

Sermon

It was a sermon.
Not the best but the only one for this day.
I could have slept, with some of the others.
But I did not.
I dared not.
I never do.
I had to stay ready, waiting and ready for his
sentence.
Ready for the one sentence that was worth it
all.
I always come to hear all of it for the sake of
the one sentence.
All his preparing and all my listening is for the
sake of one sentence.
All his preparing and all my listening is for the
one sentence.
When he says it, I will hear it.
There are thought gaps.
Things he leaves out.
Space.
I fill in the gaps as he goes along.
What he does not say to us I say to myself.
He does not try to say it all.
He leaves blanks and spaces for me to fill in.
I do.
He does not know when he says his big
sentence.
I know.
It's when all the words become one word.
When all the thoughts become one thought.
**It's when the words become like flesh and
blood to me.**
My flesh and blood, Lord.

Herbert F. Brokering
Uncovered Feelings



RE-START: Contentment in All Circumstances

"I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress."

-Philippians 4:10-14 (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

Today at 9am we celebrate the Baptism and Blessing of

Ava-Monroe Consoli-Jevons and Presley-May Consoli-Jevons
Children of Adam Consoli and Lindsay Jevons

Today at 11am we celebrate the Baptism and Blessing of

Jaime de Necker
Child of Gert and Helena de Necker

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD | MONEY - MYTHS & FACTS - IS WELLINGTON SQUARE FUNDED FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA? *MYTH:* The United Church of Canada pours down money like manna from Heaven to Wellington Square *FACT:* Wellington Square is actually required to pay a Presbytery fee to the United Church of Canada to fund its operations. Currently, our Presbytery fee is \$24,000 per year and it represents our 4th largest spend item after staff, property and outreach

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

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

happenings cont.

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

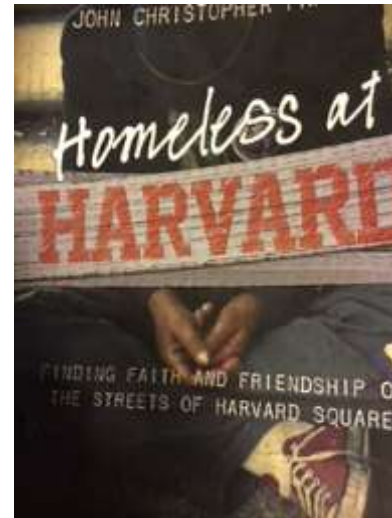
Givings Envelopes | Envelopes for 2018 are now available for pickup in the foyer on Sunday, or from the office during the week. *Please destroy any of your unused envelopes at the end of 2017 as your number may have changed from the prior year.*

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.

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: How much money did the members from Wellington Square raise by volunteering at Ribfest last year?

- A) \$3,107.69
- B) \$3,468.67
- C) \$4,836.02
- D) \$3,759.98



Homeless at Harvard
By John Christopher Frame

A young Divinity student at Harvard decided to spend 10 weeks living on the streets of Harvard & Cambridge to see how the homeless survive. What he finds is networks of friendship of the homeless. He is indoctrinated into the life by several men who help him survive & tell him their stories after a trust bond develops. What he really learns is that they are just people too! JESUS WAS HOMELESS with no place to lay head; but the generosity of strangers kept he and his disciples going day by day.



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



GraceNotes Singers/Dancers starts up Sun. Feb. 11th @ 10:30am



This week:

ALL YOUTH – Squarebucks (Gr. 7-12)

Tuesday Jan 30 – 4:00-6:00pm Our Tuesday drop-in café means any youth can come to the youth room to eat free snacks, chill, do homework or play video games!

Rockpile –Taste o’ Squarebucks Night (Gr.7-8) Wednesday Jan 31- 7:30-9:00 Two

Squarebucks in one week? Huh?? That’s right! In addition to the regularly scheduled Squarebucks on Tuesday Jan 30 from 4-6pm, Squarebucks is ALSO coming to Rockpile on Wednesday Jan 31! This means for Rockpile we will have snacks, drinks, and an open/free-form time for board games, air hockey, video games, or use the space to just hang-out, catch up with friends, do homework or whatever YOU want to do! Food and free time do what you want with the evening! What more can you ask for!?

Coming Soon:

High School Youth - YOUTH VOLLEY-DODGE DAY (Gr. 9-12) Saturday Feb 24th 10:00am-

8:00pm WSUC Youth Ministry is taking the lead on a HUGE new event! Next month 6 (count 'em SIX) youth groups will be joining us here at the Square for a MASSIVE day of food, fun, community and worship! The day will have an inter-youth group volleyball tournament, a mixed dodgeball tournament, complete with lunch, dinner AND a time of worship together! 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 holds office hours by appointment Tuesdays 3-5pm. Feel free to send him an e-mail at: acresswell@wsquare.ca

M & M TRIVIA & Silent Auction

**In support of Wellington Square
Reaching Out Programs in
Malawi and Mexico**

Teams of 6. Single players welcome.

Tickets \$20 each or Six for \$100

Snacks available for purchase or BYO

SATURDAY FEB 10

At Wellington Square United Church

Doors open at 6:00pm

Team Registration 6:30pm-7pm

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Space is limited so order your tickets early!

Tickets can be purchased from the Church Office or:

For more information contact Dee Glover

at:kdeeglover@bell.net

Fellowship Pancake Supper



Tuesday, February 13th

From 5:00 to 7:00pm in St. Paul's Hall

Sponsored by Wellington Square Foodgrains Committee

All you can eat! All welcome!

Admission: Adults \$8, Seniors/Teen \$6, Children \$4,

Family maximum \$25.

**Tickets available between services on Sunday or from the office during the week
or at the door.**



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

**REGISTER SOON!
ONLY 5 SPOTS
LEFT!!!!**



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 "Celebrating our Scholarship Recipients: Alex Graham, Eva Ohata, and Doug Robson"





"Better Together"

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them"

Matthew 18:20

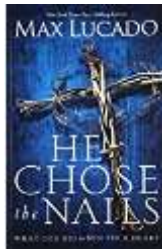
Vision | to have every person in a healthy small group.

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 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).

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. Registration and Information: STEEVEBELL.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

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@wsquare.ca](mailto:jmagwood@wsquare.ca)



Friday Community

Friday is about the sharing of food, friendship and community resources. Friends come to connect with one another, and through word of mouth they learn about new connections, programs and opportunities in our community. This past Friday we had Vivian from the YMCA Employment and Training Services offering free job search assistance and employment counselling. She is pleased that some of our friends do use these resources at the YMCA to advance their skills.

It is through the sharing of resources and connections that people are able to better themselves and continue to grow, develop and expand in their professional and personal lives.

Blessings of goodness:

- *volunteers that come to the Hub of Kindness & Purpose to connect in with friends
- *our partnership with Food For Life that allows us to provide amazing food every week
- *the ladies from Eaglesfield Korean Community Church that come EVERY week to wash and scrub dirty dishes

Most Needed Items:

- *decaf coffee
- *hotel sized shampoo, body wash
- *snacks for children's lunch bags**
- *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



reaching out

Planning is well underway for the 2018 Mexico Mission Experience! We will have a full information package available in early spring, but mark the week of November 4-10, 2018 in your calendar. Along with our regular home building project, we plan to further expand our community building projects and experience. Contact Gwen Vernon or Rob Crawford for more details at Mexico2018@wsquare.ca

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