

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.



Disagreeing, Without Drawing Blood

"I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

- Ephesians 4: 1-3 (NRSV)

"But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,..."

- Ephesians 4: 15 (NRSV)

"So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil."

- Ephesians 4: 25-27 (NRSV)

happenings

Today at 9am we celebrate the Baptism and Blessing of

Lachlan Paul Ian Gray
Child of Ian and Sara Gray

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 10th. Please let us know by contacting the church office at (905)634-1849 or office@wsquare.ca

PROPERTY – SPRING CLEAN UP – MAY 12
Please come join the property team on Saturday morning May 12 (9-12) to give the church grounds a little attention. Come for an hour or come for the morning. We need people to help with edging, mulching, fertilizing, tree cutting, pruning, and planting. Equipment needed includes edgers, shovels, wheel barrels, and utility trailers. Our property is often the first thing newcomers see when they visit us. Maintaining our church property is an important way to demonstrate that we also care about the people and activities that take place inside our building. For more information, please contact Alvin Kiers at property@wsquare.ca if you can give your time or lend your equipment. Coffee/snacks provided.

Fellowship Lunch | Please join us today, April 22nd, after the 11am service. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door.

Staff Notes | Rev. Orville James will be away from April 23rd - 30th. Rev. Katie Southon is available during this time for any pastoral needs.

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.

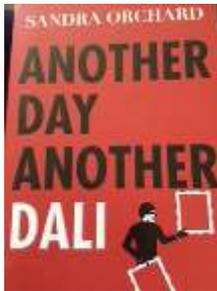
BETTER TOGETHER | Meet the ministers TODAY, Sunday April 22nd. Spiritual journeys go best when shared with others. If you are beginning your spiritual quest at Wellington Square, Reverends Katie & Orville would like to meet you. Please drop by the Chapel after the 9am or 11am services today!

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.

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 today, Sunday April 22nd.

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.

Footsteps Library



ANOTHER DAY ANOTHER DALI
A Sandra Orchard Mystery

Serena Jones, the FBI art fraud expert, is asked to secretly investigate her grandmother's friend's stolen Dali. But, it looks like one of her grown

children may be the culprit. The evidence reveals a duplicate of a painting owned by her own grandfather who was murdered years ago. None of the people know the truth about the others. This search for truth may lead Serena to some soul-searching of her own.

finance

Wellington Square Finance Update
Three Months ending March 31, 2018

	Actual	Budget
Givings and other income \$	139,550	\$ 151,625
Expenses	183,623	187,470
Net deficit	\$ (44,073)	\$ (35,845)

Joseph Brant Hospital Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee

Presented in Partnership
with:

Friday night
Community

Friday May 4, 2018
Friday Night Speakers Series

"LET'S TALK POT"

Marijuana and Mental Health

What happens July 1st? How Marijuana has changed?
What is it and how it effects the brain at different ages?
Harm Reduction - Marijuana and Mental Health?

Presented by: ADAPT - Concurrent Disorders Specialist

Erin Horlings BA, MACP

FRIDAY May 4, 2018

PRITCHARD ROOM, WELLINGTON SQ. UNITED CHURCH
2121 CAROLINE STREET, BURLINGTON

Speaker at 7:15PM to 8:30PM

Dinner @ 6pm All Welcome

Sponsored by:

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BURLINGTON
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

JOSEPH BRANT
HOSPITAL

Mental Health Consumer
Advisory Committee



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. 2018 forms have been mailed to each family to complete and return to our GraceLand Reception Area. These forms can also be picked up at the GraceLand Reception desk and found on our website under Children & Family Ministry. Thank you for supporting our Plan 2 Protect Procedures.

April/May Themes:

- How to Read the Bible
- Friendships
 - ◊ Jesus is our friend
 - ◊ Being a good friend
 - ◊ Choosing good friends
- Self-worth
- A Generous Giver

Today, GraceLand is hosting our Faith at Home Event: How to Read the Bible for Gr. 2's and their Parents. All of GraceLand will learn and be inspired to understand the importance of reading God's Word. To be filled with God and His truth (the Bible). Children in Gr. 2 will receive an NIV Adventure Bible.



Preliminary Confirmation Meeting:

Sun Apr 22 (Today!) – 1:30-2:30pm

Confirmands and their families will be gathering in the Pritchard Room with Adam to go over details of the upcoming Confirmation session.

All Youth Movie: I Can Only Imagine (Gr 7-

12) Tues Apr 24 – 7-10pm ish (Showtime TBA) 1250 Brant St, Burlington - Cost: \$12

The Weather postponed our trip to the movies and it is re-scheduled for THIS Tuesday night!

We'll be heading to Silver City at 1250 Brant St to see the film I Can Only Imagine. The showtime will be posted via our Facebook groups as they are not yet available at the time of this printing. Parents are invited to come along too!

