

**wellington
square**



December 2, 2018

First Sunday in Advent
The Story Of Zechariah and
Elizabeth

Luke 1:5-25

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 or at the Connection Point table. As a THANK-YOU for taking the time to fill out the card, please accept a copy of "CASE FOR CHRIST". If you need assistance, please feel free to ask one of our greeters.

Communion Sunday Collection for the Crisis Care Fund | Today we invite you to contribute to our Crisis Care Fund - a vital resource used with prayerful discernment by your ministry team. It allows us to provide care and hope for those in our wider community as **they cope with some of life's harshest realities**. Our prayer is for a day when such a fund will have no use...and we pray, until that day arrives, you will continue to contribute generously.

Inter-generational Communion | GraceLand will partake in communion on most communion Sundays. Our GraceLand Leaders will lead the children in near the end of the service to participate. Parents, if you would like to partake in communion with your child together, please walk down the side aisle and wait over by the West Transept (Where GraceLand sits) and come forward with your child to receive communion.

Mitten Tree | is outside the office. We welcome any donations of mittens/gloves, hats and socks.

United Church 2019 Calendars | There are a limited number of calendars for sale. \$5 each available at the Connection Point after each service or please see Jennifer in the office during the week.

Message from the Ministry & Personnel Team – 11 am Music Director

We recently received a letter of resignation from Juanita Maldonado, our 11 am Music Director. Her final service for leading music worship at Wellington Square United Church will be December 24th, 2018 at 8 pm. We greatly appreciate the significant contribution Juanita has made to the growth and development of the 11 am music program and worship service and we wish her well in her future endeavours.

The search for a permanent replacement is already underway, and in the meantime we have arranged to have Ian Green lead the 11 am music program from December 30th, 2018 to January 27th, 2019. Ian has been a guest music director at the 11 am service for us on several occasions and will maintain our high standard of musical excellence.

Offerings for 2018 MUST be received by Monday December 31st in order to be included in your 2018 tax receipt.

Communion Sundays: December 24@10pm

ONE SERVICE @ 10am: December 9th & December 30th & January 6th, 2019.

From The Board | The Board is setting up a Vision in Action (VIA) team for the purpose of clarifying the direction our church wants to head in over the next 5 years. The team will be made up of the ministers, two Board members and some with experience in establishing vision along with a couple of members of the congregation. If interested, contact Jeremy Cox immediately at jcox@wsquare.ca

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Update from the Board

The Board is looking to fill 1 vacant position. If you are interested in joining the Board you can pick up an application form from the office, or download the form from our website.

If you have any questions about joining the Board, please speak to either Jeremy Cox or Lindsay Foster. Applications will be received until Wednesday December 5. You can either return the application form in an envelope to the office, or scan and email the completed form to either Jeremy Cox, jcox@wsquare.ca or Lindsay Foster, lfoster@wsquare.ca

Our Advent Fellowship Brunch last Sunday was a wonderful gathering time for all ages. A sincere thanks to all the volunteers for helping to make this special event happen!



We continue to be blessed with donations from friends in our community, which allow us to provide food, fellowship and resources. We received 200 bakery style cookies personally baked from a lady who reached out to thank us for all we have done to care for and support her sister and family over the years. What a beautiful addition to our dessert tables! This past Friday one of the parents from Central School delivered left over potatoes, carrots and onions from their school fundraiser. Burlington Food Bank provided the kidney beans for our delicious chilli, and we picked up a variety of produce and other donations from Food For Life that we included in our meal. We are thrilled to now receive end of day bagels from **JC's which we are able to enjoy in the Hub, and** put in the middle of our tables. We are so thankful that word has spread and that people in our community reach out and offer support to our friends at Friday Night Community.

