

### ***I'VE BEEN THINKING...***

...about teamwork and transitions.

We are definitely starting a transition, and **I'm already getting the feeling there will be a lot of good teamwork making it happen.**

**Because I'm turning 64 next month, and my 'best before' date is approaching, I've asked our leadership team to begin working on 'succession planning'. The plan we've worked out is that I remain 'full-time' here until this summer, and then begin a phased reduction. I will work half-time, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Meanwhile, we will need to assemble a team to assess the specifics of what future ministry leadership should look like here, and then begin a search for the next generation leader for this great congregation. There are terrific ministers out there. God will lead you **to the right fit for Wellington Square's unique spiritual DNA.**

Because so much is going so well, I believe this is a very good and opportune time for a transition like this to happen. The ministries and programs that make Wellington Square what it is all have strong leadership of staff and volunteers (2 unique **worship services, children's & youth ministry,**

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## RE-START: Making Money Behave

*"Poverty and disgrace are for the one who ignores instruction, but one who heeds reproof is honored."*

-Proverbs 13:18 (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.

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.

# happenings

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD |

In November we reported on a looming deficit for the calendar year 2017, and asked the congregation to prayerfully consider year end support.

This morning we are pleased to report that, while we're still putting the final touches on the year end position, we will finish 2017 in a surplus position!

We received just over \$99,000 towards deficit reduction (\$50,000 of it as a one-time gift from one of our seniors). Furthermore, our General Fund givings of \$84,000 in December ranks amongst the highest months on record!

Thank-you so very much for your prayerful consideration and generous financial support. It allows us to start 2018 in a strong financial position.

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

Volunteers needed for GraceLand:

- Prepping crafts/materials
  - Seasonal Decorating
- Washing toys, nursery blankets, etc.  
Some of the above needs can be done at home.  
Contact Heather Mackey at:  
[hmackey@wsquare.ca](mailto:hmackey@wsquare.ca)

New Church/Office Hours | Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm; Friday, 10am-2pm

# happenings cont.

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](http://www.wsquare.ca). Please send your resume to: [resume@wsqaure.ca](mailto:resume@wsqaure.ca) by no later than Wednesday January 24, 2018.

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

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.*

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.



Guide Me Home

By: Kim Vogel Sawyer

Rebekah Hardin is a loveable 20 year old heroine living with her family in Kentucky. After the death of her young brother she decides she must help alleviate some of the pain and poverty of her family by working as a guide in the Mammoth Caves- a job typically held only by men. By presenting herself as a man she gets the job and this is where the adventure begins. This is a story of faith and romance.



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
- Prayer



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### ALL YOUTH – Squarebucks (Gr. 7-12)

*Tuesday Jan 23 – 4:00-6:00pm*

Our Tuesday drop-in café complete with free snacks and drinks is back at a new time! Come to the youth room to hang with Adam eat, chill, do homework or play video games!

### EDGE: Glow in the Dark Bowling (Gr. 9-12)

Burlington Bowl - 4065 Harvester Rd.

*Wednesday Jan 24 – 7:30-9:30pm*

Edge is going psychedelic as we head over to Burlington Bowl on Harvester Rd. We will meet and get picked up at the Bowling Alley and the cost is \$12. As always please message me privately if finances are an issue as money will never stand in the way of being part of youth ministry at Wellington!

*COMING SOON!!*

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: Youth Volley-Dodge Day (Gr. 9-12)

*Saturday Feb 24 – 10:00am-8:00pm*

Next month 6 (count 'em SIX) youth groups will be coming together at Wellington Square for a MASSIVE day of food, fun, community and worship! Our friends from St John in Oakville, Calvary United in Waterloo, The Meeting House Burlington, St John in Hamilton and St Paul's United in Milton will all be vying for volleyball and dodgeball supremacy! The day will have an inter-youth group volleyball tournament, a mixed dodgeball tournament, while having lunch and dinner all together and a time of worship to close our day! This means we need ALL our high school aged youth out to fight for the championship trophy so book this day in your schedules now, friends!

