

I'VE BEEN THINKING...

...about left-overs & legacies.

What do we throw away, give away, leave behind, leave for others??

Nancy & I are in a transition stage of life.

Earlier this year her uncle and my Mom left us.

And we had a new grandson born in K-W 6 **weeks ago (the day before my Mom's funeral).**

All of that got us thinking. We have just re-done our 'Wills'.

We started by asking ourselves 'What are the causes we believe in and have been supporting? I totally believe in finding ways to, throughout our lifetime, use our resources for our family, and for the betterment of God's world. And I believe we can and should do that even beyond our earthly lifetime.

So we thought about 3 'good causes' that we want to support. Over our married years **we have 'adopted' children growing up in a 3rd world country.** We have had 4 children in Haiti **that we have 'sponsored'.** So we named that Development organization in our will. And the Cancer Society – my Dad, and all my uncles have died of Cancer. And Wellington Square church.

I hope my will isn't needed for another 25 years – but I know that when I go there'll be enough for our kids and family. AND, those three organizations that are doing God's work are named to receive a total of (6 figures) from our 'leftovers'.

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November 25, 2018

The Advent Conspiracy: Giving More and Loving All

*The Word was first, the Word present to God,
God present to the Word. The Word was God,
in readiness for God from day one.*

*Everything was created through him; nothing -
not one thing! - came into being without him.*

*The Word became flesh and blood, and moved
into the neighborhood.*

We saw the glory with our own eyes,

*The one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son,
Generous inside and out, true from start to
finish.*

John 1: 1-3, 14
(The Message)

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.

Welcome New Members | Welcome to those who are being received into membership today at 11am

Keith Adams

Advent Fellowship Brunch Today at 10:30am!!! We welcome all to join us for food, fellowship and preparing our hearts for the Advent/Christmas season!!

Communion Sundays: December 2nd
December 24@10pm

ONE SERVICE @ 10am: December 9th & December 30th & January 6th, 2019.

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



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*. Today, November 25th, there will be an opportunity for you to get more information about, and donate to, these projects. Please come and see us in the foyer today.

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.

Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World?

Christmas should be a joyous celebration of **Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts and the world around us**. But does it? We invite you to **consider these "challenges" throughout this season of Advent**. Jesus calls us to go into this broken world to both *tell* the great story of **God's love and to live** it. Our lives should show others a picture of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We should be the ones to tell the story of Christmas, not the malls. Let God nudge your heart to make this Christmas different. Let Him whisper to your spirit how you can worship fully, spend less, give more and love all. And then respond to His invitation to help change the world.

Consider the following:

- Give one less gift this Christmas
Make a meal or baked good for a neighbour, **friend or WSUC's Food Ministry** (contact hmackey@wsquare.ca)
- Give up coffee for the week and set aside the money you would have spent - Give it to **WSUC's Advent Conspiracy Donation Box** or another project that speaks to your heart
- **Say 'hello' and speak kindly this week to someone you might usually walk by**



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: Tuesday, November 27.

WHERE: Pritchard Rm

TIME: 1:30-3:00pm

Topic: **"Love All"**

Facilitator: Joy Magwood

Kettles On Tea | Monday December 10th, 1:30 - 3 pm. The Singing Strummers will be performing. Please join us for fellowship and music. If anyone needs a ride, please call Joyce 905-637-5192.

JOYFUL SPIRITS - Our Our Christmas Celebration is Thursday, December 13 in the Pritchard Room. TIME: 6pm
POTLUCK- Please bring a finger food.
Contact Joy Magwood for more info.

"(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

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



ISAIAH'S DAUGHTER

By Mesu Andrews

The Hebrews are a divided nation. Israel in the north – ten tribes strong-has bowed to pagan worship. In

Judah's two tribes, an evil king mocks King David's legacy while a remnant of Yahweh's faithful cling desperately to their one true God. Caught in the middle of the warring is an orphaned girl names Ishma..meaning "desolation". Her short life already mirrors the name. YET YAHWEH'S PLAN FOR HER HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN.

Ishma enters the prophet Isaiah's house as a household servant, but her quick mind and lively spirit gain the friendship of Prince Hezekiah. When Isaiah sees their relationship mature he adopts Ishma giving her a royal pedigree and a new name . Ishma becomes Hephzibah – "delight of the Lord"—and the desolate captive becomes Judah's queen.

But loving Hezekiah will require more of **Hephebah than she ever imagined. From Ahar's terrifying reign to the Assyrian threat and Isiah's own perplexing prophecies. Zibah remains trapped by fear, facing an uncertain future. Will palace life lead to freedom from her past? Or can she trust everything to the only One who gives life and delivers both a captive heart and desperate nation?**



WOW! What a wonderful start to Angel Wings 2018.