Most Needed Items:

- *larger sizes of winter coats, winter boots,
- *warmer ski gloves and mittens
- *candy canes & Christmas candy
- *salad bar toppings (pickles, beets, olives...)**
- *baking ingredients (chocolate chips, etc.)
- *mattress covers (clean gently used)
- *Queen sized duvet & mattress covers
- *curtain rods, panel curtains and hardware
- *book cases (gently used & lighter)
- *large cooking stock pot, heating blanket
- *living room/bedroom lamps

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



CONNECT/GROW/SERVE

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matt. 18:20

Acts 2: 42 "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

ADVENT CONSPIRACY - Thank you to all the facilitators who have led a group in this study or are presently leading this study. We are pleased that our children, youth & our Outreach teams have also embraced this study with enthusiasm and commitment. Our prayer is that TOGETHER as the BODY OF CHRIST, **this Christmas we will reflect the "VERY LOVE OF GOD" in the way we give & live. As we WORSHIP FULLY, SPEND LESS, GIVE MORE & LOVE ALL**, remember that the very act of giving makes us more like our generous Creator who gave the most precious gift, His son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins.

ADVENT CONSPIRACY BOOKS - a few copies are available at the CONNECTION POINT. Cost is \$17.

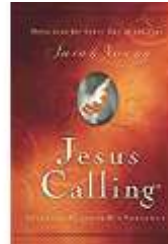
ADVENT CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE at the sanctuary doors at each service or at the CONNECTION TABLE.

Kettles On Tea | Monday December 10th, 1:30 - 3 pm. The Singing Strummers will be performing. Please join us for fellowship and music. If anyone needs a ride, please call Joyce 905-637-5192.

JOYFUL SPIRITS - Our Our Christmas Celebration is Thursday, December 13 in the Pritchard Room. TIME: 6pm
POTLUCK- Please bring a finger food.
Contact Joy Magwood for more info.

"(JESUS) CREATED A NEW KIND OF HUMAN BEING, A FRESH START FOR EVERYBODY."

Ephesians 2:15 MSG



JESUS CALLING now available at the CONNECTION TABLE.
COST: \$15.

Thursday at Seven - New series on prayer - Before Amen - *The Power of a Simple Prayer*. Four week series; book and DVD study by Max Lucado. Please contact Bruce: bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca

NEW GROUPS: If you have an idea for a new group or wish to lead a group, please contact Joy. We are excited about what God is doing through our groups. It is AWESOME working together to share the GOOD NEWS of the gospel through our GROUP LIFE at Wellington.

*Songs
of
Christmas*

*For Unto Us a
Child Is Born*

*Sunday Dec 9
3pm*



Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel

BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL!!

Our **ONE** Service at
10:00 am on
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th



Praising God with Singing, Dancing & Puppets



SEARCHING FOR
CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve Services

4:30pm Fun, Interactive service for kids and their families

6:00pm Worship with the Band

8:00pm Worship with the Sanctuary Choir

10:00pm Candlelight and Communion



Out of the house of bread: satisfying your hunger for God with the spiritual disciplines

By Preston Yancey

Out of the house of bread is more than a book to read and treasure. It is a book to experience. An invitation to walk with Jesus through the practice of spiritual disciplines not found exclusively in the church, but in the everyday



Today is Angel Wings Grande Finale!

Please drop into the McMillan Room to see our Church at work with the wonderful collection of gifts you have generously provided. We are still in need of cash donations to meet our goal for purchasing food certificates and supporting families.

Gifts In Kind: If you would like your Angel Wings gifts to be considered charitable givings (Gifts In Kind), please give a copy of your gift receipts and your Church Account # to any member of the Angel Wings Team and we will make sure it is applied to your account. Thank you for your generous support of this local outreach program.

**** Remember to bring your unwrapped gifts to the MCMILLAN ROOM ** TODAY, Sun. Dec 2nd.** If you have questions, please contact Chris Carver (905) 632-0000

rhythms of your kitchen. Each chapter is paired with the process of baking bread and a spiritual discipline that compliments it. Whether these disciplines of the spirit are a part of your everyday life or need the dust blown off of them, you will learn anew how blessing, feasting, and remembering draws you nearer to the holiness of God. All while baking one very good loaf of bread. Preston Yancey who currently lives in Waco, Texas is a writer, baker, speaker. He is in the process of being ordained in the Anglican Church in North America.

