

I'VE BEEN THINKING...

...about the visible & measurable change brought by the passage of time. Jesus' church adapts and evolves with the realities around it.

I'm aware of this because this Sunday I am in Dashwood, a little village near Lake Huron, between Grand Bend & Exeter. I grew up there, while my Dad was the minister, back in the **60's. It was a great place to be a kid** – the baby-boom meant we had others to play with **all the time. But we're all grown & gone, and** the farms around town are now run by corporations, and the one industry (Dashwood Windows) moved their plant down toward London.

The world of my childhood is gone. The village has shrunk, and the church is closing at the end of this year. The old folk will drive to **Exeter to go to church. It's nobody's fault. It's** the evolving of a society and a population group. Happens all the time.

So Jesus' team has to be smart and strategic, and know the trends and understand who they are serving, and how to respond and **adapt. That's why ENVIRONICS** can really help us at Wellington Square to serve our Burlington community.

ENVIRONICS is a research group who have polled and analyzed the cultural, social and economic landscape for the United Church of Canada.

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Spiritual Hunger

Psalm 107:9

John 6:35

Physical Hunger

Matthew 25:35

Isaiah 58:10

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.



What social segments live in our community? What are their values and how do these impact their needs in a church? How do we meet these needs? Do we know what we don't know about attracting new members? Are

our programs right for the people and families around us? You and all of Wellington Square's active members are invited to a unique Learning Event, Sat. Oct 28th (9:15-11:30a.m) in the Pritchard Rm. ENVIRONICS is a research group providing insight you can act upon. Come out and learn about: "Silver Linings, Kids & Careers, Suburban Success, Satellite Burbs"...and more!

From the Board | Do you have something to go in the bulletin? The deadline for submission to the office is now Monday each week.

Stagedoor Canteen Sun. November 5th | We need volunteers to help set tables, make up sandwich platters (sandwiches are already made), serve lunch and clean up on Sun. Nov. 5th. If you are able to help for 2-3 hours either in the morning or the afternoon, please contact Diane March at (905) 632-6482 or email: dianemarch@cogeco.ca

Baptism | The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated on Sunday November 19. For information, please contact the church office.

Family Photo Directory



As many of you know, we have been working for the past year on creating a new Wellington Square Photo Directory. We are pleased to announce that we are now putting the final touches on our new Directory and are preparing to send it to print!

If you consider this your home church and you have not already submitted a photo and you wish to be a part of the Directory, you are invited to do so at this time.

All you need to do is email a JPEG portrait shaped picture of your family to office@wsquare.ca by Sunday October 29th.

Please include in your email, the names of anyone included in your picture, your address and phone number.

A signed privacy waiver will be necessary to be a part of the directory. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 905-634-1849.



Edge (High school)
Tues Oct 24, 3-5pm Squarebucks - Youth Café
Drop-In

ALL YOUTH (Rockpile & Edge)
Wed Oct 25, 7-9pm- VOLLEYBALL night

Youth Alpha & Youth Confirmation!! If you are in gr. 7 & up and interested in Youth Confirmation and/or Youth Alpha, we are excited to have you come on board to explore life, faith and meaning together. Starting Sunday, Nov 5th and continuing Nov 12th, 19th and Sunday, Dec 3rd from 10:30am - 1pm (Youth Room) we will meet together for a video teaching, good conversation and food (Lunch). A Youth retreat for Youth Alpha will be from Fri. Nov. 24th at 2:30pm to Sat. Nov. 25th at 9pm and then a couple more sessions in the New Year (Jan. 2018) will be added to complete Youth Confirmation before our ONE 10am Youth Confirmation Service on Sun. Feb 4, 2018. Got questions? Contact Heather Mackey and/or Shelley and Greg Buxton-Forman.

We welcome Adam Cresswell, our new Interim Youth Ministry Director! Feel free to send him a message: 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

Oct Theme: Jesus' Teachings

- Doing good is secret
- Don't worry, Trust God
- God keeps us Humble
- Serve God and others
- True Giving



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 Leader Development Brunch Event is Today, Sun Oct 22, 10:30am - 12pm in the McMillan Rm. For all leaders and helpers that serve in Children's Ministry.



ROOM at the TABLE

A worship resource for World Food Day

WHAT IS THE CANADIAN FOOD GRAINS BANK?

The CFGB is a partnership of 15 churches and church-based agencies working together to end global hunger. In 2016–17, we helped over 900,000 people in 35 countries. Each year the Canadian government provides us with \$25 million in matching financial support.

WHAT DOES THE CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK DO?

- provides emergency food for those who are hungry because of war drought and unfair international trade policies (61%)
- provides tools and training so that hungry people, many of whom are small farmers, can feed themselves (22.2%)
- supports programs that improve nutrition, especially for children and nursing mothers (4.9%)
- works to influence national and international policies
engages and educates Canadians

HOW DO YOU KNOW THE FOOD ACTUALLY GETS TO THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT?

The CFGB members work with trusted partners. The projects are carefully and closely monitored through regular visitations and audits. We know that 95% of food gets to where it is needed.

