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June 4, 2017

I'VE BEEN THINKING...

...about my upcoming 'sabbatical'. Today is my last Sunday with you until after Labour Day. **Over those 3 months I'm hoping to do:**

- a lot of reading & walking
- officiate one wedding
- a 10 day visit to our daughter Heather Joy in Vancouver
- 2 weeks with family at the cottage
- a lot of thinking & writing (hopefully), toward shaping a book about effective ministry in our 21st century culture.

Much of my time will be spent away from Burlington. I hope to think and pray about **Wellington Square's future directions, and what my personal role can be in that.**

I am greatly looking forward to this time. **I'm not sure if I'm racing too much to get things done before leaving, OR if I've overextended myself** – but I feel the need to slow down. One day this week, I made mistakes about 2 appointments (wrong day, then wrong time). **Time to take the foot off the gas...**

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders...and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus..."

--Hebrews 12:1&2

"We are constantly exploring new and creative ways to live out the teaching of Jesus. Because we see faith as a journey, CHANGE is assumed, innovation is expected, and re-birth is welcomed."

--Mars Hill Church,
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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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.

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.

Wellington Orphanage, Sierra Leone | **We are collecting "new" and "gently used"** items for Wellington Orphanage to send with shipping container. The children range in age from 4 to 18. The greatest needs are shoes, clothing (light weight, as it is hot and they wash by hand), educational materials (they speak and read English), medical supplies (only new and unopened), soccer balls, twin bed sheets and light weight blankets etc. You may pick up a detailed list of required items at the Sierra Leone table in the fellowship area after each service for the next few weeks. Drop off box is there as well. Please note that if you **don't have the availability to shop or you don't** have gently used items to donate, you can make a financial donation and we will shop for the most needed items on your behalf. On your **cheque or envelope please write "Container"** and your funds will be directed to this project. ***"If we all do a little, we can do a lot"***. We thank you for your interest and care for these children.

Staff Notes | Rev. Dr. Orville James will have sabbatical time from June 5 until September 5th. During this period, Orv hopes to invest time in reading, planning, and visioning next steps in ministry and life. He will also begin to collaborate with a colleague, (from Winnipeg) toward writing a book on effective church leadership in today's spiritual climate. Rev. Katie Southon will be available throughout this time and arrangements have been made for pulpit supply and pastoral care during her vacation times this summer. The United Church of Canada encourages sabbatical time, and makes it available for ministry personnel to step back from the demands and routines of pastoral ministry to pursue activities that may enhance their ministry. A sabbatical in ministry results in a revitalized focus and the energy to accomplish and equip others for transformational change. Please join the Board of Wellington Square and M&P in wishing Orv well as he reflects and seeks to be refreshed and renewed in body, mind and spirit! Blessings and prayers Orv!

Mexico Mission Project 2017 | Wellington Square is sending a team to Ensenada Mexico again this year! The trip is scheduled for November 5th to 11th, 2017. We will be building a house with Yugo Ministries and exploring other opportunities to connect with the community. Opportunities may include a **visit to the orphanage, women's ministries,** food programs and beyond. If you are interested, please contact Gwen Vernon, Rob Crawford, Les or Lindsay Reynolds at Mexico2017@wsquare.ca

WSUC Handbell Choir | will be performing at the 11 am service next Sunday June 11th. Please join us!

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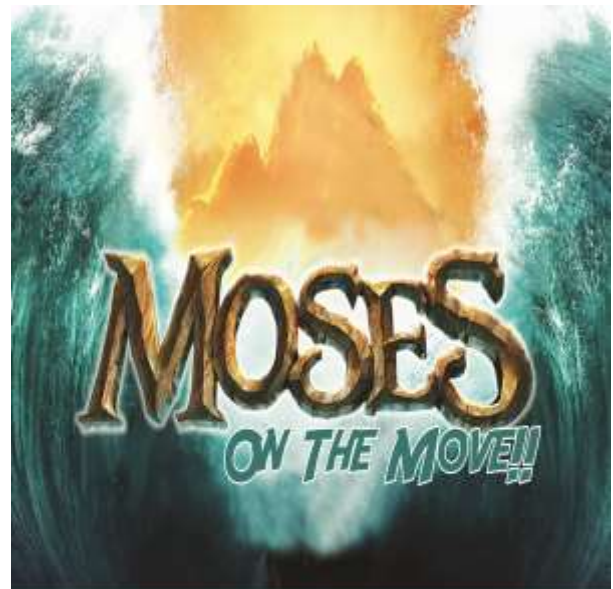
Volunteers Needed | Do you have 2 or 3 hours once a month? Seniors at a community housing development in Aldershot, are in need of opportunities to socialize within their own community. We are hoping to prepare a tea at the facility on a monthly basis. If you are able to help with this initiative, please contact Karen Guyatt at kguyatt@wsquare.ca or leave your name with the Church office.

