. Two years ago we moved to Burlington, allowing us to continue our faith journey and invest in the amazing community at Wellington Square. Since joining, we have been fortunate to be involved in **some of the smalls groups, including the "Guardrails" series, "Staying in Love" series and the current Alpha course.** We are also a part of the incredible Graceland team, where I help with the Grade 4 and Grade 5 Class and Shelley helps with the Grade 1 and Grade 2 Class. The Graceland leaders and children have truly enriched our lives.

Originally from South Africa, my family and I immigrated and settled in Oakville in 1996 braving the freezing Canadian winters. I obtained my Bachelor of Commerce degree from McGill University followed by my Chartered Accountant designation while working at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in Toronto. I recently returned to PwC as a Senior Manager in the Audit and Assurance practice in Oakville after a few years working in industry at various private and public companies. I am passionate about all sports including tennis, rugby, golf, hockey (Leafs, not Red Wings), basketball and ultimate frisbee.

It would be an honour to serve as a member of the Board and I am looking forward to becoming more involved in the Wellington Square family!

Tony Wilson

Wellington Square became our church home in August 1999, when it was recommended to us by difference folks in London ON as "the place to check out" when we relocated. We vividly remember the reception received that first Sunday and didn't bother looking anywhere else. Our two sons fell in love with the place instantly and enjoyed active participation in the Youth Group during the early 2000's. My wife Janet, became active with Footsteps Library in 2001 and is still active as a volunteer in that ministry today. I retired 4 years ago after an enjoyable 25 year career in Student Transportation, 18 of those years in the lead Finance role, the last 7 in a VP-Operations role. Today I stay active in various volunteer roles driving one day a week for the Red Cross Meals on Wheels program and staying close to my Finance roots as Treasurer for both Ministry in Motion and Cruxifusion, the latter a registered charity whose focus is to support, inspire, and connect Christ-centered leaders and congregations in the United Church of Canada. I have also been active within Wellington Square most of the 16 years in various roles serving on the Stewardship Team from 2004 to 2014. I've led small groups in Financial Peace University and the CAP Money course for 6+ years. I have also volunteered behind the scenes providing the Board and Finance Team with an analysis of Wellington Square givings patterns and trends for 7 years now and will continue to do so in the future. I am blessed to be considered a candidate for service on the Wellington Square Board and will serve to the best of my ability in whatever fashion God and the Board chooses to use me.





GraceLand provides a FUN, SAFE and FRIENDLY place where we learn about God's love and how to shine His light every-day. Nursery to Grade 6. Sunday's at 9am.

Sign-in/out procedures are important for us to follow to ensure safety for all children and leaders. Pager systems are available to provide extra comfort and ease for families.

January to February Themes:
We are teaching children about the Ten Commandments God gave to His people to obey and follow. Unpacking these scripture commandments in relevant ways helps children understand how to live a life of freedom, love and safe keeping.

Creative Art Ministries:
GraceLand Dancers JK&up meet Sundays from 10:30-11am in the gr. 1/2 class (last day for start up)
GraceLand Band Practice will be on Sun. Feb. 26th from 10:30-11:30am
GraceLand Drama for gr. 5 & up ages will meet today in the gr. 3 class



An Update from Spence

Friends,

If you were thinking that you haven't seen me in a while - you'd be right.

Around January 20th I injured my back and have been struggling with managing the pain, sleeping and healing the damage that was done. I am being well cared for by Jody and the kids, our doctor, a chiropractor and a physiotherapist, but I am an **impatient patient and can't wait to get back** to my church family and the ministry I love.

I am so very thankful for my supportive colleagues (special thanks to Heather Mackey for stepping up to help out in my absence); for Heather Germain and the entire M&P team; and for all your kind words and prayers.

Details regarding Confirmation will be provided soon – thank you for your patience.

I'll be back!

Spence

An Opportunity for Young Adults

I'm looking to gather a group of young adults (late high school to mid-twenties) to work through a new small group curriculum on vocational discernment – faithfully figuring out the direction for our lives. This group will explore resources for making big life decisions (career, relationships, and more). Please contact me to learn more.