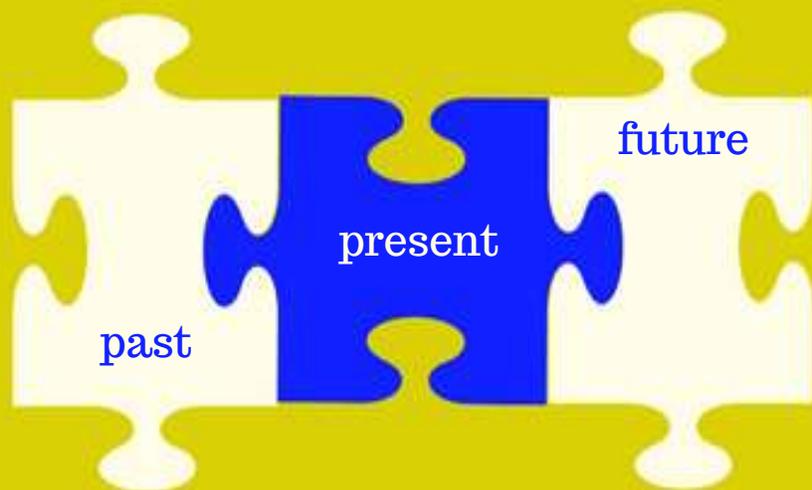
CONFIRMATION: MAY 2018

Apr 22, May 1, May 15, May 29, Jun 3

Confirmation Session dates are here! This series is open to any youth who a) Participated in this **past fall's Youth Alpha program, and b) Have not yet been confirmed and would like to be.**

Confirmation is a chance for Youth to transition into being an active member of the Church and more importantly the chance to make the personal choice to follow Jesus.

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. The dates for the classes are: May 1st, May 15th, May 29th. The Sunday morning Confirmation service takes place at 10am on June 3rd in the sanctuary. If you or your youth are wishing to be part know that there is no cost but please do register by e-mailing Adam at acresswell@wsquare.ca



“All the Pieces of the Puzzle”

AN ANNIVERSARY
SUNDAY
CELEBRATION

AT WELLINGTON SQUARE

Please join us on Sunday morning, May 6th during
and after both services as we celebrate all that
God has done in the past and present at WSUC
and look to the future!

Wellington Square United Church

&

*Southern Ontario
Lyric Opera*

Invite you to an afternoon of operatic
arias & sacred music

TODAY 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



In the Belly of the Whale



**Mon. August. 27 -
Thurs. August. 30
9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

\$30

per child per week

*No refunds after July 1st.
Financial assistance is available.*

SK to Grade 5

(Must be 5 years of age by Dec. 31, 2018)

Wellington Square United Church • 2121 Caroline St., Burlington, Ont.
Heather Mackey • hmackey@wsquare.ca • www.wsquare.ca

PARENTS & WEE ONES Drop-in



*Drop-in' morning for
parents and their
wee ones.*

**Tuesdays
9:30 am**

Share a morning together, support one another and hang out
over coffee/tea with your children.

Meeting place - GraceLand Toddler room Nursery is available if needed.

For more details, please contact Heather Mackey at hmackey@wsquare.ca

SMALL
groups
"Disciples Making Disciples"

"And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

2 Timothy 2:2

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).

NEW STUDY: A 4 SESSION DVD STUDY by NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR MAX LUCADO.....

"BEFORE AMEN". In this study, Max Lucado reveals how connecting with God each day can be as simple as **five short sentences: "Father, you are good. I need help. They need help. Thank you. In Jesus' name, amen."** He shows you how to embrace a prayer life that brings peace and rest.

WHEN: Tuesdays, May 22&29. June 5&12,

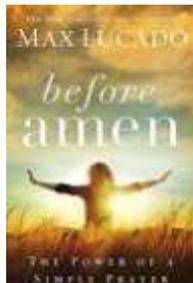
2018 TIME: 7-8:30pm

WHERE: Pritchard Room

FACILITATOR: Joy Magwood

Co-Facilitator: TBA Study Guide: \$10

Sign up at the CONNECTION POINT TABLE or jmagwood@wsquare.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 27th, 2018 TIME: 7-10pm WHERE: Oakville - Harvest Bible Chapel. For tickets & more information go to 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 27th in the chapel at 10:30am. Please sign up at the CONNECTION TABLE or contact joymagwood@gmail.com. Cost of book \$10.

Thursday at Seven: New series **"Grace is Greater"** by Kyle Idleman; God's Plan to Overcome Your Past, Redeem Your Pain and Rewrite Your Story. Five week book and DVD study. Please contact Bruce: bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca

JOYFUL SPIRITS: We will gather on Thurs. May 17th at 7pm in the Pritchard Rm to watch & **discuss the DVD "NOT IN VAIN" by Andy Stanley.....a MOST ENCOURAGING MESSAGE FOR THE CHURCH of JESUS CHRIST.**

Contact: jmagwood@wsquare.ca

JESUS CALLING devotional available at the Connection Point \$11



Friday Community

As we celebrate National Volunteer Week, it goes without saying that the Friday Night Community would not be possible without the dedicated, passionate and caring volunteers such as yourself that make it what it is. Whether you come in our doors every week, every month or every year, you touch the lives and hearts of many friends in our community.

This past Friday one dad who has been coming for a number of years came up to thank us for yet another meal. He has struggled with job loss, mental and physical health challenges and a marriage separation during this time. He shared, **"Sometimes when I come here I am not in good spirits. It is a struggle to come, but I always leave much better. There is so much warmth here for the people who come and you have no idea the difference you make to so many."** Thank you for bringing hope and kindness to folks who come in our doors through your acts of service at the Friday Night Community.

Blessings of goodness:

***Friday daytime 'A Team' who come every week** to set up, bake and sort food

Most Needed Items:

*yogurt and black take out containers

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

*salad bar toppings & dressings

*gently used/newer running shoes

*Queen mattresses & headboard, lamps, bedside tables, sewing machine/material

*gently used card tables (no chairs)

*wool for knitting in Hub

For information contact: 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 today. 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. He is also looking for volunteers to help unload the truck and sort orders when they arrive on the morning of May 9th.

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is offense, let me bring pardon.
Where there is discord, let me bring union.
Where there is error, let me bring truth.
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.
O Master, let me not seek as much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love,
for it is in giving that one receives,
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,
it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,
it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.



St. Francis of Assisi Painting by Regina Ammerman