Service of Remembrance | A Service of Remembrance for Phyllis Hadley will be held on Monday June 5th, 11 am at Wellington Square. Our thoughts and prayers are with Hank and his family.

Grow For The Green Program | Throughout the year if you make purchases, at Holland Park Garden Gallery, simply give **Wellington Square's name or phone number** (905)634-1849 and they will credit us with points that we can then put towards purchasing flowers or vegetable plants for our gardens and community garden beds.

Upcoming Food Drive | Partnership West is in need of supplies for the summer. We will be collecting food TODAY, June 4 and next Sunday June 11. Most needed items include: ketchup, relish, toiletries, juice boxes and crackers. Please see the Shopping List **in this week's bulletin!** Collection boxes are located in front of the Office. Thank you for your continued support of this important support for many Burlington families.

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.



SUMMER KID'S CAMP

Aug. 28th - Sept. 1st, 2017

Mon. - Thurs. • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fri., Sept. 1st • 9:00 am - 11:00 am

(11:00 am - closing celebration ceremony for the whole family!)

SK to Grade 5

(Must be 5 years of age by Dec. 31, 2017)

\$30 per child per week

No refunds after July 1st.

Financial assistance is available.

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ALL youth matter and are important to God and to us here at the Square!

Our Sunday morning time is key to enriching our friendships and faith development:

Rockpile (Gr. 7/8) Meet every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 10:30am - 12pm in the Youth Room

Edge (High school) Meet every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 10:30am - 12pm in the Youth Room

This past Tuesday was Edge Volleyball Night vs. leaders. So much FUN!



Rockpile and Edge Sound of Music Parking Fundraiser for Youth Mexico Missions is happening from June 15 - 17 here at our church parking lot. We need Youth and others to sign up for this awesome and needed Fundraiser.

Thurs. June 15: 7-9pm

Fri. June 16: 7-9pm

Sat. June 17: 10am - 9pm

Rockpile Volleyball Night - Wed., June 21st 7-8:30pm

Rockpile and Edge Pool Party at the Hickerson House - Sunday, June 25th 2-4pm!



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

Our new Moms and Wee Ones Drop-in Ministry group meet to play, pray and support one another every Tuesday here at the church at 9:30am - Toddler Room!

SALT - our Gr. 6 class over May & June are learning about Spiritual Gifts, exploring their own and how to use them to serve God and others like Jesus. This eager group are the future leaders of our church and our next world changers. We are so grateful to have this awesome ministry here in GraceLand. What does SALT stand for? Servant and Leadership Training!

GraceLand Leader Thank you Brunch is Sunday, June 18 at 10:30am - Pritchard Room.



Last Sunday we taught about The Parable of the Talents. Enjoy the pic below highlighting **God's Spirit upon some of our youngest children** learning:



FOOD DRIVE

MAY 28, JUNE 4, JUNE 11



MOMS

morning



Drop-in' morning for moms
and their wee ones.

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TUESDAYS
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
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Share a morning together, support one another and
hang out over coffee/tea with your children.

Meeting place - GraceLand Toddler room
Nursery is available if needed.

For more details, please contact
Amanda Brown at amandaklaasbrown@gmail.com or
Heather Mackey at hmackey@wsquare.ca



Outreach



A *unique event* is happening SATURDAY JUNE 10th 10:00 – NOON in the PRITCHARD ROOM ... **And YOU'RE INVITED!**

Please come out and meet Rodrick Zalimba, Executive Director of Prison Fellowship Malawi, Africa. Wellington Square through



Hands and Hearts For Africa has been supporting the work and ministry of PFM since 2011. This is a unique opportunity to meet this incredibly humble, devoted servant of God, and hear about the life-changing work of this ministry in the Malawi justice system. Rodrick is spending a short time in Burlington on his way to Washington DC, where he will be receiving program training at the headquarters of Prison Fellowship International. This is a **"drop in" event, where Rodrick will be giving a short presentation at approximately 10:45, and will be happy to meet you and answer any questions you may have.** It is not a fund-raiser, but rather a chance to meet Rodrick and hear how our support is making a difference in the lives of people who have been caught up in a difficult and often unjust prison system. If you have interest in Africa and/or prison Ministry and in meeting a young man on fire for God, this is a great opportunity to hear **first-hand of the work of Rodrick's organization who's slogan is "Where Love and Justice Meet."** WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!

SMALL
groups

"Making Rows into Circles"

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

TODAY in the McMillan Room at 10:30am join



us for a discussion of what it means to be part of a church family!! We will be using the little book **"I AM A CHURCH MEMBER"** Books are available at the Connection Point for \$10.

