

"Our hearts are formed by what we worship. We spend our time and energy on what matters most to us."

Rick McKinley in 'Advent Conspiracy'

"Worship is a verb, defined as 'regard with great or extravagant respect, honour or devotion'.

The core of worship is when ones' heart and soul and all that is within, adores and connects with the spirit of God."

Darlene Zschech (author of the praise hymn 'Shout To The Lord')

The fastest growing religion in the world is not Islam or Christianity, but radical consumerism.

Rick McKinley, in Advent Conspiracy.

Each time we trust the promises of our possessions, more barriers are raised between our true selves and God's plain command to love God above all things. It's not that we necessarily want more - it's that what we want is something we can't buy.

Greg Holder, in Advent Conspiracy

The false doctrine of consumer religion insists, again and again that money equals love.

If love is to be the driving force of our gift-giving, then money cannot be. Our dominating culture of consumerism can, and must, be rejected.

Chris Seay, in Advent Conspiracy.

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November 18, 2018

The Advent Conspiracy: Dreaming Bigger Dreams

"God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins."

-1 John 4: 9-10 (NRSV)

"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

-Matthew 6: 24 (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

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. As a THANK-YOU for taking the time to fill out the **card, please accept a copy of "CASE FOR CHRIST". If you need assistance, please feel** free to ask one of our greeters.

*Today at 9am we celebrate the
Baptism and Blessing of*

Ainsley Blake Robb
Child of Cameron and Breann Robb

Communion Sundays: December 2nd
December 24@10pm

ONE SERVICE @ 10am: December 9th &
December 30th

Fellowship Lunch | Please join us today,
Sunday, November 18th after the 11am
service. Tickets are \$10 each and can be
purchased at the door.

From The Board | The Board is setting up a
Vision in Action (VIA) team for the purpose of
clarifying the direction our church wants to
head in over the next 5 years. The team will
be made up of the ministers, two Board
members and some with experience in
establishing vision along with a couple of
members of the congregation. If interested,
contact Jeremy Cox immediately at
jcox@wsquare.ca

happenings cont.

Update from the Board

Due to the new Governance model that was passed several years ago we need to inform the congregation of any vacancies on the Board. The Board is looking to fill 1 vacant position. If you are interested in joining the Board you can pick up an application form from the office, or download the form from our website.

If you have any questions about joining the Board, please speak to either Jeremy Cox or Lindsay Foster. Applications will be received until Wednesday December 5. You can either return the application form in an envelope to the office, or scan and email the completed form to either Jeremy Cox, jcox@wsquare.ca or Lindsay Foster, lfoster@wsquare.ca



Friday Community

This week we received a donation of packages of pasta and salad bar items for Friday Night Community. **But this wasn't just any donation.** Last month Jared came and told us the wonderful news that he had won \$1000 of shopping at Longos. He immediately asked us what we needed for Friday Night Community, as he wanted to give back for all of the help he had received. **"In February of 2017 our family** encountered a job loss and we had to take a cut to our budget. Not knowing what to do, we were directed by Becki in Waterdown to attend Friday Night Community. We have been blessed so much by the generosity of this great endeavour with food, gifts, and fun for our daughter, and a welcoming community who saves us a high chair every week. We said when we got back on our feet we would bless the church that has blessed **us so much."** We are thankful that we have the opportunity not only to help others, but also that we have the food and financial donations to provide this community.

Most Needed Items:

- *winter boots, snow pants, coats hats, mitts
- *running shoes of all sizes (gently used)
- ***salad bar toppings (pickles, beets, olives...)**
- *mattress covers (clean gently used)
- *curtain rods, panel curtains and hardware
- *smaller lightweight desk & chair for youth
- *book cases (gently used & lighter)
- *large cooking stock pot, heating blanket
- *living room/bedroom end tables & lamps
- *gently used queen mattress & boxspring
- *baby girl clothes sizes 10 months-2 years

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



CONNECT/GROW/SERVE

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matt. 18:20

Acts 2: 42 "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."
(NIV)

ADVENT CONSPIRACY: **Don't wait! Sign up** today to be part of the groundswell of Christ-followers who are choosing to make Christmas what it should be - a joyous celebration of **Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts & the world around us".**

WHEN: Tues, Nov 20, 2018

WHERE: Pritchard Rm

TIME: 2-3:30pm or 7-9pm

STUDY GUIDE: \$17 available at the Connection Point

FACILITATORS: Gary & Alison Brown, Joy Magwood. Please sign up at the Connection Point table.

