

**wellington
square**



September 23, 2018

I'VE BEEN THINKING...

...about ramping up, and winding down.

September can feel like a new year. The summer season brings a huge break in schedule for many people, and now we start again. Back to work, back to school, clubs and activities and regular duties ramp up again.

I've always felt this in the church too.

Since 1978, when I started in New Brunswick, September has brought a renewed energy and activity in the congregation. Crowds are back, **attendance is returning in the children's programs**, newcomers checking things out, hoping **to find a spiritual home. It's all good.**

For me, this year is different. In this 41st **September since I became a minister, I'm winding down**, even as our congregational life is ramping up. On July 1st, I began half-time ministry, as I prepare for retirement. By February (when I turn 65) I will have concluded my work at Wellington Square. Our leadership team has been working well toward the next chapter - identifying the future needs, and preparing to call the next minister to serve here.

Meanwhile, what does 1½ time look like? When am I around? What am I doing?

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UNAFRAID: of FOMO
(Fear Of Missing Out)

FOMO - n. [Fear Of Missing Out] anxiety that an exciting or interesting event may currently be happening elsewhere, often aroused by posts seen on social media.

-New Oxford American Dictionary

"Rejoice always. Pray continually..."

— I Thessalonians 5: 16-17 (NRSV)

Now is the time.

Here is the place.

These are the people.

-Guy Chevreau

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.

Office Hours | Mon-Wed 9am-4pm, Thurs 10am-3pm, Fri 10am-2pm



Sign Up for our Email List

Sign up for the Wellington Square email blast to keep up to date on special events, and dates of ONE Service @ 10am. wsquare.ca & Click on the News & Events button!

Communion Sundays: October 7th
November 11th
December 2nd
December 24@10pm

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.

The Church will be closed for Thanksgiving on Monday October 8th.



DVD: ON WINGS OF EAGLES
After winning Olympic Gold in 1924, the Chariots of Fire runner returns to China, where he was born to missionary parents, to teach schoolchildren. In 1937, the Japanese invade and he sends his wife & children to safety in Canada. He remains behind to help the Chinese & other civilians. He, his brother, and other Europeans are interred where they are forced to endure the difficult circumstances. His legacy of hope endures as a champion of life.

**The Salvation Army
Meadowlands Corps Band
Concert**



**Wellington Square United Church
2121 Caroline St, Burlington ON
Sunday September 30, 2018
3:30pm**

Free Will offering will be taken



"Disciples Making Disciples"

"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)

DISCIPLESHIP CAFÉ - PASSION TALK SERIES with Louie Giglio. Be inspired to take your place in His symphony!

TOPIC: SYMPHONY (I Lift My Hands)

WHEN: Saturday, October 27, 2018

WHERE: Pritchard Room

TIME: 10am-noon (with Marg's muffins & coffee at 9:45am)

Who Should Attend: Everyone who wants to serve the Lord in glorious ways!

Sign up at the CONNECTION POINT table or contact Joy Magwood jmagwood@wsquare.ca



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2018 – Thank you to all who signed up. We did achieve our early bird special with a special rate for groups of ten. PRAISE GOD! Our new location is the Holiday Inn Conference Centre in Burlington. For more info, see Joy.

"CIRCLE UP" - coming soon a new 4 week DVD study for those interested in forming new groups or having a refresher on why we need groups. Go to www.anthology.com to view sessions or see Joy for more info.

GROUPLINK: THANK YOU to all our WONDERFUL GROUP LEADERS & ACCELERATE team for making last Sunday so successful. Our dream (vision) is to have everyone in a healthy small group & you are helping to make that dream come true!!! You are appreciated for your faithfulness to our KINGDOM BUILDING here at Wellington & beyond these walls. THANK YOU!!!

ADVENT CONSPIRACY: Yes, it is still a while before Christmas but we would like to prepare ourselves well in advance so that our CHRISTMAS will be one where we can WORSHIP FULLY, SPEND LESS, GIVE MORE & LOVE ALL. Join us for **this small group study & you will be joining "a 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, Oct. 23, 30 & Nov 13, 20, 2018

WHERE: Pritchard Rm

TIME: 2-3:00pm or 7-9pm

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

JOYFUL SPIRITS - Meets every third Thursday of the month (September to June)

Next meeting: October 18th.

TIME: 7pm WHERE: Pritchard Room

NEW STUDY: WHO IS THIS MAN??? THE UNPREDICTABLE IMPACT OF THE INESCAPABLE JESUS

CONTACT: jmagwood@wsquare.ca

Thursday at Seven - Book of Hebrews, 5 week bible study on Jesus is the new covenant, He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets.

