

I'VE BEEN THINKING...

...about milestones, and memories. There have been some significant dates passed, and lives passing. Such as?

-the Queen and Prince Phillip celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this week

- Billy Graham (Christian leader & preacher) turned 99 this month

-David Mainse (founder of Christian broadcasting in Canada) died last month

-Malcom Young (founder of Australian band AC\DC), and David Cassidy(teen heartthrob from **the 70's**) died this week

There are more – there are always more, in any given week\month\year – birthdays, anniversaries, deaths.

Reflecting on milestones in others lives can often trigger the questions *"When it's all been said & done...What are you trying to achieve? What do you want to be remembered for?"*

Not many people will have their life's work remembered and celebrated 500 years later, like Martin Luther. The German monk changed history – mostly for the better, when he triggered the Protestant Reformation back in the fall of 1517.

So what about us? None of us will probably have that kind of impact, yet we will leave some kind of legacy.

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The Universal Priesthood

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

I Peter 2:9 (NRSV)

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 "Welcome" 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 | 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.

Welcome New Members | These folks are being received into membership today. Welcome!

Deb Couture	Patrick Sohier
Clayton Markham	Barry Williams
Joyce Moore	Ruth Williams
Nancy Norman	Wendy Thrasher

Staff Notes | Rev. Orville James will be away November 27 to December 11. Rev. Katie Southon is available during this time for any pastoral needs.

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

Volunteers Needed | Want to smile and say Thank You, to Christmas shoppers? Join Orville in volunteering at a Salvation Army Christmas kettle. Call Major Bob Speakman (647) 624-3770, OR our church office. Bless you for volunteering.

Music Scholarship | **If you're involved** in any music program at Wellington Square, you are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Contact the office for an application form or you can also find the application at www.wsquare.ca under **"Get Connected" & the Music Ministry** page. Deadline for submission is Sunday December 3.



Rockpile: Bible Study Night (Grades 7-8)
Wed Nov 29, 7:30-9:00pm Come on out to Youth Room for snacks, games and a Bible study where we'll discuss why identity matters and how it helps us figure out who we are in God!

Youth Alpha: Final Sunday
Sunday Dec 3 10:30-1pm Coming off our FANTASTIC weekend retreat Youth Alpha returns at its regular time and place this **Sunday following church! We'll debrief our** experiences from the past weekend and close out our series together with a focus on where we go from here!

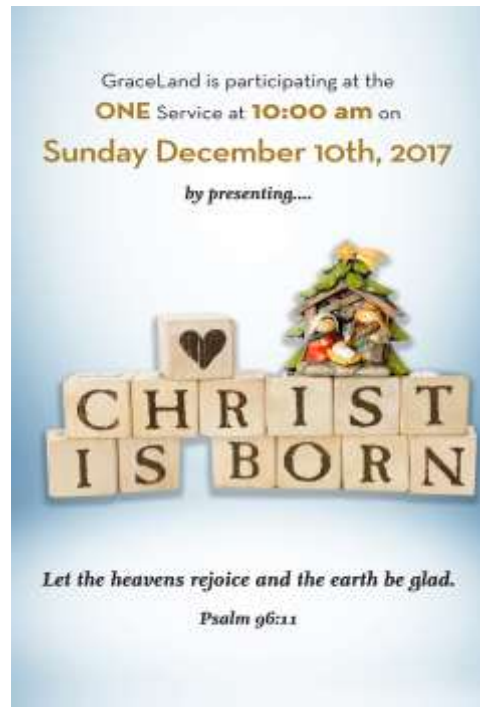
Adam Cresswell our Interim Youth Ministry Director is available for office hours Tuesdays 3-5pm. He is available to meet with by appointment so feel free to send him an e-mail if you'd like to meet: acresswell@wsquare.ca



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 Nursery to Gr. 6

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.

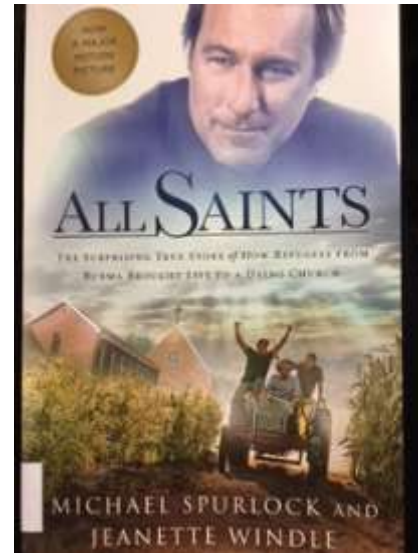
GraceLand Advent Activity: Today in GraceLand, children will receive a GraceLand Advent Activity Bag that includes an Advent calendar, various activities to do, glue stick and Candy Cane during the season of Advent to help them prepare for Christmas and the birth of Jesus. Instructions included.





CHRISTMAS JOY

As you may have noticed, we have changed our name and our logo. We have moved from "Outreach" to "Reaching Out" because "Reaching Out" seems to be a more active way to describe what we are trying to accomplish, as we continually seek ways to make a difference. On December 3rd and 10th, we invite **you to visit us in St. Paul's Hall to learn more** about our various initiatives, both here and in other countries. We have had a busy and successful year and we encourage you to pick up a newsletter to read about our recent mission trip to Mexico, the irrigation project in Malawi, sponsorship of orphans in Sierra Leone, our contributions to alleviating hunger through Canadian Food Grains Bank and the long standing Dot Gow group who continue to sew therapy dolls for children in the hospital. Your generosity makes these missions possible; hope **to see you in St. Paul's Hall on December 3rd and 10th**, to see the progress that is being made and how your ongoing support makes such a difference in the lives of so many people.