DISCIPLESHIP CAFÉ - **"SYMPHONY" (I LIFT UP MY HANDS)** Thank you to all who attended our presentation & the wonderful team that helped to make it happen. Attendance was superb & the morning was filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Remember to read Psalm 148 & 150. PTL.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT - It was a most inspirational 2 days filled with exceptional teaching & inspiration. Our team from Wellington was wonderful & we have some who have already signed up for 2019! Way to go!!!

JOYFUL SPIRITS - Our next gathering will be Thursday, November 22nd in the Pritchard Room at 7pm. We will be studying Session #2 ("A REVOLUTION OF HUMANITY") of "WHO IS THIS MAN"? Please mark your calendars for our Christmas Celebration on Thursday, December 13th (details to follow)

"(JESUS) CREATED A NEW KIND OF HUMAN BEING, A FRESH START FOR EVERYBODY."
Ephesians 2:15 MSG

ADVENT CONSPIRACY BOOKS - a few copies are still available. We encourage you to read this book before ADVENT begins on Dec 2, 2018 & **before Orville's messages on Nov 18th and 25th.**

Wow book club- 10th anniversary celebration with guest author Paul Benedetti and his book - **"You can have a dog when I'm dead"**. Mon. Nov 26th, 7pm at the home of Laurie @ 4124 Apple Valley Lane. For information contact wow@wsquare.ca

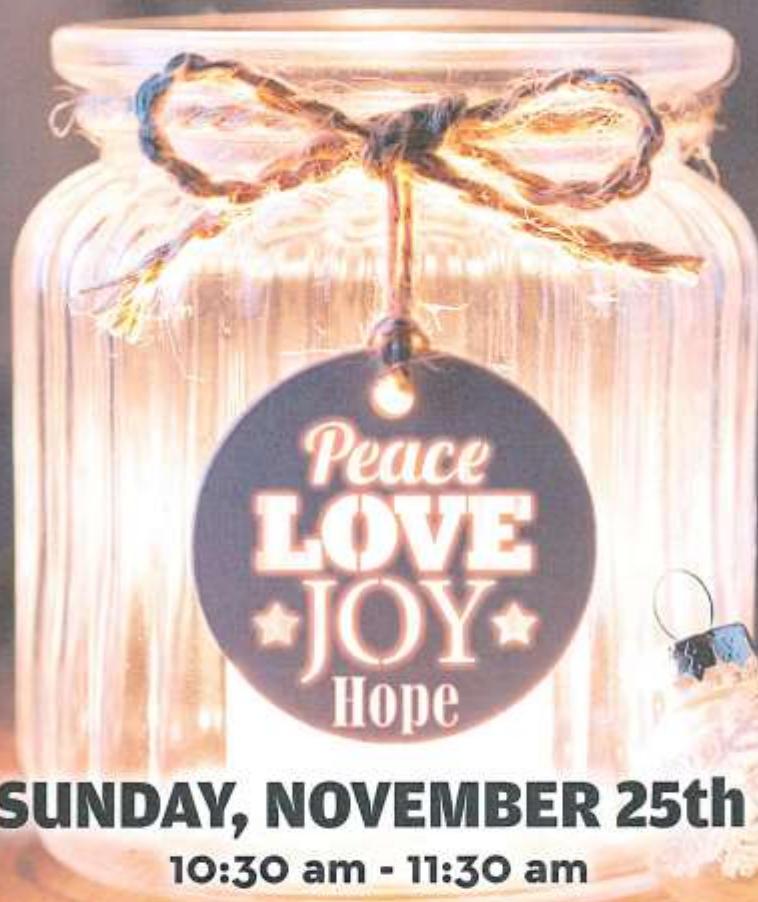
Thursday at Seven - New series **"Advent Conspiracy - Choose to make Christmas what it should be - a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth."** Starting Oct 25th. Four weeks, book and DVD study. Please contact Bruce: bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca

JESUS CALLING now available at the CONNECTION TABLE. COST: \$15.

Kettles On Tea | Monday December 10th, 1:30 - 3 pm. The Singing Strummers will be performing. Please join us for fellowship and music.

