

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.

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Grow Up - Grow Together

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Acts 2:42 (NRSV)

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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.

This morning we invite you to join us for coffee between services at the Small **Groups Fair in St. Paul's Hall.**

Contemporary Worship Music Team Gathering | Calling all who are interested in being a part of the Worship Team for the 9am Service! We will be having a lunch gathering TODAY from 12:30-2:30 in the Pritchard Rm. This will be a time for us to socialize, eat together, and have a conversation about our hopes for worship at Wellington Square moving forward. Come on out if you have been a part of the music, tech, or PowerPoint, or you are interested in joining any of these ministries. We will offer training on how to operate the booth to anyone who is interested in joining the Tech Team or PowerPoint Team. If you **come to this gathering you don't have to commit** to any of the ministry teams. We encourage you to join us even if you aren't sure if you would like to be involved. Please email Tim at twatson@wsquare.ca if you are interested in attending and include any dietary restrictions you have.

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.

happenings cont.

Calling All Choristers | FOR THIS ONE-TIME SINGING OPPORTUNITY! Only 1 rehearsal and performance! Wellington Square United Church will take a step back in time on Sunday November 5th 2017 at 1 pm to present an afternoon of Song and Dance. This is a spectacular show featuring a sensational large tap group, hula dancers and fantastic solo and group performers showcasing wartime songs that will pull your heartstrings. If you are interested in singing in the chorus, please email Juanita jmaldonado@wsquare.ca for more details.

Volunteers needed | Ministry in Motion Conference at Wellington Square Nov. 13-15 is looking for volunteers to help in the following areas: setup Sunday p.m. & Monday a.m. and taking down Wednesday afternoon; greeting and setting out snacks each morning; providing snacks, coffee, cake, cookies, fruit, cheese, biscuits etc. or a donation to purchase snacks. If you would like to volunteer at this conference which provides workshops and learning sessions for ministers please contact Kathryn Macfarlane at mbkmac@yahoo.ca or Diane Thompson at crome49@yahoo.ca Thank you for your help.



reaching out

Wellington Orphanage, Sierra Leone, Africa, Update:

We are pleased to announce that we are able to provide the funds to put a new roof on the Wellington Orphanage in Sierra Leone. This project will be handled by our new Charity called Charities Aid Foundation of Canada.

In the near future, this organization will also handle our present sponsorship program which began in 2005. We are so grateful to the many people in our congregation who have faithfully sponsored a child. Some have also **chosen to privately contribute to their child's college/university education.....You have** made a tremendous difference in their lives.

On Sunday, September 24th we will once again invite people to become a monthly sponsor for a child in the Wellington Orphanage which we have supported for almost 17 years. This regular monthly donation helps to provide the much needed food and medical care. It also provides a level of security for the leadership and staff as they look after the feeding of 185 children. We hope you will join us in this wonderful opportunity to bless the life of a young person.



Mark your Calendars:

Rockpile (Gr. 7/8) - We had an awesome party this past week!

Edge (High school) - Wed. Sept. 27th from 7-9pm - We're having a PARTY for you too!

YOUTH Mexico Mission Info/up-date Meeting is TODAY, Sunday, September 17 from 10:30-11:30am! Youth room.

YMCA Youth Job Connection Workshop - for Rockpile & Edge Youth, Wed. Oct 4th, 7-8:30pm. Guest speaker Vivian Pitt will join us.

Youth Alpha & Youth Confirmation!! If you are in gr. 7 & up and interested in Youth Alpha and/or Youth Confirmation, we are excited to have you come on board to explore life, faith and meaning together. Starting Sunday, Oct. 29th and continuing every Sunday until Nov. 19th from 10:30am - 1pm (Youth Room) we will meet together for a video teaching, good conversation and food. A Youth retreat will wrap up Youth Alpha from Fri. Nov. 23rd to Sun. Nov. 25th and then a couple more sessions in the New Year (Jan. 2018) will be added to complete Youth Confirmation before our Youth Service in February. Got questions? Contact Heather Mackey and/or Shelley and Greg Buxton-Forman.



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

September Theme:
Jesus Loves Me This I Know

Faith @ Home Parent Sheets are available for pick-up in your child's class. They include GraceLand's theme, scripture and life application summary along with activities and prayers for the whole family.

Participant forms are required every year for children and youth to ensure safety for all. If you have yet to fill out a 2017 form, please take one from the GraceLand reception or from our web wsquare.ca, fill out and return to us. We will be sending a notice out by November 2017 for 2018 Child/Youth Participant forms.

Creative Art Ministry - in SK & up? Is your child interested in dance and singing? Stay tuned for our Creative Arts program happening in October.

