



October 28, 2018

***I'VE BEEN THINKING...***

...about a conversation I had with an 83 year old member who told me "I came just before you arrived, and I joined the choir. Loved it! & sang there for about a decade. When my voice and strength slipped, I moved out into the congregation.

*The first Sunday, I sat down beside a woman and asked if it was okay. She smiled and said, 'my husband used to sit right there'. I started to get up to move, but she stopped me and said – Don't leave. I'm happy to have you with me."*

I like that story! It reminds me of the warm atmosphere any church should exude.

And energy. My former choir friend also commented that in her early years at W.Square (20+ years ago), when she and I were both 'newcomers', there was a fresh energy, a spark of enthusiasm and even anticipation for the new beginning that was happening.

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Let everyone be sure he is doing his very best, for then he will have the personal satisfaction of work well done, and won't need to compare himself with someone else.

Galatians 6: 4 (The Living Bible)

We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise. 2 Corinthians 10:12 NIV

# 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.

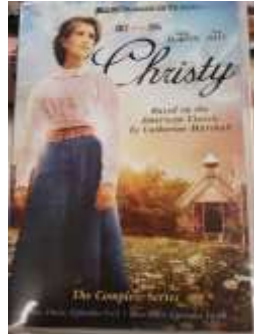
Communion Sundays: November 11th  
December 2nd  
December 24@10pm

ONE SERVICE @ 10am: December 9th

New Members | New Members will be received on Sunday, Nov 25. A welcome and orientation session will be led by Joy Magwood on Sunday Nov 4, in between services, for anyone previously baptized and confirmed (in any Christian church). The book, I Am a Church Member will provide the basis for discussion. Please let us know by contacting the church office, or sign up at the Connection Point today.

A Note From Spencer Edwards | I'm so sorry I won't be returning as your Director of Youth Ministry. The recovery from my spinal cord infection and surgery has been a long, slow process. The energy and focus the position deserves is still beyond my current ability. I am thrilled the youth ministry is in Adam's very capable hands and I look forward to seeing it grow and develop to new heights. Although I was only with you a short time you have made a lasting impression on me! Thank you.

Grace and peace,  
Spence



DVD: CHRISTY by Catherine Marshall

IT IS 1921 and a young socialite from Asheville **decides she's had enough of teas & gossip.** She wants adventure. But, perhaps God has a way of using her to help the impoverished families in The Great Smokies. Against her parents wishes, she travels to the wilds where Quaker, Miss Alice has a Mission. There is a new reverend, David Grantland, who has his sister Ida acting as his housekeeper. There is a Doctor McNeal too who grew up in these mountains but had a compassionate hunter pay for his medical education in Scotland. She learns that there is a feud between the Taylor family and the Allen family and on her arrival someone shot Mr. Allen in the head. The doctor manages to save him. She starts her job teaching 12 grades and 72 students among the 50 families with only 5 books and little paper. Slates and chalk are what she has. There are students nearly as old as she is who have no education. Many parents are selling WHITE LIGHTNING just to put food on the table. The children have no shoes and often not enough to eat. Christy sees how much these children need her. She is convinced she can make a difference in their lives. But, disasters are around the corner! Will she, the Reverend, & the Doctor be able to overcome the resistance of the bootleggers to support this community?



Happy Birthday! But...

2018 marks 35 years of Foodgrains Bank members working together to end hunger.

During that time, the CFGB was able to partner with the Canadian government to provide food assistance to the developing world. Through this support, donations are matched on a 4:1 basis to fund the necessary programs. Last year the CFGB provided over \$41 million of assistance to over 900,000 people in 39 countries. But, world hunger has increased due to conflict and climate-related issues. And this at a time when Canadian aid is the lowest it has been in 50 years. That is the portion of the Canadian income (GNP) devoted to these concerns by the Canadian government has dropped dramatically. The CFGB has organized a post card campaign to show the government that we as Canadians care about this diminished role. We care that **Canada's reputation as a global leader is** weakening. We care that those people facing a terrible crisis are not forgotten by the world or by the church. If you agree, if you want your voice to be heard on this matter, sign a card. **These post cards are available outside St. Paul's Hall.**



CONNECT/GROW/SERVE

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

ADVENT CONSPIRACY: There is still time to **join this very special study which is about "the prophetic dream birthed by the Advent of Jesus - the dream that every Jesus follower would worship fully, spend less, give more and courageously love all in the name and power of Jesus."**

WHEN: Tues, Oct 30 & Nov 13, 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, Ana Walber. Please sign up at the Connection Point table.

