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January 8, 2017

5 Habits for Living Well

In real life, we're not always dealt the perfect hand. Relationships, careers and finances can all complicate life, leaving us unsettled, frustrated, empty and exhausted. We ask ourselves, "Is this it?" and wonder how to play the hand in life that we've been dealt.

What if you could turn the life you have into the life you want? What if you could be more meaningful and filled with real joy? What if you could develop habits that would make every day of your life better? A series of messages that explore five important lessons the Bible teaches us about living well and experiencing real joy.

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Five Habits for Living Well: The Gold Standard

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If any one strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

--Luke 6:27-31

happenings

Today at 11 am we celebrate the Baptism and Blessing of Cadan McAlister Garneau, child of Robert Garneau and Aspen Dash.

Communion Sunday Collection for the Crisis Care Fund | Today we invite you to contribute to our Crisis Care Fund - a vital resource used with prayerful discernment by your ministry team. It allows us to provide care and hope for those in our wider community as they **cope with some of life's harshest realities**. Our prayer is for a day when such a fund will have no use...and we pray, until that day arrives, you will continue to contribute generously.

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.

From Finance | After many years of volunteering week in and week out, our Elizabeth Talbot is retiring from our counting team. Thank you Elizabeth for giving so much of your time, your attention to detail and your cheery outlook! **We'll miss you in the counting room, but we're all grateful that you'll still be around the Square helping out where you're needed! Thank you so very much!!**

Givings Envelopes | Envelopes for 2017 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 2016 as your number may have changed from the prior year.*

Fellowship Lunch | Please join us on Jan 15th after the 11 am service. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door.

Daily Bible Readings | The Daily Bible Reading Guide for 2017 is now available. Please pick up a copy from the Brochure Stand in the foyer or the office.

Joseph Brant Hospital Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee

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Friday January 13, 2017
Friday Night Speakers Series

*CMHA and Behavioural Supports Ontario
Providing Information and Access for Older Adults
Families and Caregivers*

BSO Connect 1-800-810-0000

*Information and referral service for Older Adults with cognitive
impairment due to mental health, addictions, dementia, or
other neurological conditions exhibiting challenging behaviours.*

FRIDAY January 13, 2016

**PRITCHARD ROOM, WELLINGTON SQ. UNITED CHURCH
2121 CAROLINE STREET, BURLINGTON**

Speaker at 7PM to 8:30PM

Dinner @ 6pm All Welcome

Sponsored by:

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**BURLINGTON
FOUNDATION**

**JOSEPH BRANT
HOSPITAL
Consumers Advisory
Committee**



"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.

Alpha: Save the dates!!!

Saturday Mornings Jan 14 - Feb 28,
8:30 - 11:45 am

Everyone has questions about the Christian Faith!

Alpha gives you a platform to ask, learn, fellowship, eat, and laugh in a safe and welcoming small group environment!!!

New series!!! Excellent teaching!!!

Sign up in the coming weeks, beginning today!

Invite your family, friends, neighbours!

Contact: fgray@wsquare.ca

ADVENT STUDY: BECAUSE of BETHLEHEM - LOVE IS BORN! HOPE IS HERE! Thank you to all those who took the **time to attend our Advent Study "BECAUSE of BETHLEHEM". A special thank-you** also to Katie, Orville & Spencer for co-facilitating this study. **Trusting that God's presence touched you during this study & may His presence be**

evident in our lives! May we strive to live in an **"IMMANUEL" world! New Year's Blessings** to you all. Joy

Dot Gow | meets every Thursday, 9:30am-2pm in the Pritchard Room.

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 Jan 9 from 1:30-3:00pm in the Pritchard Room for our afternoon tea. All are welcome

Joyful Spirits | Our next gathering will be Thursday, January 19, 2017 in the Pritchard Room at 7:00pm. **Session #3 "Fearless" of the Andy Stanley Study "Follow". Contact:** Joy Magwood jmagwood@wsquare.ca

THANK YOU to our small group of faithful ladies who decorate the sanctuary to celebrate our special HOLY DAYS! You glorified God in a most beautiful way for the Christmas season! You are greatly appreciated!

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

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



Footsteps Library



The Kingdom of Thrim: by Jan Cox

Yoj is a happy and very successful, creative doll maker in the Kingdom of Thrim. He begins every day thanking God for this unique gift and his happy life in Thrim where he declares he is fabulous and full of life every day! One day Yoj is tempted by fame and fortune to move away forgetting to ask God if this was His will for him. Things do not turn out as expected for Yoj but as he returns to listening to God as he prays not only does his life change but the lives of those **around him. Children's activities are included in this award winning, creative and thoughtful book.**



Tadeo Turtle: by Jan Cox
In this award winning rhyming story of Tadeo (tahd-ay-oh) Turtle, children read how Tadeo longs to climb trees and jump in leaves like his friend Sammy Squirrel. As

the story develops, Tadeo realizes God made him **perfectly just as he is!** Jan's illustrations are delightful and colourful. The book includes 4 different turtle crafts as well as Turtle Research for the curious child who wants to know more about the life of turtles. On her website: www.janiscox.com you will find a curriculum to accompany this story.



