

Sermon

It was a sermon.
Not the best but the only one for this day.
I could have slept, with some of the others.
But I did not.
I dared not.
I never do.
I had to stay ready, waiting and ready for his sentence.
Ready for the one sentence that was worth it all.
I always come to hear all of it for the sake of the one sentence.
All his preparing and all my listening is for the sake of one sentence.
All his preparing and all my listening is for the one sentence.
When he says it, I will hear it.
There are thought gaps.
Things he leaves out.
Space.
I fill in the gaps as he goes along.
What he does not say to us I say to myself.
He does not try to say it all.
He leaves blanks and spaces for me to fill in.
I do.
He does not know when he says his big sentence.
I know.
It's when all the words become one word.
When all the thoughts become one thought.
It's when the words become like flesh and blood to me.
My flesh and blood, Lord.

Herbert F. Brokering
Uncovered Feelings



Scripture Verses For Today

John 14:18

Jesus said: I will not leave you as orphans;
I will come to you.

James 1:27

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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.

Outfits needed | we are hoping to borrow outfits for our Stagedoor Canteen. Needed are wartime outfits, costumes, hats or other wearable accessories that our choir can use to relive the era where brave men and women put their lives on the line for country and freedom. Please see Juanita or any choir member if you can help. Thank you.

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.

Mexico Mission 2017 | Information meeting TODAY 10:30-11:30 in the McMillan Rm for the Mexico 2017 trip. Contact Rob Crawford or Gwen Vernon: mexico2017@wsquare.ca

MiM Conference | The Ministry in Motion Conference is looking for families to provide a bed for a Minister guest to stay during the conference from Sunday November 12th to the morning of Wednesday November 15th (3 night stay). If you are interested in helping out, please contact Diane Thompson at dthompson@wsquare.ca

Handbell Choir vacancy | Can you read music and are you interested in joining the Handbell Choir? There is a vacancy in the Bass section. Please see Tish Buckley or Juanita Maldonado for further information.

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.

Custodial Help | Our church is in need of a few people who would be willing to be called on an **"as needed" basis for external events that** are held at Wellington Square during after regular hours on week nights and weekends. This part time work would be paid on an hourly basis, and would be perhaps once or twice per month. If you are interested in hearing more about this, please contact Catherine in the office cwagg@wsquare.cax

Joseph Brant Hospital Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee

Presented in Partnership
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Friday night
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Friday October 13, 2017
Friday Night Speakers Series

*A Vision for our Mental Health
and Addictions System*

Presented by:

Dr. Steven Selchen
Chief of Psychiatry
Joseph Brant Hospital

FRIDAY October 13, 2017
PRITCHARD ROOM, WELLINGTON SQ. UNITED CHURCH
2121 CAROLINE STREET, BURLINGTON
Speaker at 7:15PM to 8:30PM

Sponsored by:

Dinner @ 6pm All Welcome

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**JOSEPH BRANT
HOSPITAL**
Mental Health Consumer
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“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

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.

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

Kettles on Tea | please join us on Monday October 3rd from 1:30-3pm in the Pritchard Room for our afternoon tea. All are welcome.

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

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our SMALL GROUP FAIR such a successful event! If you did not pick up a BROCHURE or the SPIRITUAL ASSESSMENT TOOL, they are available at the Connection Point Table.

finance

Wellington Square Finance Update
Eight Months ending August 31, 2017

	Actual	Budget
Givings and other income	\$ 408,438	\$ 495,803
Expenses	500,529	495,803
Net deficit	\$ (92,091)	\$ -



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.**

TODAY we invite people to come to our SPONSORSHIP TABLE OUT IN THE FELLOWSHIP AREA: You may pick up a general information page about the orphanage, see the pictures and read the stories of children needing sponsors and ask questions about how you can become a sponsor for a child in the Wellington Orphanage which we have supported for almost 17 years (most of these children have become orphans as a result of the Ebola Crisis). 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. We thank you for considering this project.



We are super stoked about this fall with **youth! We have lots planned...**

Mark your calendars **for what's around the corner:**

Edge (High school) - Wed. Sept. 27 from 6-9pm - We're having a PARTY at The MACKEY House. Dinner provided.

YMCA Youth Job Search/Connection Night for Rockpile & Edge Youth, Wed. Oct. 4 from 7-8:30pm. Guest presenter: Vivian Pitt

Rockpile Movie Night - Tuesday, Oct. 17 - approx. 7-9pm

ALL YOUTH (Rockpile & Edge) Volleyball Night - Wed. Oct. 25 7-9pm

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, 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 (Lunch). 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 ONE 10am Youth Confirmation Service on Sunday February 4, 2018. 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

Sept Theme: Jesus LOVES Me This I Know
Oct Theme: **Jesus' Teachings**

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.

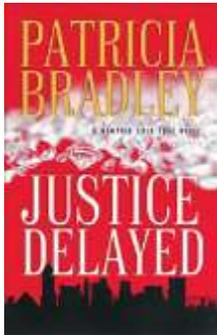
GraceNotes Choir/Dancers starts up Sunday, Oct. 1st from 10:30-11am - Gr. 3 class - must be SK & older. We are starting to prepare for our Christmas services.

Puppet Ministry Rocks here at the Square! In gr. 5 & older & interested? Contact Nancy James.



GraceLand Youth Band practice is today, Sunday Sept. 24 from 10:30-11 am **St. Paul's** Hall stage.

Footsteps Library



Justice Delayed (a Memphis Cold Case novel)
by Patricia Bradley

In one week, the wrong man will be executed for murder. Eighteen years ago, TV crime reporter Andi Hollister's sister was murdered. The convicted killer sits behind bars, his execution date looming. But when a letter surfaces stating that the condemned didn't do the crime, Detective Will Kincaide of the Memphis Cold Case Unit will stop at nothing to help Andi get to the bottom of it. After all, this case is personal: the man who confessed to the crime is Will's cousin. Andi and Will must find the real killer before the wrong person is executed. But what can happen in only a week--uncovering police corruption, running for your life, and, perhaps, falling in love? With the perfect mixture of intrigue and nail-biting suspense, award-winning author Patricia Bradley invites you to crack the case-if you can-alongside the best Memphis has to offer.

Friday Community

In the busyness of Friday Night Community it is easy to get caught up in all that has to be done. This past Friday I sat down at a table with a couple of gentlemen that were just finishing up their dinner. One man who was perhaps in his 30's sat quietly while making no eye contact. It appeared that he had no intention of engaging in any conversation. After a few minutes without lifting his eyes he quietly mumbled, "Tell the people there thank you!" I moved closer to hear what he was saying and he repeated, "Say thank you to the people who made the dinner." I asked if this was his first time coming and he said yes. With some reluctance he shared that his mom had been trying to get him to come for a long time, but he knew it would be crowded and also **didn't want to be around users because he was an addict and was staying clear of that.** He told me this was a good place to be, that he felt safe and that he was glad he had come. His mom returned to the table and was surprised to see that he was talking, and he told her that he had shared about his reluctance to come and the reasons why. She was beaming when she told me how hard it was to get him in the **door because he didn't know what he could expect.** What a blessing that our new friend made a personal connection and felt safe and cared for at his first visit to the Friday Night Community.

Needed Items:

- *snacks for children's lunch bags
- *school supplies (backpacks, thermoses...)
- *newer twin mattress & storage cabinets

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