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## Learning to Love Better

**"Darkness cannot drive out darkness. Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that"**

—Martin Luther King

**"No one is born hating another because of colour of their skin, background or religion. One must learn to hate. Someone has to teach you to hate and if people can learn to hate, they can learn to love."**

—Nelson Mandela

# 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

## *Today at 9am we celebrate the Dedication and Blessing of*

Harriet Peters  
Child of Roderick and Amy Peters

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.

## Fellowship Lunches 2017:

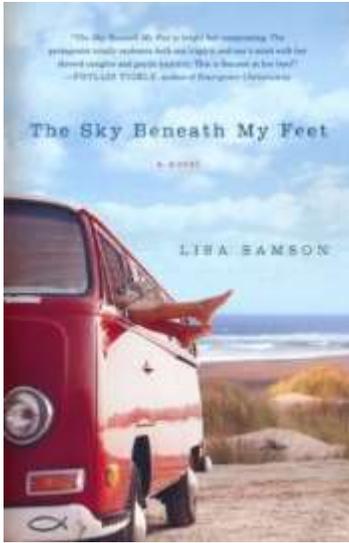
February 19th    March 19th  
April 23rd        May 28th  
October 15th    November 19th

Please join us on today 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. Annual Reports are available today in the foyer.

## Footsteps Library



The Sky Beneath My Feet  
By Lisa Samson

**Beth's husband won't be joining the family on vacation at the beach this year. He's not even joining them in the house. Instead, Rick has holed up alone in the backyard shed. Nobody knows exactly what he's up to. Maybe he's immersing himself in prayer. Maybe he's lost his mind. Maybe he's even the modern-day prophet of the saint the neighbourhood artist imagines him to be. But while "St. Rick" waits for an epiphany Beth will have to figure out what to do with herself and their teenage sons, possibly for the rest of her life.**

## 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!



### Making Rows into Circles"

*For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them"*

Matthew 18:20

Discipleship Café: Saturday April 29

Time: 10am-noon (**Marg's marvelous 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

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: We are offering this study Tuesdays, March 21, 28th & April 4th at 2pm or 7pm in the Pritchard Room.

Sign up at the Connection Point Table.



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.*

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

SAVE the DATE: MEET & GREET Monday, May 1st @ 7pm in the Pritchard Room (Details to follow at a later date)

Connection Point 9am and 11am Teams (greeters, ushers, team leaders, offering team) please meet with Joy on Sunday March 5 at 10:30am in the McMillan Room.

For a complete listing of small groups this winter, see the brochure in the foyer or go to [www.wsquare.ca](http://www.wsquare.ca)

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

## happenings cont.

Calling all interested singers (The Mob) to contact Juanita if they would like to participate in a dramatic musical excerpt of Jesus Christ Superstar (Hosanna and This Jesus Must Die) to be presented on Palm Sunday (April 9) at both services with full band, and special guest Frederick Bruce Owens as Caiaphas



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uo81UqO54dg>

You may reach Juanita at [jmaldonado@wsquare.ca](mailto:jmaldonado@wsquare.ca).

If you have questions, please call Juanita at 289-440-1623.

Rehearsals will begin in March 2017.

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.

Givings Envelopes | Envelopes for 2017 are now available for pickup in the office and in the foyer this morning.

*Please destroy any of your unused envelopes at the end of 2016 as your number may have changed from the prior year.*

## Friday Community

The Friday Night Community would not be possible without the generosity and servant hearts of so many. Folks share their gifts and talents throughout the day and evening on Friday, as well as provide generous financial support, food and lunch snack donations, empty yogurt and sour cream containers, the much needed clothing and household items, and prayers. One young boy in Grade 2 asked his Mom how he could make a difference to those he had heard about who come through our doors every week. He decided he would like to make 'balloon flower bracelets' and bring them to the Valentine's Day dinner. He set a high precedent in wanting to make one for every friend, but when he realized that would mean 250 bracelets which would take more than 7 hours to make, he agreed to making them for the 50 children. Adrian arrived this past Friday with a big bag full of fun and vibrant coloured flower bracelets for all to enjoy. The children wore them on their wrists, in their ponytails and on top of their heads. Not only was it a special gesture that brought happiness to those who received one, it reminds us that regardless of our age and abilities, we can all find a way to share our gifts and let others know that they matter.

### **Most needed items:**

- \*snacks for children's lunches
  - \*salad bar toppings
  - \*twin, double, queen duvet/sheets (newer)
  - \*gently used/newer pull out couch
  - \*double bed & mattress (gently used)
  - \*boys clothes 2t-5, men's boots 11 and up
- For information contact: [fnc@wsquare.ca](mailto: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.

February Theme:

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 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

GraceLand Needs: Gently used, washed socks (preferably, white tube socks)



## Youth Ministry

An Update from Spence

Friends,

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

Around January 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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