

I'VE BEEN THINKING...
...about 'diversity'.

At the VISION night discussions, one of the ideas that surfaced in my table group was the hope for more diversity in our congregation. **I've been hoping for that too. After all, we're a pretty 'vanilla' bunch** – mostly white, middle-class, middle-management.

Not that there's anything wrong with that...!

Still, as Burlington evolves, it'd be kinda nice to morph along with the population demographics...welcome a little more colour and ethnicity, maybe also be radically inclusive to all socio-economic groups. I actually think as a congregation **we're spiritually wired to successfully do that.** The overall attitude, and spiritual DNA **of this place seems to imitate Jesus' role** model of welcome and acceptance extended to all peoples. Even those different from us.

Having said that, we acknowledge the flip-side. Most of us are most comfortable with people like us, and people who do things the same way as we do. At an extreme that can lead to a church that is rigid and intolerant of different tastes.

"Only music played on the organ is suitable for worship... guitars and drums are of the devil!"

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Other Voices, Other Rooms

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

-John 10:16 (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.

happenings

Today at 9am we celebrate the Baptism and Blessing of

Eve Catherine Craven

Child of Richard Craven and Melissa Kumagai

Greta Ella Eade

Child of Mark and Janelle Eade

Ellonie Rose Minier

Child of Enrickay Minier and Annie Hutchison

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.

Fellowship Lunch | Please join us today, Sunday, May 27th after the 11am service. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door.

Spring Food Drive | starts TODAY! Most needed items: Juice (bottles & drink boxes), rice, crackers, tea, instant coffee, canned meat, toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes), pancake mix & syrup, condiments (ketchup, jam).

ONE Service at 10am on these dates:

Sunday June 3rd (Confirmation)

Sunday July 1st (Canada Day)

Sunday August 5th (Civic Holiday weekend)

Sunday September 2nd (Labour Day weekend)

Staff Notes | Rev. Katie Southon will be away from May 26th - 31st. Rev. Orville James is available during this time for any pastoral needs.

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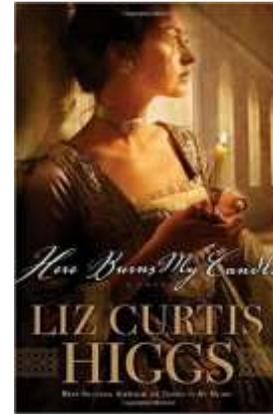
Photo Directory | is now available after both the 9 and 11 a.m. services at the Connection Point and also in the office during the week. Cost: \$3.

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

Grow For The Green Program | Throughout the year if you make purchases, at Holland Park Garden Gallery, simply give **Wellington Square's name or phone number (905) 634-1849** and they will credit us with points that we can then put towards purchasing flowers or vegetable plants for our gardens and community garden beds.

Pastoral Care | Unfortunately, we have had some members in hospital recently without us knowing. When someone from our church family is in hospital and a visit would be appreciated, please contact the church office to let us know and someone will follow up.

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.



Here Burns My Candle
by Liz Curtis Higgs

A mother who cannot face her future.
A daughter who cannot escape her past.

A timeless story of love and betrayal, loss and redemption, flickering against the vivid backdrop of eighteenth-century Scotland, *Here Burns My Candle* illumines the dark side of human nature, even as hope, the brightest of tapers, lights the way home.

Liz Curtis Higgs has created a wonderful retelling of the story of Ruth, rich in historical detail and living, breathing characters that engage you until the end.



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.

May Themes:

- Self-worth
- A Generous Giver

Inter-generational Communion (Jesus Meal) is a blessing for all ages to share in this special sacrament reminding us of what Jesus did for us. Our next inter-generational communion is Sunday, June 3rd - Confirmation Sunday.



Young Adult Ministries Kick-Off Event: Young Adult Retreat ~ June 8-10 ~ Silver Lake Camp ~ \$42 ~ Ages 18+

Looking for a few days to catch your breath? Need some time and space to be alone with God? Want to reconnect with old friends or meet new ones? Take the richness of camp minus the busy schedule and responsibility or caring for campers and enjoy a weekend of community and re-charging! Some amazing food is in the works and there will be a ton of time to do whatever **you'd like whether it's canoe, dock-diving, campfires, worship, volleyball or more!** Financial assistance is available, contact Adam at acresswell@wsquare.ca for more info!

SourcePoint: Young Adult Worship
Beginning June 17 ~ 10:45am ~ Pritchard Rm

This summer we are trying out a brand-new Sunday morning worship service. This service is **geared to ages 18 and up. Each month we'll** explore a different topic. Come on out when we launch on June 17th as we try some fresh new things that speak to YOU: our Young Adults.



Confirmation Session 3:

Tuesday May 29 – 7-9:30pm

The Confirmation program will meet for it's final session this Tuesday. We'll be talking communion & prepping for the Confirmation service on June 3rd so we'll be meeting until 9:30 this time around!



SUMMER FUN

SUMMER CAMP!

MAKING MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME!



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KETCHUP SUNDAY

Fathers Day we will have our first 'Ketchup Sunday'.

What's that about? Stay tuned...!



