



Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith^[a] our ancestors **received approval...**

By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the **warning and built an ark...**

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each **of the sons of Joseph...**

By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his **birth,...**

By faith Moses and the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry **land...**

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,^[a] and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 11 & 12 (selected verses)

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

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.

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.

From the Board | Have questions or concerns about Wellington Square? Come and speak to a member of the Board this morning at our table in the foyer.

PROPERTY – SPRING CLEAN UP – MAY 12
Please come join the property team on Saturday morning May 12 (9-12) to give the church grounds a little attention. Come for an hour or come for the morning. We need people to help with edging, mulching, fertilizing, tree cutting, pruning, and planting. Equipment needed includes edgers, shovels, wheel barrels, and utility trailers. For more information, please contact Alvin Kiers at property@wsquare.ca if you can give your time or lend your equipment. Coffee/snacks provided.

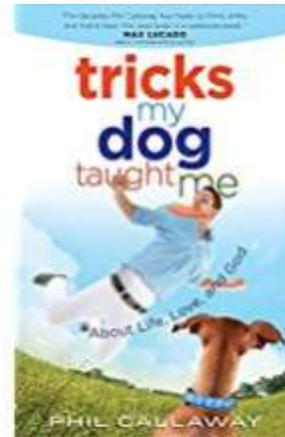
happenings cont.

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.

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.

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

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.



Humorist Phil Callaway taught his dog Mojo many things, but along the way his dog taught him much more.

Some of the lessons highlighted to Phil are:

- Nothing can steal your joy
- Bury the right things
- Brighten things for others
- **Don't quit**
- Wag more bark less

Phil Callaway's book is tender, lighthearted and thought provoking.



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

April/May Themes:

- Friendships
 - ◊ Jesus is our friend
 - ◊ Being a good friend
 - ◊ Choosing good friends
- Self-worth
- A Generous Giver

Our SALT class in GraceLand is for Gr. 6 students. SALT stands for Servant and Leadership Training. Throughout the year students have learned much about Jesus and His teachings. Over the next 6 weeks, students will explore their Spiritual Gifts and how to use their gifts to glorify God and model the ways of Jesus in serving and in attitude. This ministry is an important part of our continued faith growth in GraceLand...equipping jr. youth to serve God and others.

From Generation to Generation GraceLand continues to be a place where children learn about the love of Jesus and see His love shine through our wonderful team of volunteers. A JOY and a DELIGHT!!



Squarebucks: Free Drop-In Café

Sunday May 6 (TODAY!) 10:15-11:15 am

The Youth Room is yours after the service today!
Drop-in for hangouts and snacks!

COMING SOON!

Confirmation Session 2:

Tuesday May 15 – 7-9pm ~ Pritchard Room

The Confirmation program will meet for it's second of 3 sessions 2 Tuesdays from now. We'll be talking about communion. AKA 'The Eucharist'

AKA one of the sacraments. What is this thing with many names? Why is a bit of bread and grape juice so important that we do it every month?? (or in the case of some churches every week!) **We'll chat about this & how it connects to our journeys with Jesus! See you then! (And don't forget your special homework from our first session!)**

Rockpile: Faith Study Night Forgiveness Pt. 2!

Wednesday May 16 – 7-9pm ~ Youth

Room In April we started to look at the topic of forgiveness, and we found that Jesus sure spends a lot of time telling his disciples about **why we're called to forgive so we're going to** continue exploring it together too! Bring a Bible if you have one, and if not, we have you covered!

Calling All Youth! Vision Night needs you!

Wednesday May 23 – 7-9:15pm

Adam is encouraging our youth to come and join **him at Vision Night, an evening where we'll be** looking at the future of Wellington Square. This is an important opportunity to have our youth share their unique hopes and dreams for our church.

We'd love to see a TON of youth come out to make your voice heard! Contact Adam to register to come at acresswell@wsquare.ca (and YES there will be snacks!!)



In the Belly of the Whale



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

\$30

per child per week

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

SK to Grade 5

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

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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

A letter from a GraceLand Parent:

Last Sunday, as our kids filed into the hall for communion, I was filled with a sense of peace that compelled me to write this email.

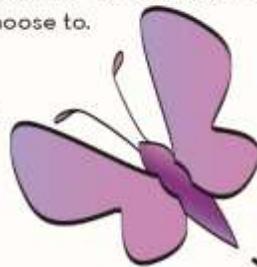
Leaving our last church was emotionally draining for me... it has been over a year and I still don't think I have fully come to terms with the loss and sense of grief that it entailed. And yet, ensuring our children were at the right church was a huge part of our decision.

I used to volunteer in children's ministry at our old church, both with school-aged children and in the nursery, before we had our own children. It is such a sacrifice, in many ways, to give up one's Sunday, in order to ensure that others can attend. Caring for the children of other people is an important calling, not one that many people rise to the challenge of.

