

I'VE BEEN THINKING...

...that this idea of Re-Start is a continuous, ongoing process. At the beginning of a new year, it is normal for most of us to think that *this* year **we're going to change some things, do them differently: our schedule, our relationships, our finances, and more. And if we're smart we don't** limit ourselves to starting that in early January; Rather any week, any month will do! Continuously, ongoing, year round.

Since last week's talk about the 'Power of Your Schedule' I've been seeing more possibilities – for me, and for a lot of us.

I mentioned the man who changed his life by putting night school courses into his Monday evening schedule. That led to a 30 year Accounting career with a large corporation.

And I told of former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt (in office 1901-1909) who had a great love for the outdoors and knowledge of nature. This was instilled and enlarged in his youth. He had severe asthma – could not go out and play, and so spent many hours reading, and observing the natural world outside his window. He was fascinated by animals, and learned taxidermy (stuffing & preserving various species).

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**RE-START: Relationships -
"Friends With Benefits"**

"If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

-Romans 12:18

"For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful..."

-2 Peter 1:5-8

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.

Givings Envelopes | Envelopes for 2018 are now available for pickup in the foyer on Sunday, or from the office during the week. *Please destroy any of your unused envelopes at the end of 2017 as your number may have changed from the prior year.*

Part-time Custodial position available at WSUC | Wellington Square United Church is currently seeking a part-time Custodian for 21 hours per week, Monday to Friday. Responsibilities include daily room set ups involving moving of tables and chairs; cleaning of washrooms, hallways, entrance ways, floors and furniture as required by the use of the building during the day; minor repairs of the building and maintenance of equipment; clearing snow from sidewalk, completion of regular fire and health safety tasks; managing of recycling and waste and other duties as assigned by the Ministry and Personnel Committee. For more specifics about this job opportunity, please refer to: www.wsquare.ca. Please send your resume to: resume@wsqaure.ca by no later than Wednesday January 24, 2018.

happenings cont.

Daily Bible Readings | The Daily Bible Reading Guide for 2018 is now available. Please pick up a copy from the Brochure Stand in the foyer or the office.

Fellowship Lunch | Please join us next Sunday, January 21st, after the 11am service. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door.

Baptism | The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated on Sunday January 28th. For information, please contact the church office.

New Finance Office Hours | Karen Dobson will be now be in the office on Tuesdays, all day.

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.



Eric Says Please

Written by Dai Hankey, Illustrated by Xavier Bonet

Check out our great collection of children's books, then cuddle up and read with a special child in your life! In **Eric Says Please**, Eric tries to get through his day doing everything by himself, but nothing goes right. By the end of this disheartening day, he is ready for his **Grandpa's loving encouragement to ask for** help from family, teachers, friends, and God as well. With energetic and expressive artwork to mirror the rhyming text, children and adults alike will get pulled into the story and the lessons it teaches. Instead of relying on themselves, children will learn to depend on God, who loves to answer the prayers of those who ask humbly and graciously for his help.



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. Thank you for supporting our Plan 2 Protect Procedures.

January Theme: The Armour of God

- The Belt of Truth
- Breastplate of Righteousness
- Shoes of the Good News of Peace
- The Shield of Faith
- The Sword of the Spirit
- The Helmet of Salvation



Planting Faith Seeds in children is an honour and privilege. A special thank you to all of our GraceLand leaders and helpers for their faithful devotion and servant hearts shared in this ministry.



ALL YOUTH – Rubber Chicken Night (Gr. 7-12)

(TONIGHT!) Sunday Jan 14 7:30-9:30pm

It's BACK! Tonight, bring your friends and come on out for a giant game of Rubber Chicken that will take place all over the church! Picture Hide and Seek Tag in the dark mixed with a scavenger hunt while being chased by villainous henchmen! Bring a friend, bring 5 friends and come on out the more people the more fun this game becomes!! Any youth who would like to come out early can help Adam set-up at 6:30pm!

2018 Spring Confirmation Program

This is an update regarding Our 2018 Confirmation program. This series will now take place later this spring. This adjustment was made due to factors including conflicting with **high school exams and Adam's availability to** lead the final 2 sessions and the service itself. Please note this means there will not be a youth-led Confirmation service on Sunday Feb 4th. More details as to dates of sessions and the service will come in the next few weeks. An updated January youth calendar has been sent out via e-mail and uploaded to the wsquare.ca website, the Facebook groups and the Edge Instagram page.

Adam Cresswell our Interim Youth Ministry Director holds office hours by appointment Tuesdays 3-5pm. Feel free to send him an e-mail if you'd like to meet: acresswell@wsquare.ca



Ukulele Workshop

No previous experience needed!

