

What We Believe

We believe Jesus is the center and meaning of life, revealing to the world what God is like.

We believe the local church is Jesus' creation, toward a sane and stable world.

We believe the Bible is the divinely **inspired record of humanity's authentic spiritual** experiences with God, and the primary authority in matters of faith and practice.

We believe Scripture, tradition, reason and experience are all part of determining our **community's direction and values.**

We believe God's Holy Spirit is available and active in our world, our church and our lives, leading us in unity and propelling us with divine power.

We believe Jesus Christ can bring real change in the human heart through grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We believe each Christ follower has spiritual gifts that give true meaning to living and strengthen our shared ministry.

We accept an openness in theological belief, acknowledging different points of view within the same community of believers.

We believe faith and good works belong together, as a personal relationship with God leads to involvement in Christian service and witness to the world.



SOLO FIDE! (A friendly dramatization of Martin **Luther's 500 year Reformation**)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through **faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."**

Romans 1:16-17 (NRSV)

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.

Today at 11am we celebrate the Baptism and Blessing of

Lenya Noelle Pearylal-Maharaj
Child of Randy and Christine Pearylal-Maharaj

Fellowship Lunch | Please join us today November 19th, after the 11am service. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door.

New Members | Have you been around Wellington Square for a while now and feeling comfortable enough to **belong? We'd love you** to officially join this congregation on Sunday, November 26th. A welcome and orientation session will be led by Joy, Katie and Orville on Monday November 20th from 7–8:30pm for anyone previously baptised and confirmed in any Christian church. Please let us know by contacting the church office at (905)634-1849 or office@wsquare.ca

One Service @ 10am on Sunday December 10th, (GraceLand will be involved in the service by participating in the celebration of Advent and Christmas).

United Church 2018 Calendars | There are a limited number of calendars for sale, \$5 each. Please see Jennifer in the office during the week.



Catching the Wind

By: Melanie Dobson

Having witnessed his parents' arrest by

Gestapo agents at the beginning of World War II, 13 year old Dietmar escapes on foot with his friend and neighbour, 10 year old Brigitte. After many harrowing weeks, they make it to England, but are then separated by the English authorities. Throughout the remaining war years, they both face hardship, and when the war ends, they are unable to find each other. Dietmar grows up to be a wealthy businessman, and over the course of his life tries unsuccessfully to find Brigitte. Now elderly, he makes one more attempt to find his childhood friend, entrusting the task to Lucas Hough, his young lawyer, and Quenby Vaughn, a tenacious journalist who faces abandonment issues of her own. With elements of mystery, espionage, suspense, **and romance, this is a book you won't be able to put down!**

Christmas Bells

HANDBELL CONCERT



Sunday December 10 • 2:00pm
Wellington Square United Church
2121 Caroline St. Burlington

Christmas Favourites • Sing Along • Refreshments
(there will be a freewill offering to support the Hand Bell Choir)



"Better Together"

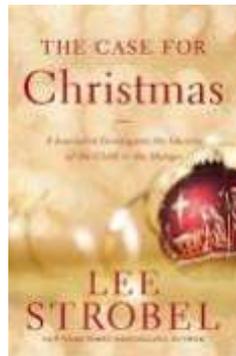
For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them"

Matthew 18:20

Vision | to have every person in a healthy small group.

Mission | To live out the GREAT COMMANDMENT (Matt. 22: 37-39) and the GREAT COMMISSION (Matt. 28: 19-20).

NOW AVAILABLE: **"THE CASE FOR CHRISTMAS"** by Lee Strobel. A wonderful little book that investigates the facts behind Luke 2:8-18. Copies available at the CONNECTION TABLE. If able, please contribute a loonie or a toonie to help cover the cost.



NEW TO OUR CHURCH: We encourage you to fill out our WELCOME CARD that is in the pews. Please leave it in the CONNECT/ RECONNECT box located at each entrance to our sanctuary or bring it to our CONNECTION POINT table after worship service. As a THANK-YOU, we would like you to receive the little book by Andy Stanley **"How Good is Good Enough?"**

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

NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY: **"ADVENT CONSPIRACY"** – **"CAN CHRISTMAS CHANGE THE WORLD?"** A DVD study that shows you how to substitute consumption with compassion by practicing four simple, but powerful, countercultural concepts.