"Making Rows into Circles"

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among 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.

Dot Gow Therapy Doll Workshop | meets on Thursday, 9:30am-2:30pm in the Pritchard Room. All are welcome!

Monday Men | Lunch and discussion on topics that influence Christianity. Mondays 12noon-1:30@WS Contact: Ross Patterson rosspat@wsquare.ca

Kettles on Tea | Please join us Monday Feb. 13 from 1:30-3:00pm in the Pritchard Room for our afternoon tea. All are welcome.

Joyful Spirits | Our next gathering is Thurs. February 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Pritchard Room. Please be prepared to discuss Session **#4 of Andy Stanley's "Follow"**.

Contact: Joy Magwood
jmagwood@wsquare.ca

Thursday at Seven | *New Series*, Book Study - *Is This The End?* by Dr. David Jeremiah. Please contact Bruce: bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca

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: March 21st. Watch bulletin for sign up details.



SAVE the DATES:
(Details to follow at a later date)
MEET & GREET Monday, May 1st @ 7pm in the Pritchard Room
DISCIPLESHIP CAFÉ Please Note: New Date Saturday, April 29th @ 10am - noon in the Pritchard Room

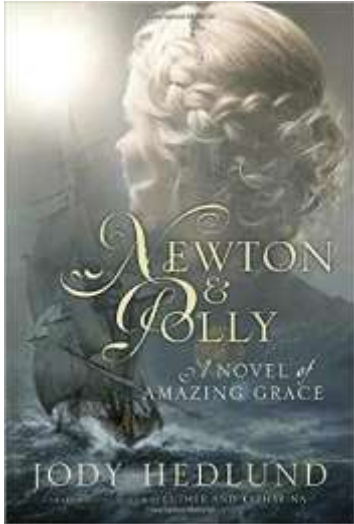
...Jesus Calling devotional now available again at the Connection Point (\$11).

Small Groups | If you would like to start a small group or have an idea for a small group, please contact Joy. jmagwood@wsquare.ca

For a complete listing of small groups this winter, see the brochure in the foyer or go to www.wsquare.ca



Footsteps Library



Newton & Polly: A Novel of Amazing Grace
By Jody Hedlund

A very moving account of one man's epic journey from doubt and despair into a world of radiant faith. This book about John Newton author of the hymn Amazing Grace is extremely well researched, illuminating this untold love story with genuine humour and rich historical detail. You will see this world renowned hymn from its real perspective.



Outreach

GOOD NEWS! It's gone to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank! The "It" is the approximately \$16,000 in donations from supporters here at Wellington Square. A humble "Thank you" from the CFGB.

MORE GOOD NEWS! The Canadian government will continue the 4:1 funding formula with the CFGB for another five years. This means of course that the \$16,000 in donated monies is now worth \$64,000! This is a vote of confidence in the effectiveness of the CFGB in the war against global hunger.

All this and over 100 post cards too as we appeal to the Canadian Government to support the small scale farmer. This is the Good Soil campaign through the CFGB. Can we imagine a world without hunger? The support here at Wellington Square is moving us closer to the realization of this vision. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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*In the same way, let your light shine
before men, that they may see your good
deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

But as for you, brethren, do not grow
weary of doing good.

2Thessalonians 3:13

*And let us consider how we may spur one
another on toward love and good deeds.*

Hebrews 10:24

THE SHACK - 'Where Eternity Confronts Tragedy'

An opportunity to read & discuss the most
impactful novel of the last decade (Over 10
Million copies sold, and 70 weeks on the NY-
Times best-seller list).

Beginning March 2nd, Orville will lead a 3
week encounter with the book that led
Wynonna Judd to say "this story has blown
the door wide open to my soul."

Come Thursdays, either 1:30p.m or
7:15p.m to deepen your understanding of
God, and how our faith can shape and
restore our lives despite hardship and
loss. Sign up at 'The Connection Point'
table. New copies will be available for \$15;
*However - Special request: We used 'The
Shack' 6 years ago. If you still have a copy of
the book and might loan it to someone,
please put your name inside, and bring it to
the church.*