

The world is a different place because Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

Easter points to God, the transcendent power beyond all power, the ruler of the universe, the One who is not limited by our reason, our common sense, cause-and-effect, scientific method manner of thinking.

This is a God who can make a way where there is no way, a God for whom impossibilities became infinite possibilities.

Anne Lamott, an irreverent but devout recent convert to Christianity, talks candidly about her own experience as a recovering alcoholic and single mother whose life was literally saved by her encounter with Jesus Christ.

**Out of her own experience she writes, "When God is going to do something wonderful, He or She always starts with a hardship. When God is going to do something amazing, He or She starts with an impossibility."**

*I am many things but I am not naïve, not stupid. I believe in the Christian God for a whole variety of reasons, some intellectual and some not, and while several of the greatest people I know are atheists, the greatest of all of the people I know is the one [about] whom Christianity was founded 2000 years ago.*

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## The Road Most Taken

*"Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight."*

- Luke 24: 31 (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.

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, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know by contacting the church office at (905)634-1849 or [office@wsquare.ca](mailto:office@wsquare.ca)

BETTER TOGETHER | Meet the ministers Sunday April 22nd. Spiritual journeys go best when shared with others. If you are beginning your spiritual quest at Wellington Square, Reverends Katie & Orville would like to meet you. Please drop by the Chapel after the 9am or 11am service on Sun. Apr. 22nd.

Photo Directory | is now available after both the 9 and 11 a.m. services at the Connection Point and also in the office during the week. Cost: \$3.

Spring Cleaning Challenge! Do you have unwanted, costume or broken jewellery at **home and don't know what to do with it?** Consider donating it to our Friday Night Community. We are looking for donations of beads of any kind (glass, wood, paper or plastic), pins/brooches, amulets, broken chains, single or mismatched earrings for our Ladies Spring Brunch. There will be a basket in the church office or pass them along to Iona or Lisa. We will be collecting donations through April. More questions? Text Iona @ 289-208-6048.

# happenings cont.

Note from the Board | As a follow up to the AGM, there are 2 things to be mentioned: During the months of April, May and June, on the first Sunday of each month, a member(s) of the Board will be available to answer any questions or concerns that you may have concerning Wellington Square. Look for their table in the Foyer between both services if you would like to chat with them. The first date will be April 1st. For clarification regarding the budget, a change has been made this year. For a few years now, a percentage (6.3%) of our regular givings has been directed to Reaching Out initiatives, for example, Sierra Leone, Malawi, Mexico, Canadian Foodgrains, Dot Gow and other local initiatives. For a long time, the Friday Night Community received funds from this percentage too. This ministry has grown. They have a budget of \$6,000 for 2018. This budget item was included in the budget presented to the congregation on Sunday March 4th, but was erroneously combined with and reflected as Outreach Expenses. Friday Night Community now has its own budget line and a revised copy of the budget is on the church website for anyone who might wish a revised copy. Staffing is provided and paid for by the church. Regular givings continue to support Friday Night Community, but in a different way. They also receive any funds that are designated directly to them.

Observer Magazine | Please note that the cost of the Observer subscription is \$25 per year. If you wish to renew your subscription or start a new one, you can pay for it by using a blue pew envelope and writing Observer on the envelope with your contact information by Sunday April 15th.

Church closed | Please note the church will be closed Monday April 2nd (Easter Monday).



Living Well Spending Less  
By Ruth Soukup

Ruth is the founder of a finance blog called *livingwellspendingless.com*. She has been **awarded the title of "Super Saver, Coupon Girl, and Deal Pro"**, although admits that until she started her blog she was more of a shopaholic. Ruth says God has a plan for every broken shopaholic. Today Ruth is passionate about saving money and through her journey to financial peace she has realized that how you spend your money is directly related to what is in your heart.

Through personal stories, biblical truths and action plans, Ruth will inspire the reader to make the changes needed to live well and spend less.



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

Participant Forms are required every year for children and youth to ensure safety for all. Thank you for supporting our Plan 2 Protect procedures.

April Themes:

- Praise God for Easter!
- Friendship (3 part lesson series)
- How to read the Bible



Rockpile: Harry Potter Trivia Night (Gr 7-8)

*Wed Apr 4 - 7:00-8:30pm* We will be gathering in the Youth Room this Wednesday evening and busting out snacks (aka CHOCOLATE cause Adam is so taking advantage of the post-Easter discounts at the grocery store) AND **we'll be playing Harry Potter Trivia! Even if Hogwarts isn't your thing still come out as we'll have a good time hearing about everyone's holiday!!**

*Coming Soon: CONFIRMATION: MAY 2018*

Confirmation Session dates are here!

