

**"Ours is a shallow and selfish age, and we are in need of conversion - from looking out just for ourselves to also looking out for another...Christianity is not a religion that gives some people a ticket to heaven, and then lets them be judgmental of all others.**

**Rather, it's a call to a relationship (with God) that changes all our other relationships."**

*from 'On God's Side', by Jim Wallis*

**"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."**

*James 1:27*

**"Our highest self-conception needs to be redefined from 'I think, therefore I am' to 'I care, therefore I am; I hope, therefore I am; I imagine, therefore I am; I am ethical, therefore I am; I have a purpose, therefore I am; I pause and reflect, therefore I am.'"**

**"Machines can be programmed to do the next thing right. But only humans can do the next right thing."**

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January 22, 2017

## Five Habits for Living Well: The Requirements of the Lord

*"He has showed you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you but to  
do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk  
humbly with your God?"*

--Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

The Hebrew word for kindness is *HESED*. It is **something translated as 'steadfast love'...** This is meant to be a part of the daily rhythm of our lives. We are meant to look around, to pay attention, and to stop to help the one in need. **We're meant to invest in the communities** around us and by our deeds, to bless and lift other up...

# 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,

Please join us at 10:45 am next Sunday January 29th when the Singing Strummers will be leading a sing-a-long of old familiar songs.

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:

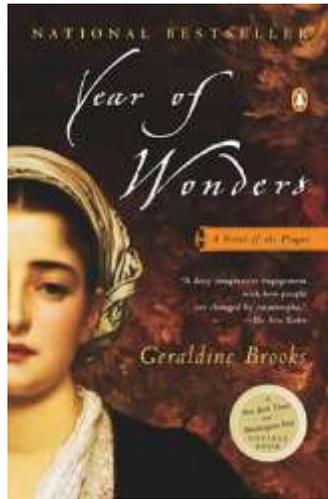
February 19th	March 19th
April 23rd	May 28th
October 15th	November 19th

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.

Circle of Friends | meets at noon hour on Wednesdays at Burlington Baptist Church. Socially-isolated older adults meet with volunteers for a hot meal, get to know other older adults, have some fun and receive information about our community. Volunteers are needed to drive these folks to the meetings. Please call Mae Radford at 905 333-4065 or email at [maeradford@gmail.com](mailto:maeradford@gmail.com)

The logo for Footsteps Library features a close-up, slightly blurred image of an open book's pages, with the text "Footsteps Library" overlaid in a white, serif font.

Footsteps Library



Year of Wonders

by Geraldine Brooks

Inspired by a true story, Year of Wonders is a hopeful, lyrically written novel by Pulitzer Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks. When the plague arrives in a small mining village in the English countryside in 1665, the inhabitants agree to a self-imposed quarantine to curb the spread of the disease. Anna Frith, a housemaid, together with the rector and his wife, give of themselves to nurse the sick and support the survivors. They research and administer herbal medicines, cook meals, dig graves, provide spiritual counselling, and even work in the mines. During this horrifying year, two thirds of the population succumb to the plague. As the townspeople struggle with loss and despair, they illustrate different ways that faith, relationships, and the established social order can be affected by tragedy.

The logo for Friday Community features a close-up image of a silver fork and knife resting on a yellow napkin, with the text "Friday Community" overlaid in a white, serif font.

Friday Community

We received a note of thanks from one of our younger volunteers who recently joined the Friday Night team. She comes with enthusiasm and pours out her love and patience when interacting with the children. "Thank you so much for allowing me to join this wonderful Friday Night Community. It has been truly a blessing to do this and meet everyone that is currently impacting **my life so positively.**"

This is an important reminder that although we impact the lives of so many folks who come through our doors, at the same time we also grow and stretch ourselves as our hearts continue to soften when serving and caring for others.

Our information session by the Canadian Mental Health Association and Behavioral Supports Ontario provided important information about how we can support our senior friends and loved ones who are struggling with cognitive impairment. We look forward **to next month's presentation which will** cover both Dementia and Alzheimers, from initial symptoms to ongoing care.