Advent

Faith/fellowship
Brunch Event



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th
10:30 am - 11:30 am

St. Paul's Hall (Light lunch provided - free will offering)

To encourage & support families (*children and their parents/grandparents*)
to prepare their hearts for Advent with a fun fellowship brunch.

Family Advent resources and activities will be distributed.

**John 1:4 - In him there was life, and that life was a
light for the people of the world.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT HEATHER MACKEY - hmackey@wsquare.ca or 905-634-1849 x21
Wellington Square United Church - wsquare.ca




GraceLand is participating at the
ONE Service at **10:00 am** on
Sunday December 9th, 2018
by presenting....

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL!!

*Praising God with
Singing,
Dancing & Puppets*





Footsteps Library

River to Redemption
by Ann H. Gabhart

Enjoy this historical novel set in 19th century Kentucky! When the cholera epidemic hit Springfield, Adria Starr was orphaned and cared for by a slave named Louis. While everyone with means had fled town, Louis stayed behind to **watch over his master's hotel, tend the sick, and bury the dead**. Twelve years later, Louis is being sold by his owners despite his past kind and heroic actions. The unconventional Adria, now a young woman of nineteen with abolitionist ideals, is determined to help free Louis, refusing to stay silent and accept "the way things are".



PLEASE
JOIN US
FOR A
Retirement
PARTY

- SAVE THE DATE -

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6th
*as we celebrate and reflect
upon Orville's ministry with
Wellington Square United*

Do you have a fond memory, funny
story, pictures, or testimony about
Orville that you'd like to share?

Send your written words or short videos
to: orvilleretires2019@gmail.com



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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. Nur to Gr. 6

Advent Conspiracy is a book/course study our church is focusing on to show us how to substitute consumption with compassion by practicing four simple, but powerful, counter-cultural concepts:

Worship Fully

Spend Less

Give More

LOVE ALL

GraceLand will be teaching these concepts throughout the month of November.

Reminder to parents to take home our monthly Faith at Home Family sheets for GraceLand's theme, focus, scriptures and prayers.

Mark your calendars:

Sun Nov 25th @ 10:30am - Advent Family Brunch (See poster insert)

Sun Dec 9th ONE 10am Service - ALL of GraceLand will be involved in the service by presenting 'Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel - Born is the King of Israel'. We encourage you to bring your child on Sundays to learn songs and details of this presentation.



ROCKPILE- Duck Tape to the Wall Night – Wed Nov 28th – 7-9pm – Gr. 7-8 One of our FAVOURITE games is back this month. Come stick around with us and bring a friend!
Edge Sr Youth – Wed Nov 21st - 7-9pm – Gr 9-12



For all November events go to:
www.wsquare.ca/youth



reaching out

Loving Others Locally and Globally

This fall, *Reaching Out* is partnering with Adult Faith Development and Advent Conspiracy to help you to explore the Advent Conspiracy precepts of *Spend less, Give more, and Love all*. Although there are many things that you can do, we would like to highlight three of our *Reaching Out* initiatives that you might want to consider. Today, November 18th and next Sunday, November 25th, there will be an opportunity for you to get more information about, and donate to, these projects. Come check out these initiatives and look for the box in the foyer on these dates.

Malawi - Restorative Justice - Prison Fellowship Malawi, Vocational Training Project (Hands and Hearts for Africa)

Mexico - Building houses and Building relationships in Ensenada

Sierra Leone - Providing monthly financial support for food and medical care for the children of Wellington Orphanage

You can pick up the Fall 2018 Reaching Out Newsletter at the Connection Point.



Angel Wings KICK-OFF Today

What is Angel Wings?

Angel Wings is Wellington Square's local Outreach project and it Kicks Off today. This year we are supporting 80 Angels in the Burlington area. You can participate in Angel Wings by either sponsoring a child from the **posted list in St. Paul's Hall and buying them a selection of gifts from their Christmas Wish List**

OR you may choose to donate cash, that is used to buy food vouchers for the families that we support. This year our cash requirement is \$6,800. Thank you for your generous support.

What Local Groups do we support?

Halton Women's Place

Burlington Teens from ROCK

(Reach Out For Kids)

Families through our Ministerial Team

**See you in St. Paul's
Hall to select your
Angel!**

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