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

SK to Grade 5

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

\$30

per child per week

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

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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

Joseph Brant Hospital Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee

Presented in Partnership
with:

Friday night
COMMUNITY

Friday June 1, 2018
Friday Night Speakers Series

Trauma

*Understanding the effects, impact, and
recovery process of trauma*

Presented by:

Sandy Yuen, MSW., Trauma Therapist

FRIDAY June 1, 2018

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

Speaker at 7:15PM to 8:30PM

Dinner @ 6pm All Welcome

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**JOSEPH BRANT
HOSPITAL**

Mental Health Consumer
Advisory Committee

SMALL
groups
"Disciples Making Disciples"

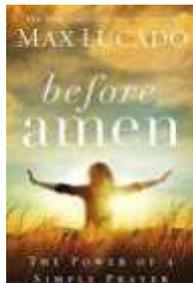
"And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."
2 Timothy 2:2

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 29, June 5&12, 2018
TIME: 7-8:30pm
WHERE: Pritchard Room
FACILITATOR: Joy Magwood
Co-Facilitator: Ana Walber
Study Guide: \$10 Sign up at the CONNECTION POINT TABLE or jmagwood@wsquare.ca

WOW Book Club - Monday May 28th @ 7pm
Book: "The End of Your Life Book Club" by Will Schwalbe. Our Host: Laurie Tindale 4124 Apple Valley Lane. If you have questions or would like info on WOW please email wow@wsquare.ca

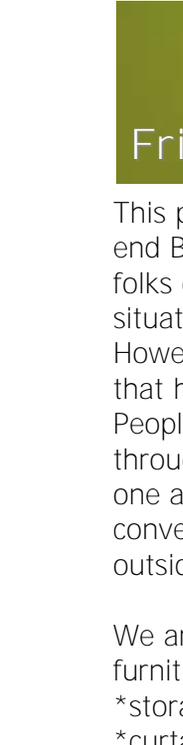
I AM A CHURCH MEMBER - Rick Warren from Saddleback Church says **"It is impossible to grow to spiritual maturity by yourself. You must be connected to other parts of the Body. This wonderful little book explains the power of belonging to a church family."** For those who are looking forward to taking the step of being received as a Wellington member, we invite you to join us for discussion of the book TODAY IN THE CHAPEL at 10:30am. 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: our celebration gathering will be Thursday, June 21 at the home of Heather Shaw at 6:30pm. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert & of course, a smile. Contact: jmagwood@wsquare.ca for more info.

Brand New Course ~ **"Discerning the Voice of God"**. We are in a time of change in the church where we really need to be hearing from God. This course will help you to examine how God speaks to us. Come with your Bible, an open spirit and a willingness to hear what He has to say. The daily lessons will help you to personally discern what God may be saying to you. **The weekly lesson ends with a "going deeper commentary" by Dr. Tony Evan. This is a 7 week, DVD, teaching with Priscilla Shirer, facilitated by Penny Bailey.** Course runs on Mondays, beginning May28th, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, at the Church. Cost of a study book is \$20.00 ~ if you need help with that please contact Penny. Class is limited to 10 ~ sign up at the Connection Table.

Sat. Men's Breakfast - Sat. June 2nd, 9am-10:30am at Gary's place; **"Recharging your Spiritual Batteries"** Contact: gbrown@wsquare.ca or sign up at the Connection Table.



Friday Community

This past Friday was a very busy holiday weekend BBQ with a few timing glitches, and some folks coming in who are dealing with challenging situations such as eviction, loss and illness. However in all of that there is always joy and fun that happens when friends share life together. People get to know one another and even through challenges can support and laugh with one another. It is amazing to hear about the conversations and friendships that continue outside of Friday.

We are looking for some gently used/newer furniture for some families:

- *storage cabinet for basement
- *curtains and blinds
- *kitchen table with chairs
- *bar stools/chairs
- *outdoor patio furniture
- *double bed (all sizes of full sheets sets)

Blessings of goodness:

*Nelson High School Interact Club fundraising to support our holiday weekend BBQ

Most Needed Items:

- *yogurt and black take out containers
- *salad bar toppings & dressings
- *gently used shoes and running shoes
- *paper plates of all sizes
- *craft supplies for children's area**
- *size 2-4 diapers & 4-6 pull ups
- *sewing machine & material
- *gently used card tables (no chairs)
- *walker for taller man
- *Dr. Zeus children's books**

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



reaching out



Junior Master Chef Program

The Community Kitchen has evolved over the years since its inception in 2003. We have just completed a successful year running an after school Junior Master Chef program with two age groups from the Reach Out Centre for Kids (ROCK). Two sessions have run with 8-10 year olds and one with 11-17 year olds. We look forward to four sessions starting in September and running until the spring of 2019, with both these age groups. Our program is run by volunteers and takes place on Monday afternoons at Wellington Square. Anyone who is interested in cooking and kids would be welcome. For more information, contact Eleanor Christie.

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Thankfully that's not an opinion you'll hear around here. Nor should we hear the flip-side, that stately hymns and anthems are lame & old-school, and true worship **has gotta be 'real' with the latest tunes** and technology.

Because the truth is, if a church has **genuine diversity, there's going to be something going on that isn't to your taste. And there's going to be people around who aren't part of your** demographic circle. Thank God.

Jesus' early team was astonishingly diverse – breaking all the boundaries of previous religious practice: men alongside women, the Roman slaves amongst the rich, racial and ethnic groups blended and united.

Philip Yancey says: *"Given a choice, I tend to hang out with folks like me- people who have college degrees, drink only Starbucks dark roast coffee, listen to classical music, and buy their cars based on the gas mileage ratings. Yet after a short while I get bored with people like me."* AMEN.

So let's truly act like Jesus' team – next time someone 'different' sits down in front of you, or stands nearby at 'coffee hour', give 'em a smile, and tell them you're glad to see them. Then see what God might make of that...

Grace & Peace to you,

ORVILLE