Every single Sunday, our children are so well loved at Wellington Square. I watch them run into their classrooms, excited to see their leaders. I watched Peter sit on his leader's lap, quietly listening and seeming so happy and engaged. And I watched Evie, with both her leader and student-leader, Israel, with whom it would seem she has quite the bond. She can be so busy, and yet everyone was so patient with her. It brought me to tears to know that these people show my children the depth of Jesus' love every Sunday. I truly feel blessed to have found a community where I know that they are so well loved.

This email is intended for all the volunteers, so feel free to share it, should you choose to.

Blessing and Prayers
for the week, Mareika





*Do you like to cook
and help others?*

There are many times in our Wellington Square Church family when a home-cooked meal is helpful and encouraging.

What is required?

- Home cooked meal OR baked good for family or individual
- Label what food is with cooking instructions
- Label at the bottom 'Food Ministry' and for how many it will feed
- All meals must be nut-free and placed in recyclable containers
- Bring to church and leave in McMillan room chest freezer

**For more information
please contact
Heather Mackey
hmackey94@gmail.com**

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 22&29. June 5&12, 2018 TIME: 7-8:30pm

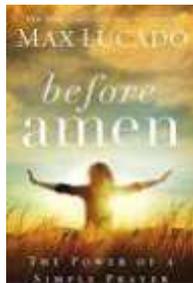
WHERE: Pritchard Room

FACILITATOR: Joy Magwood

Co-Facilitator: TBA 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 on Sunday May 27th in the chapel at 10:30am. Please sign up at the CONNECTION TABLE or contact joymagwood@gmail.com. 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: We will gather on Thurs. May 17th at 7pm in the Pritchard Rm to watch & discuss the DVD **"NOT IN VAIN"** by Andy Stanley.....a MOST ENCOURAGING MESSAGE FOR THE CHURCH of JESUS CHRIST. Contact: jmagwood@wsquare.ca

Kettles on Tea | Please join us on Monday May 14th from 1:30-3pm in the Pritchard Room for our afternoon tea. The **"Singing Strummers"** will be playing for all to enjoy!

Monday Men | Meets Mondays at noon-1:30 pm in the McMillan Rm. Friendly discussion on topics that influence Christianity. Please bring your bible & a brown bag lunch. For more information please call Colin Morley 905-634-1477.

Thank you!! Thank you!!! We have 60+ volunteers on our CONNECTION TEAM & 30+ group leaders in our small group ministry. You ALL **make such a difference for God's community** here at Wellington. Please know that you are loved and appreciated. TRULY, you are **"DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES."**



Friday Community

Last Sunday, Helen, one of our Friday Night Community friends shared about what first brought her in our doors 7 years ago and how this ministry has impacted her life. It was a public health nurse that first told her she needed to attend the dinner, as there were concerns for the wellbeing of her daughter and unborn son. Helen shared, **"It was a difficult thing for me to walk in the doors, but when I did I was welcomed and listened to in a way that has never happened before."** Eventually Helen felt comfortable and safe enough to share her story and she was accepted for who she was. Helen mentioned how much the free meal and snacks made a difference, especially when it was a choice between paying the rent or feeding her children. Connecting in with other moms and tapping into various community resources have allowed her to make connections which have benefited her whole family. Helen feels that Friday Night Community has given her a second chance, which was made possible by the acceptance and hope that she felt, as well as the physical needs that have and continue to be met by being a part of this community.

Blessings of goodness:

*the donations of jewelry that were used at our **Ladies' Brunch to create memorable bead creations**

Most Needed Items:

- *yogurt and black take out containers
- *snacks for children's lunch bags**
- *salad bar toppings & dressings
- *gently used shoes and running shoes

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



reaching out

Mexico Mission 2018

Interested in learning more about the projects that Wellington Square is involved with in Mexico? Join us today, Sunday May 6th, after the 9 a.m. worship service in the McMillan room for an information session on the 2018 Mission Experience. Trip dates are November 3-10, 2018.

Questions? Email mexico2018@wsquare.ca

Finance

"When we give to God, we are just taking our hands off what already belongs to him."

Wellington Square Finance Update
Three Months ending March 31, 2018

	Actual	Budget
Givings and other income \$	139,550	\$ 151,625
Expenses	183,623	187,470
Net deficit	\$ (44,073)	\$ (35,845)

There's no good reason to be the richest man in the cemetery - Col. H. Sanders

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Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Cor. 12:12 (NIV)

You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body. Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can **name, you're still one body. It's exactly** the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives.

We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which *he* has the final say in everything... Each of us is now a part of his **resurrection body...**

¹⁴⁻¹⁸ I want you to think about how all this makes you more significant, not **less. A body isn't just a single part blown up into something huge. It's all** the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together.

²⁷⁻³¹ **You are Christ's body—that's who you are!** You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that **body does your "part" mean anything.**

1 Corinthians 12 (selected verses, from The Message)