Cost: \$20 cash, Lender instrument and music provided

When: Saturday February 3 in the Pritchard Room from 10 am - 12 noon

Brought to you by: String Along Ukulele School,
led by Norm and Elayne Ruplen

Register soon, **ONLY 20 SEATS AVAILABLE!**

Minimum Age: 18 years

Please register at: jmaldonado@wsquare.ca



Music Ministry Appreciation Night

Monday January 29, 6:30-8:00pm

If you have been a part of the Music Ministry at Wellington Square, please join us in the Pritchard Room for a time of food and fellowship followed by a short concert from the 2017 Music Scholarship recipients.





"Better Together"

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

NEW TO OUR CHURCH: We encourage you to fill out our WELCOME CARD that is in the pews. Please leave it in the CONNECT/ RECONNECT box located at each entrance to our sanctuary or bring it to our CONNECTION POINT table after worship service. As a THANK-YOU for taking the time to fill out the card, **please accept a copy of "THE CASE FOR CHRISTMAS" which you will find in the CONNECT/RE-CONNECT box** where we kindly ask you to leave your completed card. If you need assistance, please feel free to ask one of our greeters.

IDEAS for NEW SMALL GROUPS in 2018: Please contact Joy at the CONNECTION TABLE or jmagwood@wsquare.ca

NEW for the LENTEN SEASON: **"HE CHOSE the NAILS"** by Max Lucado. Please watch the bulletin for sign up details.

JOYFUL SPIRITS: We will resume our study **"THE RED LETTERS"** (The words of JESUS for today's world) on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7pm in the Pritchard Rm.

SERMON SMALL GROUP: If you would like to be part of a small group that meets after the 9am or 11am service to discuss the Sunday message with a few others, please see or contact Joy (jmagwood@wsquare.ca).

Saturday Men's Breakfast: Come join us on Sat Jan 27, 9-10:30am at Gary's place. Noel Henderson will be sharing his experiences with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Sign up at the Connection Point or contact Gary Brown at gbrown@wsquare.ca

WOW book club: Monday January 29th at 7pm. Book - Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood. At the home of Wendy Sikora 2130 Deerwood Dr. Please RSVP by Wednesday January 24th to wow@wsquare.ca or email if you would like further information.

Opportunity for a Retreat Day with Steve Bell: Saturday February 10th 9am-4pm at Knox Presbyterian Church, 630 Spadina Avenue, Toronto. Cost: \$129, EARLY BIRD: \$99 BEFORE January 15th. Registration and Information: STEEVEBELL.COM or 1-800-854-3499.



Friday Community

When we are part of a community of friends we celebrate many joys, but also grieve in the loss of those who we have grown to love and care about. We were saddened by the loss of Marlene who was a regular part of our community and enjoyed coming out to the afternoon 'Hub of Kindness and Purpose'. Many were able to connect with Marlene and grow together in faith and **friendship at our Ladies' Brunches.**

We don't always know the difference that we make in the lives of others, and those who prepare food and scrub dishes may not see the impact first hand. One friend who is struggling with a cancer diagnosis while caring for young ones **shared, "Thank you for all that you have done for the children and myself. I don't know if you realize how much it means to me. It makes my days a little easier and brighter and I always look forward to seeing the welcoming, kind faces each week. And it oftentimes gives me the strength to keep going for another one."**

Blessings of goodness:

*haircuts for friends who left feeling valued, cared for and relieved

*volunteers who now connect with and share in friendship outside of Friday

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



reaching out

Trivia Night | **It's Trivia Time Again!!!** This year we are calling it M & M Trivia night with all the profits going to support initiatives in Mexico and Malawi. Tickets are \$20 each or you can buy a table of 6 for \$100. The event **will take place in St. Paul's Hall on Saturday February 10th.** The doors open at 6:30 PM. Singles are welcome. There will also be a silent auction event in the foyer between rounds. Last year was a great success and we're hoping you'll come out and support us again. If you would like to be a corporate sponsor or if you have items to donate for the silent auction or the prize table contact Dee Glover: Tel: (905) 639-3623 or Email: kdeeglover@bell.net
Q: What US city claims to have the most working public fountains in the world?

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Eventually through vigorous exercise, and natural growth he shed the asthma and became fit and active. When he was President, he developed and expanded the national Parks **system to preserve great swaths of America's** landscape and natural wonders.

I believe that good result is, in part, because he did not have TV, and video games to kill time with. Instead as he spent time reading and researching about nature, his interests and knowledge grew.

I think I'll take a lesson from this. This year, (not just in January) I'm aiming to reduce time spent in front of an electronic screen. Rather than sitting on the computer, or watching Netflix or sports, I'll do something more productive – go for a walk, read to learn (rather than just be entertained), develop a friendship in the neighbourhood.

I hope it's a great 2018 for us all. The Lord be with us, guiding and empowering us to become more wise, grace-filled, frugal, generous and joyful.

Orville