Author and Illustrator Jan Cox was a member of WSUC before moving with her husband Wayne to Haliburton, Ontario a number of years ago where she took up painting and writing. As a follower of Jesus, Jan writes, blogs and podcasts about how believers can grow through

studying God's word.



Friday Community

As we celebrated the New Year with our friends at the Friday Night Community, we were reminded of all that has happened. New friendships have formed and people have supported one another through illness, homelessness, financial loss and family dysfunction. We have also been blessed to walk with friends in their physical and mental healing, addiction recovery, new jobs opportunities and family additions. Some folks never miss a dinner, and others come for a season or time when they need a community of people who care. Our children continue to grow together and love connecting in through crafts, stories and sharing fun times. Over the last 7 years we have watched children grow from babies and toddlers to older children and young teens. It is so amazing to see the friendships and support that have continued to flourish outside of Fridays. Last month we were blessed to join together, laugh, share and grow in faith with over 60 wonderful women at our Friday Night Community Ladies' Brunch. We have shared resources, made connections and offered very informative mental health information speakers. New volunteers have come through our doors, and our hope is that hearts have opened and lives have been touched by serving and sharing a meal together. Thank you to all who helped to make the New Year's celebration dinner and raffle such a success.

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



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 8. Sunday's** at 9am.

January Themes: The Big 10

Jan 8 - Worship one God, Do not worship idols

Jan 15 - Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God

Jan 22 - Keep the Sabbath day holy

Jan 29 - Honour your mother and Father

February Themes:

The Ten Commandments continued

Sign-in/our procedures: It is important for children to be signed-in and out. This is necessary in order to promote safety for all.

Inter generational communion: For selected Sundays throughout the year, GraceLand children will join their parents for the beginning of worship and communion before going to GraceLand. For parents with children nursery and toddler ages, parents can choose the option of having their wee one join them for communion or signing their wee one into GraceLand at the start. May this special time of inter generational communion be a reminder of what Christ did for us and that communion is a gift of God that helps unite us together as one family in Christ.



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 considering Confirmation this year so we can begin our planning process.

Website and Facebook

Please visit the youth ministry page on our website (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 (and much more in the weeks and months to come).

Upcoming Youth Events @ WSquare:

Wednesday, January 18, 7 – 9 PM
Edge (High School Youth)

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!

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finance

Wellington Square Finance Update
Ten Months ending November 30, 2016

	Actual	Budget
Giving and other income	\$ 611,901	\$ 592,500
Expenses	624,643	592,056
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Net deficit	\$ (12,742)	\$ 444
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2016 Offerings will be received until TODAY January 8th. Please ensure that your offering is dated no later than December 31, 2016 or it will be included in your 2017 offerings.

From the BOARD and Trustees

The renovation and expansion of our building, done six years ago, has been a great benefit.

The 'gathering area', The Pritchard Room, Geo-thermal heating and cooling, state of the art sound, lights & video, accessibility ramps, and a great parking lot - All are the result of that Big project being successfully completed.

We are now in the final stages of 'paying off' the cost of the project. The remaining mortgage is now under \$190,000.

The hope is that this mortgage can be retired before summer 2017. Any gifts will reduce the churches interest payments, and bring a tax benefit on 2016 income. Please consider making a special contribution before Jan. 8th (cheque dated Dec 31st).



Come to the table TOGETHER

For Communion Sundays we will be linking children together with their families. Today, Sunday, Jan. 8th, please note the following instructions:

- Parents/guardians will sign in their child as normal at the GraceLand reception area
- Parents/guardians will go with their child to their class to check in with their leader for a 2nd sign-in as well as leave any coats, boots, bags, etc. in the room
- GL leaders and helpers will be available to assist and/or come along-side-of families for support in the service (nursery & toddler Leaders can stay with any babies & toddlers in room if needed)
- Parents/guardians and children will enter the sanctuary and sit as a family - GL volunteers will sit on the side transept or with families that would like support
- ALL will be a part of worship and communion
- Once communion is received, parents can lead their children to the side transept where GL leaders will be ready to lead children to St. Paul's Hall for Open session and the remainder of GraceLand
- Sign-out will be done as usual at the end of the service in the GraceLand classrooms
- If families arrive late to the service, they need to enter the sanctuary and then sign their children into GraceLand after communion when Leaders and children return to GraceLand.

There will be colouring/activity sheets with crayons available at a table near the sanctuary for families. We ask that crayons get picked up and put back in bin. The above details will flex and adjust as we seek the best spiritual experiences to worship together as ONE family in Christ.

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Jan 8th The Gold Standard (do unto
others...)

Jan 15th Six Words to Set You Free (I
am Sorry; I forgive you)

Jan 22nd The Requirements of the Lord

Jan 29th The Secret to True Wealth
(generosity of spirit, money and time/
talent)

Feb 5th The Most Important
Commandment of All