MONDAY MEN - meet each Monday @ noon in the McMillan Rm. Please join us for discussion, fellowship and bible study.

DOT GOW | Our last meeting before we break for the summer will be June 15th.

JOYFUL SPIRITS | Our celebration gathering will be Thursday, June 15th at the home of Heather Shaw. Start Time: 6 pm. Please bring a dessert or an appetizer. R.S.V.P. to Joy jmagwood@wsquare.ca

Men's Thursday at Seven | *New Series*, Book & DVD Study - "Forgotten God". Francis Chan reminds us of the true source of the church's power: The Holy Spirit. 7-8 am. Please contact Bruce: bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca

WOK with GOD | **Men's fellowship**, pot-luck dinner and faith discussion. Next WOK with GOD Thursday June 22nd, 6:30-10 pm hosted by Bruce Magwood at Torry Lane. Sign up at the Connection Table or see Gary Brown & Bruce Magwood.

Starting Point | If you have the DVD for **"Starting Point"** could you please return to Joy's mailbox in the office. Thank you!

NEW SMALL GROUPS - If you have an idea for a new small group, please see Joy Magwood or contact her at jmagwood@wsquare.ca

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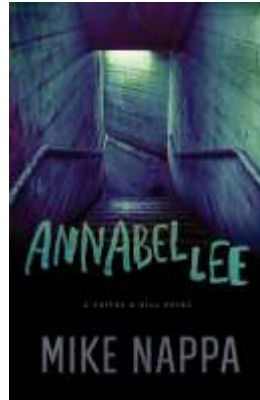
THE CHAPEL is open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm and Sunday morning. We encourage and welcome you to take time for prayer and reflection in the Chapel.

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



Annabel Lee
by Mike Nappa

She does not know why her enigmatic uncle has stowed her deep underground in a **military style bunker**. He's left her with a few German words, a barely controlled guard dog, and a single **command** : "Don't open that door for anybody, you got it? **Not even me.**"



Miles away in Atlanta, private investigator Trudi Coffey is visited by a mysterious older man **calling himself Dr. Smith**. He's been trailing a man for a decade-a man she met through her ex-partner Samuel Hill-and the trail has led him to her office. The last thing Trudi wants to do is to contact Samuel. But it will take both of them to unravel this mystery **—before it's too late**.

Summer is fast approaching! Footsteps has now started our summer loan period. This means all items checked out from today forward will not be due until Sunday Sept 10.



Friday Night Community would not be possible without the help and support from so many faith groups and community partners. It takes an army of volunteers who come together every week to prepare, serve, and clean up from the meal that serves over 250 friends. Over the last number of years we have received food donations from Food For Life, which is the largest food recovery program in Halton. ReRefresh Foods, a program under Food For Life specifically focuses on collecting large volumes of food from the corporate food sector (wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers). Every week we receive donations of produce for our salad bar, drinks, dairy products, canned goods, meat, baking supplies as well as our favourite Rollie Polly ice cream. This past Friday it was our pleasure to host the team from Food For Life and help them celebrate the unveiling of a refrigerated truck that they received funding for from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. This truck will benefit many folks from various outreach programs, dinner and lunches, schools, and other non profit organization in the region of Halton. We enjoyed sharing in conversation with MPP Eleanor McMahon, as well as representatives from The Halton Region, Fortinos and the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Most Needed Items:

- *Game of Chess, Backgammon, Scrabble
- *adult markers, drawing paper, knitting materials, 100-200 piece puzzles
- ***snacks for children's lunches**
- *gently used double box spring
- *curtains & rods for living room & bedroom

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The United Church of Canada mandates that ministers are allotted 3 month sabbatical breaks, every 5 years of ministry. It's an old practice to keep brains fresh and allow time for special projects. In the academic world, educators are granted a one year sabbatical every 7 years.

So I'm relieved and anticipating what lies ahead. Meanwhile, around here, Katie will continue to minister and lead through much of the summer (she does get her regular vacation). We have arranged for a number of guest preachers to cover certain summer weekends, including my brother John for a Sunday in August, and several other ministry friends.

And I am excited and Very hopeful about the present state and direction of this congregation. Wellington Square is a great church. The atmosphere is overall healthy & happy. Wellington Square is Big and complex. There are many moving parts; in general things are working well. There is continual activity to re-tool and renew. Right now I am happiest about the renewing of our worship, with the confirmation of solid leadership for our music at both 9 & 11a.m.

On most summer days ahead, I will pray for our church, and our ministry together. I intend to come back fresh, and with clarity of vision for a path forward.

The Lord be with us all....

ORVILLE