WHAT ARE COMMUNITY GROWING PROJECTS?

These usually involve a group of people (farmers, fuel dealers, equipment dealers, local small businesses, grain elevator staff, church organizations) gathering together to farm a plot of land. The harvested crop is sold on the Canadian market and the proceeds donated to the CFGB. These projects contribute approximately half of all donations received by the CFGB.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?



"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).

JOYFUL SPIRITS: Next gathering will be Thurs. October 26th at 7pm in the Pritchard Rm. Please bring your bible & a smile. Our study is **"THE RED LETTERS"** (the words of JESUS for today's world). Through a series of six video conversations, Tony Campolo and Colin McCartney discuss the radical but clear teachings of Jesus.

DISCIPLESHIP CAFÉ - **You won't want to miss this.** We are blessed to have PETE KUEHNI from DELIBERATE U as our guest presenter.

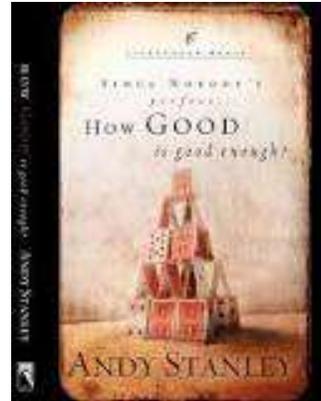
TOPIC: **"KINGDOM THINKIN" not "STINKIN THINKIN"!** Shifting your mindset

DATE: Saturday, November 18, 2017

TIME: 10am - noon (coffee & muffins at 9:45am). Sign up at the Connection Point table to reserve your spot.

Thursday at Seven *New Series*, Book and DVD Study - Forgotten God by Francis Chan **"Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit"**. Please contact Bruce for more information. bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca

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).

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)



Friday Community

Over 9 years ago when a group of committed men from Wellington Square began the Friday Night Community Dinner, they wanted to share not only a meal, but more importantly fellowship with one another. We continue to share this vision that the table is about more than food. It is about community and family growing together, sharing resources, and trusting and caring for one another. The following reflection from one of our friends exemplifies the importance of sharing this meal together...

"What we call the sacrament of Holy Communion is now often a hollow ritual. Communion was meant to be a common meal with the people of the community, especially the needy people. It was a meal. So what you do on Friday is Holy Communion. Communion is Christ through the Church breaking bread with His people. If the pastors and members are not sitting down and breaking bread with the people, it is not communion and can actually be quite condescending. The people who come are Jesus in the flesh. We cannot be reluctant to sit with Him. Jesus always sat with the people and broke bread with them."

Most Needed Items:

*Halloween candy (peanut free)

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

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

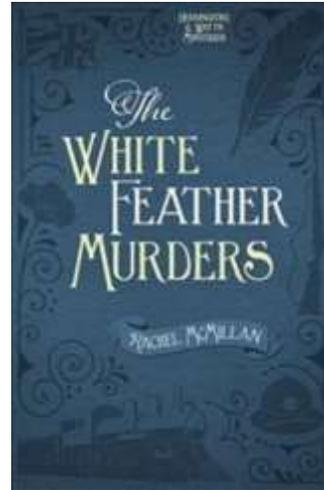
*all sizes of gently used running shoes, winter boots and winter gloves

*smaller dressers, bedside tables, small eating table, twin beds, light weight book cases, items for children's rooms

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



Footsteps Library



The White Feather Murders
By Rachel McMillan

TORONTO 1914, Merinda Herringford and Jem Watts never could have imagined their crime solving skills would set them up as emblems of female empowerment in a city preparing to enter World War 1 at the behest of Great Britain. Yet despite their popularity, the lady **detectives can't avoid the unrest infiltrating** every level of society.

A war measure adopted by Mayor Montague puts a target on Jem and her Italian husband, Ray Deluca. Meanwhile, deep-rooted corruption in the police force causes their friend, Constable Jasper Forth, to wonder if his thirst for upholding the law would be best quenched elsewhere.

When a club member turns up dead, bearing a slanderous white feather, will Merinda, Jem, and those they hold dear be able to solve the **high stakes mystery before they're all picked off**, one by one?

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Burlington and W. Square were one of their prime subjects.

A small team of Wellington Square's volunteer leaders have been living with this data & info, and preparing to share it with all of us. This Saturday morning (Oct 28th) they will share the research findings so we can discuss together what it means, and how we might adjust and adapt to serve the **community in Jesus' name. I hope you'll be** curious enough, and committed enough to come, listen & participate. The coffee & muffins will be out at 9:15a.m.

Today in Dashwood we'll tell stories, laugh & remember, and celebrate 165 years of faithful ministry in that village church. Then get ready to move on to the new reality.

Here in Burlington it's different. There is so much potential and hope for a splendid future **of faithfulness in service and ministry. If we're** willing to be smart & strategic, to listen & **learn, and be guided by God's Holy Spirit, then** this faith family can continue to transform to meet spiritual needs of the community around us. The Lord be with us all.

See you Saturday? ORV