Most needed items:

**\*snacks for children's lunches**

\*salad bar toppings

\*lemonade & ice tea crystals

\*larger sizes of adult winter boots

\*single and double bed with duvet/sheets

\*gently used/newer couch

\*boys clothes 2t-5, boots 11, coat size 5

\*adult winter coats sizes 3x & 4x

**\*men's underwear (new) sizes XL and larger**

**\*womens' boots size 6,8, men's size 10,11**

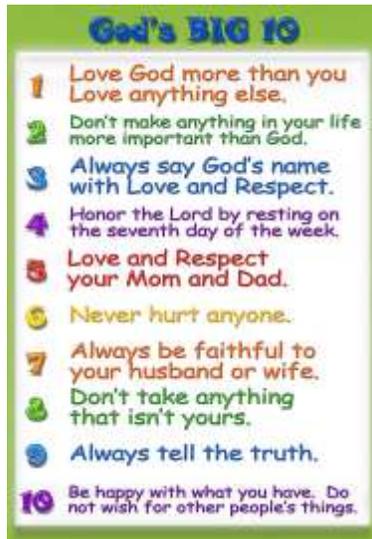
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GraceLand provides a FUN, SAFE and FRIENDLY place where we learn about God's love and how to shine His light everyday.  
**Nursery to Grade 6. Sunday's at 9am.**

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.



## Confirmation

We will be providing an opportunity for our young people to make a profession of faith in the late spring. Prior to Confirmation Sunday will meet together to explore and enrich our faith in preparation for this important milestone. **We'd love to have the names of any young people (Grade 7 and up) considering Confirmation this year.**

## 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. Please contact me for more information.

## Website and Facebook

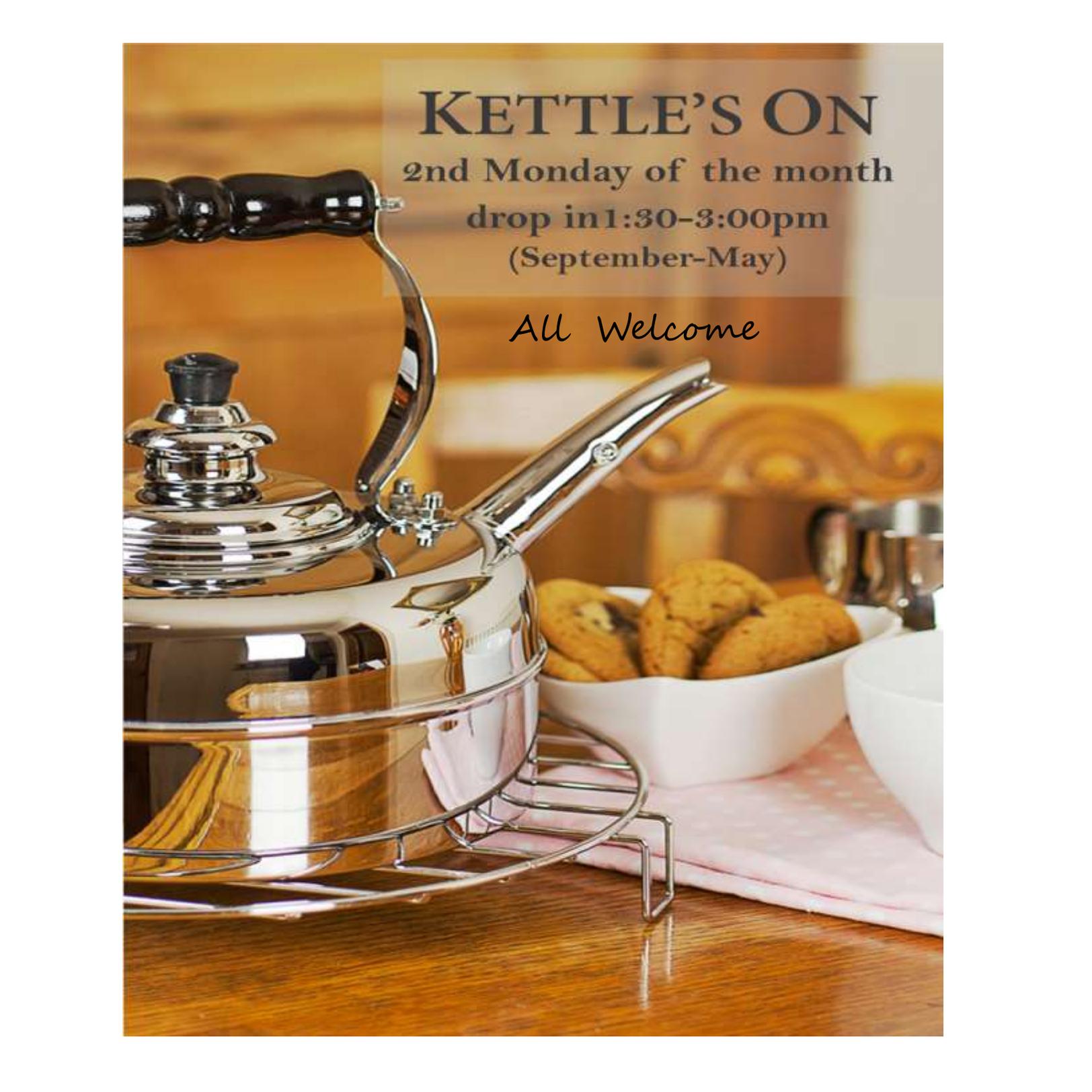
Please visit the youth ministry page on our website ([www.wsquare.ca/youth](http://www.wsquare.ca/youth)) to see updates about what's happening for young people (Grades 7 - 12). You will also find links there to join our Facebook groups for where we post reminders for upcoming events.