Joseph Brant Hospital Mental Health

Consumer Advisory Committee

Presented in Partnership with: *Friday* night
Community

Friday Night Speaker Series

Friday December 7, 7pm

(Pritchard Room)

Mindfulness Meditation

Join us to learn about this helpful self care practice during the busy Holiday Season

Presented by: Melanie Walker



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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. Nur to Gr. 6

December theme:

A Christmas Journey

- Mary & Joseph
- The Saviour is Born!
- Angels &
- Shepherds!
- Sharing the Good News!

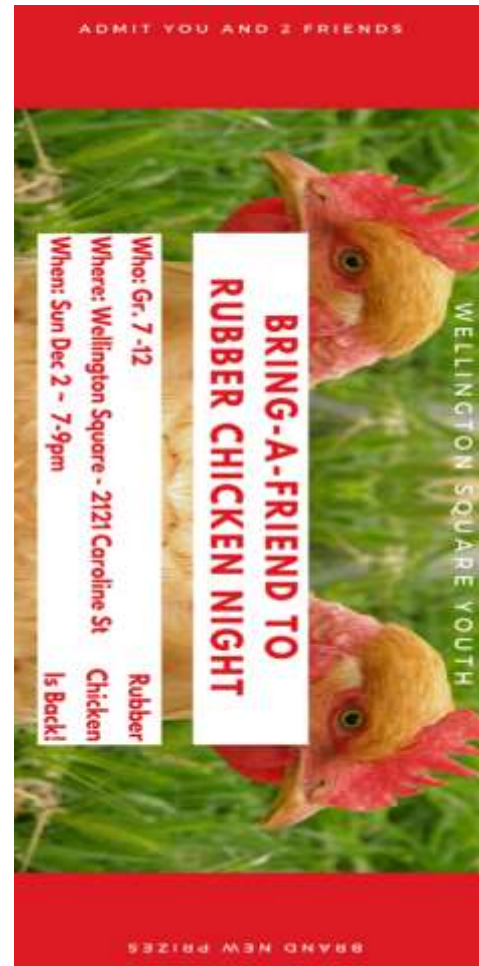


Reminder to parents to take home our monthly Faith at Home Family sheets for GraceLand's theme, focus, scriptures and prayers.

Next Sun Dec 9th ONE 10am Service - ALL of GraceLand will be involved in the service by presenting 'Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel - Born is the King of Israel'. We encourage you to bring your child on Sundays to learn songs and details of this presentation.



Bring a Friend to RUBBER CHICKEN NIGHT – Sun Dec 2nd - TONIGHT! 7-9pm – Gr 7-12



Christmas Eve Family Service Prep & Pizza Party -Wed Dec 5th – 6:30-9pm – Gr. 7-12
Bring \$2 for pizza (or e-mail Adam for financial assistance) and come eat with us and help prep for our Dec 24th 4:30 family service! In front AND behind the scenes roles needed!

For all December events go to:

www.wsquare.ca/youth

Contact Youth Dir. Adam: Acresswell@wsquare.ca



reaching out

Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World?
Christmas should be a joyous celebration of **Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts and the world around us.** But does it? We invite you to **consider these "challenges" throughout this season of Advent.** Jesus calls us to go into this broken world to both *tell* the great story of **God's love and to live** it. Our lives should show others a picture of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We should be the ones to tell the story of Christmas, not the malls. Let God nudge your heart to make this Christmas different. Let Him whisper to your spirit how you can worship fully, spend less, give more and love all. And then respond to His invitation to help change the world.

Consider the following:

- Consider giving a gift that is relational, instead of consumer driven - be creative (take a class together, take someone for coffee and a movie, paint a picture, write a story, print and frame a special picture)
- Give up coffee for the week and set aside the money you would have spent for a project that speaks to your heart
- Listen to worship music in your car, at work or at home and sing along
- Invite a friend to join you at church next week (worship fully)

PLEASE
JOIN US
FOR A
Retirement
PARTY

- SAVE THE DATE -
SUNDAY, JANUARY 6th
*as we celebrate and reflect
upon Orville's ministry with
Wellington Square United*

Do you have a fond memory, funny story, pictures, or testimony about Orville that you'd like to share?

Send your written words or short videos to: orvilleretires2019@gmail.com

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