This series is open to any youth who participated **in this past fall's Youth Alpha program, who have not yet been confirmed and would like to be.** Confirmation is the chance to transition into being an active member of the church and more importantly the chance to make the personal **choice to follow Jesus. If you're considering of confirmation and would like more information please contact Adam by e-mail and we can set-up a time to meet and chat.**

Confirmation involves attending 3 classes which run at the church from 7-9pm, on 3 Tuesday nights in May as well as the Sunday morning Confirmation Service. There will also be a brief meeting for prospective confirmands and their family/supporters after church in the Youth Room at 10:30am on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> to go over further details. The dates for the classes are as follows: May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup>, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday morning Confirmation service that Adam and the confirmands will put together takes place at 10am on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in the sanctuary. If you or your youth are wishing to be part of There is no cost to the confirmation but please register by e-mailing Adam at [acresswell@wsquare.ca](mailto:acresswell@wsquare.ca)

# Joseph Brant Hospital Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee

Presented in Partnership  
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**Friday April 6, 2018**  
**Friday Night Speakers Series**

## *The Bridge - Prison to Community* "Supporting FAMILY in Hamilton and Halton"

*Over 60% of individuals in prison have a mental health and/or addiction disorder. The "BRIDGE" supports these individuals and their family members before, during and post incarceration.*

Presented by:

*Jo Ann Carrothers & Bonnie Barlow*

**FRIDAY APRIL 6, 2018**

**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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**JOSEPH BRANT  
HOSPITAL**

Mental Health Consumer  
Advisory Committee



**Tired of walking around not feeling good enough?  
Want to build up your self-esteem?**

**Starting Monday April 9, 2018**

**Self-esteem workshops in a safe, supportive environment.  
Run by Nikki Rosen, award winning author & survivor of childhood  
abuse, rape and addictions.**

**Date: April 9, 16, 23, 30**

**Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Mondays.**

**Place: Wellington Square Church: 2121 Caroline Street. Burlington  
Ontario**

**Description: Four week self-esteem workshops for women that will deal  
with overcoming shame, becoming your own best friend, learning to tell  
yourself the truth & more.**

**Cost: Free**

**Need more information or to reserve your spot, email Nikki at  
[blueheron12345@yahoo.ca](mailto:blueheron12345@yahoo.ca)**

Wellington Square United Church

&

*Southern Ontario  
Lyric Opera*

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Invite you to an afternoon of operatic  
arias & sacred music

**April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm**

*Featuring:*

Two talented soloists and  
Members of the SOLO chorus,  
accompanied by  
Maestro Sabatino Vacca

**Tickets \$30**

Available after all weekend services, or by  
calling

**The church office (905) 634-1849**

**or Juanita Maldonado**

**(289) 440-1623**



**"Better Together"**

*"For where two or three come together in my name, there I am 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).

Please Note: during this Sacred Season of the Year, the chapel is open for meditation & Prayer. Pray individually or with a group of friends!! Prayer suggestions are available in the chapel. Easter blessings! He is Risen!

**Men's Breakfast** | the next Saturday Men's Breakfast will be April 21, 9am-10:30am at **Gary's place**. Sign up at the Connection Point or contact Gary Brown at [gbrown@wsquare.ca](mailto:gbrown@wsquare.ca)

JESUS CALLING devotional available at the Connection Point \$11

Kettles on Tea | Please join us on Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3pm in the Pritchard Room for our afternoon tea. The Singing Strummers will be providing music for all to enjoy!

JOYFUL SPIRITS: Our next gathering will be Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Pritchard Rm. We will be viewing the PASSION TALK SERIES by LOUIE GIGLIO... **"HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD"**. Contact: [jmagwood@wsquare.ca](mailto:jmagwood@wsquare.ca)

Thursday at Seven: Lenten Series - **"HE CHOSE THE NAILS - What God Did to Win Your Heart"** by Max Lucado. DVD and scripture study guide. Please contact Bruce: [bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca](mailto:bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca)

WORSHIP NIGHT: Experience Classic Worship Songs by the writers Paul Baloche & Brian Doerksen (Come Now Is The Time To Worship, Above All, Refiner's Fire, Micah Six Eight & Many More!) WHEN: Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 TIME: 7-10pm WHERE: Oakville - Harvest Bible Chapel. For tickets & more information go to [UNITEDPRODUCTIONS.COM](http://UNITEDPRODUCTIONS.COM)

I AM A CHURCH MEMBER - Rick Warren from **Saddleback Church** says **"It is impossible to grow to spiritual maturity by yourself. You must be connected to other parts of the Body. This wonderful little book explains the power of belonging to a church family."** For those who are looking forward to taking the step of being received as a Wellington member, we invite you to join us for discussion of the book on Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> in the chapel at 10:30am. Please sign up at the CONNECTION TABLE or contact [joymagwood@gmail.com](mailto:joymagwood@gmail.com). Cost of book \$10.