**NEW! "I AM A CHURCH MEMBER"** - for those who would like to be received as new members of Wellington on Sunday, November 25th or if you would just like a refresher on **what a privilege it is to be part of God's church**, this little book is a jewel...refreshing & inspiring. We will meet November 4th @ 10:30 am in the chapel for a brief discussion & review. Cost of book: \$10 Facilitator: Joy Magwood, [jmagwood@wsquare.ca](mailto:jmagwood@wsquare.ca) RSVP @ the CONNECTION TABLE.

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](mailto:bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca)







# ADVENT CONSPIRACY

Join 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 and the world around us.



WORSHIP FULLY

SPEND LESS

GIVE MORE

LOVE ALL



## 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

October Themes:  
The Last Supper  
The Thankful Leper  
Care for Others  
Accepted by Christ



Squarebucks – Sun Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 10:15am-11:30

The first Sunday of every month in the youth room is our board game café complete with snacks! Open to any and all youth Gr. 7 and up

ROCKPILE Halloween Party - Gr. 7-8  
Wed Oct 31 - 7-9pm - *Bring a Friend!*



# happenings cont.

From the Board | Celebrate Orville!  
SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY JANUARY 6, 2019.  
Details to follow soon. If you would like to be involved on the Planning Team, please contact Lisa Lunski at llunski@wsquare.ca

Sermon Notes | **from Orville's sermon on Sept 30th** (UNAFRAID: of Meaninglessness), are available at the Connection Point table, or please contact the office.

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Rev. Orville James is preaching in St. Catharines this morning, for the 160th anniversary of Elm St. United Church.

Ministry in Motion | Nov 5, 6, & 7, 2018  
We need your help! If anyone is able to provide breakfast time baked goods for the visiting ministers, it would be appreciated. Nut free pastries/gluten free options/or fruit items can be brought to the church on Sunday Nov 4th. Please label what the item is. If there is a container or plate that needs to be returned, label it as well. Sign up with: Diane Thompson; Renee Kraus; or Kathryn McFarlane.

## finance

Wellington Square Finance Update  
Nine Months ending September 30, 2018

	Actual	Budget
Givings and other income	\$ 486,515	\$ 504,146
Expenses	520,577	544,258
Net deficit	\$ (34,062)	\$ (40,112)



## Friday Community

Every Friday we have so much to celebrate and give thanks for. But sometimes we feel saddened at the challenges, illnesses and loss that are a part of our community. Pam was a friend who had attended Friday Night Community for a number of years. She had just finished her internship, was studying to be a PSW and was about to start her new job. She was complaining of feeling unwell, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this summer and was quickly taken by this disease. We are left supporting and caring for those who were close to Pam and who will continue to grieve this loss.

Most Needed Items:

\*winter coats, boots, snow pants, mitts & hats, sleeping bags, warmer comforters, (gently used and clean)

**\*men's walking shoes**

\*running shoes of all sizes (gently used)

\*lemonade & iced tea crystals

\*decaf coffee

\*salad bar toppings (pickles, beets, olives, Craisins, croutons, seeds, etc.)

\*decks of cards

\*size 3-5 diapers

\*tea towels & dish cloths

\*gently used baking sheets & pans

\*mattress covers (clean gently used)

\*curtain rods, panel curtains and hardware

\*smaller lightweight desk & chair for youth

\*vacuum cleaner (gently used)

\*living room/bedroom end tables & lamps

\*exersaucer and baby toys 6 months & up

\*baby girl clothes sizes 10 months-2 years

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I sense that same experience lies ahead. Even as my official ministry is winding down, I sense that this church is approaching a new beginning. Focus on that.

**We're going to finish well together,** and maybe have a few moments of feeling a little sad. Fair enough. Perfectly normal. And then – **I'm passing off to new leadership.** If together, we can all pull off a smooth transfer, It will bring spurt of energy and momentum.

The image I have is of a relay race team – the best ones are able to have each participant push themselves as far and fast as possible, for their part of the race, then just before they run out of gas, they hand-off to the next team-member who is un-fatigued and bursting with energy. Zoom – Zoom!

A new minister next year will bring that Zoom, just by showing up!

**I'm ALSO very aware that *all newcomers*** who join a Christ-community bring with them, their own spiritual and personal energy. Every new member to Jesus team contributes to the atmosphere with their spiritual hunger, their dedication to serve, their curiosity and yearning for growth, their willingness to give of time, talent, treasure, and more.

Next month, we hope to receive new **members. If you've been around here, and haven't yet officially joined – I'd love it if you'd** let us welcome and receive you now.

Then in a decade or two, you can repeat your version of the story from my 83 year old friend (above). You can tell the next minister that you were part of the renewing spirit that welcomed them to their start.

Grace & Peace to you,

*ORV*