WHEN: Tuesdays, December 5 & 12th @ 2-3:30pm in the Pritchard Room

Team Facilitators: Joy Magwood & Ana Walber

OR

Tuesdays, December 5 & 12th @ 7-8:30pm in the Pritchard Room

Team Facilitators: Dee Glover, Gary & Alison Brown

Sign up at the Connection Point Table or Contact jmagwood@wsquare.ca or garybrown@wsquare.ca.

If you wish to have a book to follow along with this DVD study, there are a limited number available for \$15.

Saturday Men's Breakfast | Sat. November 25, 2017, 8:30-10:30am at **The Brown's, 604**

Woodview Rd. Burlington. **"Bono & Eugene Peterson: THE PSALMS"** - We will watch a short documentary about the friendship between Bono (of U2 fame) and Eugene Peterson (author of contemporary Bible translation The Message) and their common interest in the Psalms. Please contact Gary Brown gbrown@wsquare.ca or sign up at the Connection table.

GROUP LEADERS: If you would like to use the SPIRITUAL ASSESSMENT TOOL for members of your group, copies are available at the CONNECTION POINT or please see Joy.

"Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular check-ups....Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it." 2 Corinthians 13:5 (The Message)



EDGE: Bible Study Night (Grades 9-12)
Wed Nov 22, 7:30-9:30pm – Come on out to Youth Room for snacks, games and a Bible study **where we'll discuss what it looked like for the disciples to serve under Jesus and what it looks like for us today!**

Youth Alpha Retreat!!
Friday Nov 24 at 2:30pm-Sat. Nov 25 at 9pm
Youth Alpha will spend the weekend at the **church for a sleepover! We'll be playing games, eating together and learning more about Jesus and what it means to follow him!** This will be our program for the week so there will be no Sunday session of Youth Alpha this week. Got questions? Contact Heather Mackey and/or Shelley and Greg Buxton-Forman.

Adam Cresswell our new Interim Youth Ministry Director also holds office hours Tuesdays 3-5pm. Feel free to send him a message if you'd like make an appointment to meet: acresswell@wsquare.ca



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

Nov Theme: Obey God

Participant Forms are required every year for children and youth to ensure safety for all. 2017/18 forms have been mailed to each family to complete and return to our GraceLand Reception Area.

Christmas in November: Children and leaders will be taking some time during GraceLand to creatively work on their special Christmas Scripture Verse as a class each Sunday in November. Their creativity will be recorded on Sunday, Nov. 26th, edited and then ready to show for our Special ONE 10am Dec. 10th Christmas service involving all of GraceLand.

GraceLand Advent Activity: Before the start of Advent, children will receive a GraceLand Advent Activity Bag that includes an Advent calendar and various activities to do during the season of Advent to help them prepare for Christmas and the birth of Jesus. Instructions will be included.

GraceLand is participating at the
ONE Service at **10:00 am** on
Sunday December 10th, 2017

by presenting....



Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

Psalm 96:11



We join together as a community every Friday to share a meal, care for one another and **celebrate life's ups and downs. We also take** the time to acknowledge the courage of those who served our country and who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. We appreciate all those who made this Remembrance Day service memorable for our community.

We are once again filling stockings for the children who are a part of Friday Night Community. Please spread the word to see if your family, friends, workplace or community groups would like to fill some stockings this year. This Christmas we hope to give out a **small gift of chocolates and a \$5 Tim Hortons'** gift card to everyone who comes to our holiday dinner.

Most Needed Items:

***\$5 Tim's gift cards**

***snacks for children's lunch bags**

*yogurt and sour cream sized containers for take home food

*salad bar toppings (beets, olives, pickles..)

*pull ups for children (size 5/6)

*peanut free store made desserts (pies, cakes, etc.)

*gently used, clean winter coats

*gently used winter boots, hats & gloves

***girl's shoes sizes 1-5 (gently used)**

***boy's shoes sizes 13-3 (gently used)**

*tool kits for new families (hammer, screw drivers, measuring tape, etc.)

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



WOW! What a wonderful start to Angel Wings 2017.

There are only 6 Angels left who need to be sponsored! Join us in the coffee area outside **St. Paul's Hall to select your Angel.**

We've also received our first donation, too, for the second half of the program. This is the CASH portion of Angel Wings and we use this money to buy \$100 food vouchers for the moms, gift certificates for the teens and support anonymous angels in our community identified through our ministers. Please remember, if you do not like to shop, you can still support the other half of the Angel Wings program through your cash donation.

Thank you for your generous support of this local outreach program.

*** Remember to bring your
**unwrapped gifts to St. Paul's
Hall **
on Sunday November 26, 2017.***

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Carver (905) 632-0000.

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