Discipleship Café - Thank you to all our team who helped make the March 24 Discipleship Café so successful & to all the attendees who made it so vibrant. We PRAISE GOD for His blessings! Our next DISCIPLESHIP CAFÉ will be Saturday, October 27, 2018, so please reserve the date on your calendar.

Small Group Book Study: Brian McLaren, The Great Spiritual Migration We are starting a six-week study of this important book about the future direction of the Christian faith. Study will be hosted at **Rob and Lisa Irish's on Wednesdays** starting April 11<sup>th</sup>. We meet for dinner and community at 6:30, study together from 7:30 to **9:00**. If you're interested, let us know [rirish@wsquare.ca](mailto:rirish@wsquare.ca)





## Friday Community

One of our friends that joined us to eat works in **the non profit sector. He went 'A week without'** by living on the food pantry diet with a weekly budget of \$20.00, to represent the choice between shelter and food that many people face. Outside of the couple of community meals he attended, his diet consisted of only non perishable food items from a can or box. Although his campaign lasted one week, for many people this resets and they continue to go on eating a food pantry or food bank diet without the hope of their situation changing. For many folks who come in our doors, this is their ongoing reality. Most of us have never had **to find a way to sneak our children's next meal** into a container or stand in line to get one more healthy salad for another day. Thank you for your ongoing support and care in ensuring that we are meeting the needs for many friends in our community that regularly go without.

Blessings of goodness:

\*our custodial staff that set up, keep our kitchen clean and put everything back together every Friday

Most Needed Items:

\*yogurt and black take out containers

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

\*salad bar toppings & dressings

\*gently used/newer running shoes

\*electric beaters, sandwich maker

\*Queen bed & frame, lamps, bedside tables, sewing machine & material, wall decorations for new family to country

\*curtain rods and curtains

\*wool for knitting in Hub

For information contact: [fnc@wsquare.ca](mailto:fnc@wsquare.ca)



## reaching out

### Reaching Out – Spring Flower Sale

Many of you have been asking about the annual Spring Flower sales. In addition to bulbs and seeds, there will also be the opportunity to order plants.

There are some changes from last year. Instead of picking up the flowers at the Church on Mother's Day, as we have in the past, you will need to arrange to pick up the flowers at **Dee Glover's home on Wednesday May 9th. The address is on the order form.** There will be no extra flowers ordered this year.

As usual, the flowers are of excellent quality and competitively priced. All profits will go to help fund our Reaching Out projects.

Order forms are available in the church office and will be at the Connection Point table for the next three Sundays. There is also a printable version of the order form available on the church website under Outreach. Deadline for submitting orders is Wednesday, April 25th.

If you have any questions, please contact Dee at [kdeeglover@bell.net](mailto:kdeeglover@bell.net). He is also looking for volunteers to help unload the truck and sort orders when they arrive on the morning of May 9th.

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*This Jesus, I am convinced, was the Son of God. He was beaten, abused, humiliated, executed. Christians remember those events, but most of all they recall His resurrection. This personification of love, justice, tolerance, **forgiveness and inclusion rose again. You don't have to believe that, but I do; because it makes so much sense to me and informs and gives meaning and purpose to my entire life.***

Michael Coren, Toronto Star, and Globe & Mail  
columnist

#### **"What if this singular man in some**

**unprecedented, unrepeatable way was in touch with the divine, was divine as claimed. What if the story of the Resurrection was actually, factually true, not just an extra crowd-pleasing narrative twist but a once-in-the-planet's-lifetime occurrence designed to demonstrate that there was hope after death. Then the world and the **universe would be totally different places"****

*Tony Hendra, British author, actor & humourist*

*That is my Jesus: cutting through the pain and the suffering and the confusion of this broken planet and pulling back the curtain to **show the splendid truth of the world's possibilities.***

Michael Coren

**Sometimes God is at work and we don't recognize Him at work in our lives.**