Adam Cresswell: office hours by appointment Tuesdays 3-5pm. Feel free to send him an e-mail if you'd like to meet: [acresswell@wsquare.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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

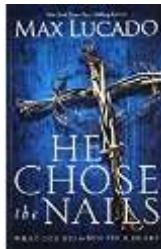
Vision | to have every person in a healthy small group.

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 "HOW GOOD IS GOOD ENOUGH?" by Andy Stanley, 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.**

### **LENTEN STUDY: "HE CHOSE the NAILS" - "The Child in the**

**the Cross"** - a 5 Session DVD Bible Study by Max Lucado, examining the gifts that Jesus gave at his crucifixion...not only the gift of the cross, but the gift of the thorns, the nails, and the empty tomb. Please sign up at the **CONNECTION POINT "GROUP LINK"** or [jmagwood@wsquare.ca](mailto:jmagwood@wsquare.ca) TIME: 2-3:30pm, Tuesdays Start Date: February 20, 2018. The cost of the study guide is \$10.



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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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: [STEVEBELL.COM](http://STEVEBELL.COM) or 1-800-854-3499.

Thursday at Seven | *"Jesus Revealed - Encountering the Authentic Jesus"* A seven episode DVD study series (January until Lent) with biblical commentary by Andy Frost, looking at the original Jesus of the gospels and asking the question - Is He the Jesus we think we know? Please contact Bruce: [bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca](mailto:bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca)

**JOYFUL SPIRITS: "RED LETTER CHRISTIANS"** Our next gathering will be Thursday February 15th in the Pritchard Rm at 7pm. **TOPIC: "Exploring SPIRITUALITY"**. Sign up at the CONNECTION POINT **"GROUP LINK"** or [@jmagwood@wquare.ca](mailto:@jmagwood@wquare.ca)



## Friday Community

In the midst of knowing that some folks have found themselves without housing during this very cold season, we are also reminded of the blessings that continue to pour down on us. We have watched one friend grow from a young girl to a lovely lady over the last 9 years, and we now welcome her baby Skylar to our community. One of our young boys, Ricardo, chose to come with his Grandma on the evening of his 10th birthday. We have had the opportunity to share life with this amazing boy both at family camp and throughout the years at the dinner. Twin brothers turned 8 and celebrated for the first time in Canada after coming from Columbia last spring. They now have a good grasp of English and have connected in with friends that they enjoy playing with every Friday.

Blessings of goodness:

- \*the amazing food donations that we receive from Food For Life which allow us to put together a delicious and nutritious meal
- \*the stories of friendship shared about our friend Marlene who passed away this month

Most Needed Items:

- \*decaf coffee
- \*hotel sized shampoo, body wash
- \*snacks for children's lunch bags**
- \*microwave oven & kitchen cutlery
- \*space heaters & humidifier
- \*curtain rods and curtains
- \*dressers, end tables, lamps
- \*muffin tins, rectangular cake pans
- \*newer neutral paint and brushes for living room (2 cans to go over red)

For information contact: [fnc@wsquare.ca](mailto: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](mailto:kdeeglover@bell.net)  
Q: What US city claims to have the most working public fountains in the world?

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10am-2pm



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#### Custodian Team

Raul Gutierrez

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Adult Study & Faith Development, Outreach & Missions projects, Friday Night Community, etc). They are all healthy and able to continue to function well through any transition to a new minister.

Furthermore, the congregations finances are healthy, as is reported elsewhere in these pages. We finished the past year in the black, thanks to a combination of many generous donations, and a one-time big gift from one of our seniors.

So, all is well, and we can smoothly transition to a new minister. There is a finish line ahead for me. Probably sometime in 2019, about a year from now. I want to **finish well. Really well. I don't want to coast, or click onto 'cruise control'. Rather, let's all commit to work together as Jesus' team, to conclude this chapter smoothly and with vigor. That will lead to great new beginnings and a vibrant future for this community of Christ.**

The Peace & Joy of the Lord be  
with us-

*ORVILLE*