## Upcoming Youth Events @ WSquare:

Wednesday, January 25, 7 – 8:30 PM  
Rockpile (Grade 7/8 Youth)

If you have any questions, or would just like to **connect, please contact me. I'd love to hear from you!**

Spence

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 background, there is a yellow chair and a white cup. The text is overlaid on the top right of the image.

**KETTLE'S ON**  
2nd Monday of the month  
drop in 1:30-3:00pm  
(September-May)

*All Welcome*



### **"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 | meets every Thursday, 9:30am-2pm in the Pritchard Room. Newcomers are most 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 | a 3 week study on Tuesdays. Start date: March 21st. Watch bulletin for details or see Joy at the Connection Point table.

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](http://www.wsquare.ca)



Wellington Square United Church  
Presents:

## A Mind-Meld Trivia Night!

Help us raise money for our African  
Outreach Programs.

Date: Saturday, February 4th, 6:30  
p.m.

Teams of Six  
Bring you own Snacks

Tickets: \$20 each or \$100 per Team,  
available at the Church Office

Door Prizes, Team and Individual  
Prizes!

For more information contact:  
Dee Glover  
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(905) 639-3623



## Outreach

### Malawi Mission

Welcome back to Helen and Paul Jones of Emmanuel International, in Malawi. The Jones have faithfully led the E.I, Malawi organization for 30 years.

EI Malawi is built on the Biblical command to care for the least of the least. They are dedicated to meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the people through their programs and sustainable solutions that provide clean water, empower communities, and train church leaders, endeavoring to change lives, for now and eternity.

EI Malawi has grown from a handful of people passionate to serve God to well over 150 national staff from various professional backgrounds - agriculture, administration, community nutrition, education, finance, public health, and theology. Together they work to serve God and the communities in various Relief and Development Projects and Church Link Programs.

Since 2006, Wellington Square has partnered with E.I. in various ways including prayerful and financial support for a number of projects: clean water, irrigation, food relief, seeds, fertilizer, church registration, Bibles, mosquito nets, Village Savings and Loans. EI also facilitates our donations to our other Malawian partners, **PS Moses 'Word of Grace Church' and Prison Fellowship.**

During 4 of 5 missions the teams have visited with the Jones, met EI staff, visited communities and projects learning from and encouraging each other.

So Welcome, and *Zikomo Kwambiri* (Thank you very much) Helen and Paul. Church family, come meet our friends after the service!

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In The Coming Weeks...

Jan 29th Generosity

Feb 5th The Most Important  
Commandment of All