ALL SAINTS

By Michael Spurlock & Jeanette Windle

Two unknown Christian leaders would collide in a tiny Tennessee Village. One was YE WIN, a Christian survivor of the Myanmar Civil War, of Karen Heritage, who promised God if HE would stop the fighting and killing he would serve HIM for the rest of his life. The second was a newly ordained Episcopal minister on his first assignment. What did God want Reverend Spurlock to do with this splintered remnant of a tiny Smyrna, TN congregation that had such a huge debt? Logic suggested closing the doors of ALL SAINTS; selling the property & paying off the debts. If you missed the movie, read how these 2 men inspired others and risked it all to plant seeds for the future.

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)

A vertical decorative banner on the left side of the page. It features a blue ribbon that runs down the length of the page. Four blue Christmas ornaments are hanging from the ribbon. The top ornament is a solid blue sphere with a small bow at the top. The second ornament is a blue sphere with a white snowflake pattern and a small bow. The third ornament is a blue sphere with a white snowflake pattern and a small bow. The bottom ornament is a solid blue sphere with a small bow. The background of the banner is white with a subtle pattern of small white dots.

Celebrating THE BIRTH OF *Christ*

Join us for Worship

December 3

9 and 11am Communion Services

December 10th at 10am and

2pm for the Handbell Concert

December 17th at 9 and 11am and

at 4pm for Lessons and Carols

December 24th at 10am

December 31st at 10am

Christmas Eve Services

*4:30pm Fun, Interactive service for kids and
their families*

6:00pm Worship with the Band

8:00pm Worship with the Sanctuary Choir

10:00pm Candlelight and Communion

Joseph Brant Hospital Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee

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Friday December 1, 2017
Friday Night Speakers Series

Finding your Voice during a Holiday Crisis

Presented by:

Dave Kilgannon

Peer Mentor, CMHA

Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)

FRIDAY December 1, 2017
PRITCHARD ROOM, WELLINGTON SQ. UNITED CHURCH
2121 CAROLINE STREET, BURLINGTON

Speaker at 7:15PM to 8:30PM

Dinner @ 6pm All Welcome

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Advisory Committee



"Better Together"

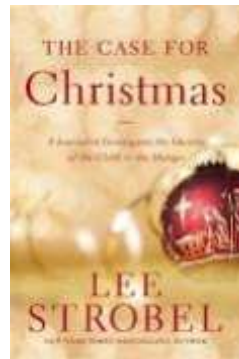
For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them"

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.

Joyful Spirits: Our CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION will be Thursday, December 14th at 6pm in the PRITCHARD ROOM. POTLUCK: Please bring your favourite dish.

THURSDAY AT 7: *New Series* Advent Conspiracy - "Can Christmas Still Change The World". Book and DVD study starting Nov 30th. Please contact Bruce for more information. bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca

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)



As the weather gets colder, the Hub is becoming a space for friends to seek out shelter, warmth, a healthy lunch and friendship. Earlier in the day we welcomed in friends, most who are presently either living on the streets or in transient housing. We are thankful that we can open up our doors to give folks some reprieve from the daily challenges that they are facing.

This fall the students from Pine Grove School in Oakville collected over 1000 socks as part of their Socktober campaign. Thanks to the amazing staff and students, we will have enough warm socks to share with our friends during the colder winter months.

As the weather gets colder we are in need of clean and gently used larger sizes of winter coats, gently used boots, as well as hats and gloves. This Christmas we also hope to give out a small gift of chocolates and a \$5 Tim Hortons' gift card to everyone who comes to our holiday dinner. We are in need of 200 gift cards.

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..)

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

*gently used, clean winter coats

*gently used winter boots, hats & gloves

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

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



Today is Angel Wings Grande Finale!

Drop into St Paul's Hall to see our Church at work with the wonderful collection of gifts you have generously provided. We are still in need of cash donations to meet our goal of purchasing food certificates and supporting families.

NOTE: If you would like your Angel Wings gifts to be considered charitable givings (Gifts In Kind), please give a copy of your gift receipts and your Church Account # to any member of the Angel Wings Team and we will make sure it is applied to your account.

Thank you for your generous support of the Angel Wings outreach program. If you have any questions please contact Chris Carver (905)632-0000.

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While thinking about this in church of course, there are clear answers that jump up – You want to leave a legacy of kindness, of love, and of bettering the world.

(Thnx Captain Obvious!)

I can scroll back and remember people who still shine warmly in my life today.

- Violet Bender, my grade 3 Sunday School teacher;

- Hollie Lister, the elder at my first church in N.B;

- my Dad.

They are all long gone, yet to recall them is still inspiring, and reassuring. Bob Seger sang it:

***"Sometimes at night I see their faces
I feel the traces they've left on my soul,
And those are the memories
that make me a wealthy soul.***

Here's hoping you have many more birthdays and anniversaries to celebrate, and when you have finished your course, may there be a smile on the faces, and affection and gratitude in the hearts, of all those whose lives you have touched.

The Lord be with you,
ORV