There are only 10 Angels left who need to be sponsored! Join us in the coffee area outside **St Paul's Hall to select your Angel.**

We've also received our first donation, too, for the second half of the program. This is the CASH portion of Angel Wings and we use this money to buy \$100 food vouchers for the moms, gift certificates for the teens and support anonymous angels in our community identified through our ministers. Please remember, if you do not like to shop, you can still support the other half of the Angel Wings program through your cash donation.

Thank you for your generous support of this local outreach program.

*** Remember to bring your unwrapped gifts to the MCMILLAN ROOM ***

NEXT Sunday December 2, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Carver (905) 632-0000.



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.

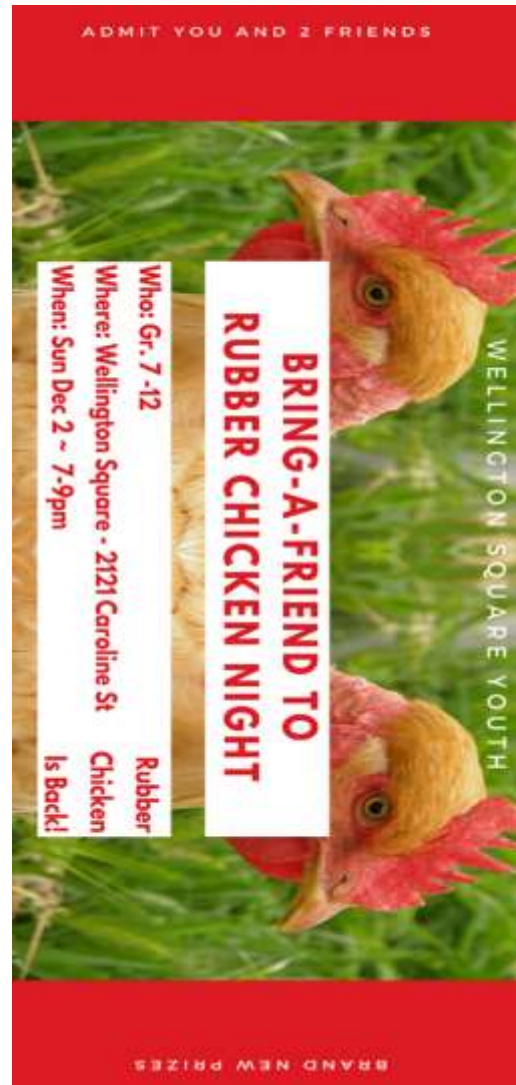
Reminder to parents to take home our monthly Faith at Home Family sheets for GraceLand's theme, focus, scriptures and prayers.

TODAY, 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!
Bring a Friend to RUBBER CHICKEN NIGHT – Sun Dec 2nd - 7-9pm – Gr 7-12



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

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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



It is a difficult time of year for many as the weather gets colder and the holidays are approaching. Some friends do not have the warm clothes and winter wear that they need to stay comfortable, while others who are living in transient housing worry about where they will rest their heads at night. Others who are estranged from family and have few supports find the holidays to be a lonely and difficult time. We are blessed that we are able to offer a warm space every Friday afternoon and evening, where friends can share a healthy meal and conversations with friends. We look forward to supporting families with stockings for the children, and providing a holiday dinner on December 21st where we can celebrate together.

Most Needed Items:

- *candy canes
 - *candy to decorate Gingerbread houses
 - *winter boots, snow pants, coats hats, mitts
 - *running shoes of all sizes (gently used)
 - ***salad bar toppings (pickles, beets, olives...)**
 - *baking ingredients (chocolate chips, sprinkles, muffin liners, etc.)
 - *mattress covers (clean gently used)
 - *Queen sized duvet
 - *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

*Songs
of
Christmas*

*For Unto Us a
Child Is Born*

*Sunday Dec 9
3pm*



Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel

BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL!!

Our **ONE** Service at
10:00 am on
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th



Praising God with Singing, Dancing & Puppets



SEARCHING FOR
CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve Services

4:30pm Fun, Interactive service for kids and their families

6:00pm Worship with the Band

8:00pm Worship with the Sanctuary Choir

10:00pm Candlelight and Communion

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Terry Beck



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I mentioned this to a younger friend, a volunteer here at the church. He told me he & his wife have already named W. Square in their will. I was astonished and impressed. His kids **are in elementary school. I guess it's never too early.**

So I got an idea. I ran it by our Leadership team (Trustees, & BOARD) and was given **approval to do an 'Ask'**. Would you consider naming Wellington Square in your will?

I've been here 22+ years and I'm hoping that at least 22 of you would consider leaving something to the church, when you are gone. If you can do that, would you tell our church treasurer, Karen Dobson. Her email is on the **'staff list' on the back of the bulletin. You don't need to name any amount\$. You don't have to tell me. Just let Karen know. And if we hit 22, we'll celebrate and give thanks, for all our future gifts.** BLESS YOU.

With Love,
ORVILLE