GraceLand Youth Band - If you are in Gr. 6 & up and can sing and/or play an instrument and would like to be a part of our Youth Band that leads praise songs to kids on Sundays, please come to our band practice/meeting on **Sunday Sept 24th at 10:30 am St. Paul's Hall** stage.

Small Group Fair

TODAY

in St. Paul's Hall





"Better Together"

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

Matthew 18:20

If you are not already participating in group life, here are the benefits of being in a healthy small group:

- You will feel more connected to our church, to people & God
- You will spend more time in the Bible & better understand it
- You will receive support from other believers
- You will be encouraged to find ways to serve using your gifts
- You will grow in spiritual maturity

SMALL GROUP FAIR , TODAY Sunday, September 17th **in St. Paul's hall between** services. An opportunity to meet our group leaders, ask questions & get connected

CONNECTION TEAM (9am & 11am) & SMALL GROUP LEADERS (HOSTS), you are cordially invited to an APPRECIATION CELEBRATION at TORRY LANE FARM (the Magwoods). Pot Luck. Thursday, September 21, 2017 @ 6pm. Please RSVP to Joy. jmagwood@wsquare.ca

Joyful Spirits Start Date: Thurs Sept 28th
Time: 7pm, Pritchard Rm. This season we **will be studying "THE RED LETTERS" (the words of JESUS for today's world) by Tony Campolo.** Do we value the words of Jesus? Do we live his Words? Through a series of six video conversations, Tony Campolo & host Colin McCartney discuss the radical but clear

teachings of Jesus. This group meets monthly. Sign up at the Connection Point after service or contact Joy.

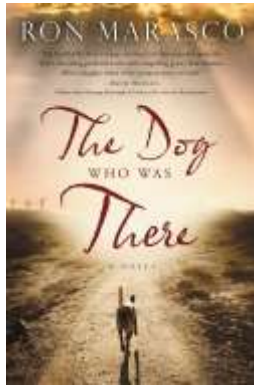
In Receiving Christ's Hope, the 3rd study in the Jesus Calling study series, we will explore the promises God makes in His Word as they relate to finding your hope and security in Him. As you put aside your own plans and allow **God's love to seep into your being, you will** experience the hope and peace of God. This study includes devotional readings, Bible study questions and additional discussion and music in a small group setting. Tuesdays, starting Sept 19, 7-9pm, in the McMillan room. Group hosts: Sue Zwicker and Lyn Kasprzyk.

WOW Book Club Mon Sept 25 at 7pm, **"The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor" by Sally Armstrong.** At the home of Wendy Sikora. 2130 Deerwood Dr. For information contact wow@wsquare.ca

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: bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca

Saturday Men's Breakfast, come join us on Saturday, Sept 23, 9-10:30am **at Gary's** place. Great fellowship and a hearty breakfast. Sign up at the Connection Point or contact Gary at gbrown@wsquare.ca

Footsteps Library



THE DOG WHO WAS THERE By Ron Marasco

No one expected Barley to have an encounter with the Messiah. He was homeless and struggling to survive in first century Jerusalem. Most surprisingly, he was a dog. But through **Barley's eyes, the story of a teacher from Galilee comes alive in a way we've never experienced before.**

Barley's story begins in the home of a compassionate woodcarver and his wife who find Barley as an abandoned, nearly drowned pup. Tales of a special teacher from Galilee are reaching their tiny village, but when life suddenly changes again for Barley, he carries the lessons of forgiveness and love out of the **woodcarver's home and through the dangerous roads of Roman-occupied Judea.**

Friday Community

As we grow as a community of support and faith, we also walk with friends through challenges and celebrations. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to partner with the Joseph Brant Hospital Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee to offer monthly information sessions. This past Friday over 60 folks benefitted from joining Denis Olivier, Mental Health and Addiction Educator from CMHA, who shared strategies on how to reduce anxiety. The challenging effects of anxiety impact everyone either personally, in our families or with friends in our community. As the weather gets cooler and the children return to school, with it brings the need for **snacks to fill the children's lunch bags. Our biggest need is for fruit cups and apple sauce, which we want to include in the snack bags every week.** We have some families who are looking for assistance with back to school supplies. Needed items include backpacks, lunch bags, thermoses, calculators and pencil cases. We are also collecting new or gently **used children's running shoes, as most children** require both inside and outside shoes for school.

We are looking for folks who would like to be a part of volunteering at the afternoon Hub (any time between 1 and 5 pm) on some Fridays. This would involve sharing in conversations, playing games and visiting with the folks who attend.

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca

What Do 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.