Matt 5:17. Please contact Bruce:

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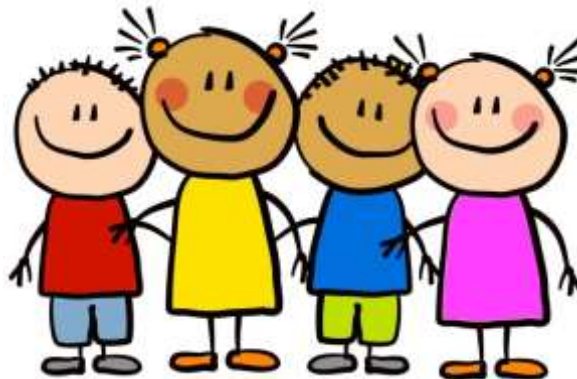
Kettles on Tea | Please join us on Monday October 15th from 1:30-3pm in the Pritchard Room for our afternoon tea. All are welcome.

Children's Ministry at WSUC...GraceLand!

Encouraging and equipping kids to learn the ways of Jesus and be excited to shine His light every day.

Classes are divided up by ONE YEAR age span.

Babies & Toddlers experience God's love through our caring volunteers in a warm and friendly environment. Age-appropriate toys, books, activities, music and puppets are all a part of their morning fun.



Preschool to Grade 6 explore the week's message and 'apply' what they have learned through connect-in time, interactive large & small group worship time, age-appropriate activities, games, discussion and prayer.

SALT (Servant and Leadership Training) is an intentional Spiritual Gifts course for Gr. 6 students providing experience and exploration of their Spiritual Gifts. Teaching them how to use their gifts to glorify God and model the ways of Jesus in serving and in attitude.

ALL Children's Ministry Volunteers are required to attend our Leadership Development Meeting and be a part of our Plan 2 Protect training on Sunday, Sept 30, 2018 at 10:30am

If anyone would like to read our Plan 2 Protect procedures, please go to wsquare.ca

Faith at Home – we seek to partner with parents (families) to help equip them to practice their faith at home - nurturing their relationship with God and each other.

We provide Faith at Home Events and give out monthly Family Faith at Home Sheets outlining our theme, focus and scripture lesson. We also provide faith resources on prayer, spiritual gifts, devotions, seasonal activity ideas, grace at meals, etc.

Our **Inter-generational Church Services** provide wonderful opportunities for all ages to gather and experience worship as one family in Christ.

- o Baptism, communion, special and seasonal services

Heather Mackey - Director of Children & Family Ministry
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KIDS CREATIVE ART MINISTRIES

GraceNotes Singers & Dancers

Children ages 5 & up "get down" to the hip and happenin' sounds of today's Praise & Worship Music – starting up in October

GraceLand Puppets

For Grade 5 & older who like to use their creative hand in spreading puppet joy – starting up in October

GraceLand Band

For Grade 6 & older who like to sing and/or play an instrument to help engage kids in worship



For details about our Creative Art Ministries, please contact Heather Mackey at hmackey@wsquare.ca

PARENTS & WEE ONES

Drop-in morning for parents and their wee ones – Tuesday 9:30am

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.

Discipleship Café

Saturday October 27, 2018

10am-noon

(coffee & muffins @ 9:45am)

Louis Giglio

Be inspired to take your place in His symphony



SYMPHONY

I LIFT MY HANDS

Please RSVP Joy Magwood
jmagwood@wsquare.ca to reserve a seat



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

Mission: to provide a fun, safe and friendly place where we learn about and experience God's love.

Vision: to equip kids to learn the ways of Jesus and be excited to shine His light every day.

Values:

LOVE God and others, including yourselves

EXPERIENCE the Good News of Jesus

ATTRACT all children with God's grace

REMAIN rooted in God's Word

NURTURE strong Christian friendships

September Themes:

What is Prayer?

Why Pray?

The Lord's Prayer

Pray Continually

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The Hub Fall Worship Service - Oct 6 @7pm
Young Adults & All adults welcome!



EDGE Wednesdays - Sr Youth



Wed Sept 26 - Youth Room - Grade 9-12
7:00-9:00

Games, Food, Faith. Edge continues this Wednesday!

You can contact our Youth & Young Adults Director, Adam via acresswell@wsquare.ca



Friday Community

One of the questions asked most often besides 'What is for dinner?' is 'Can you post my picture on the screen or develop it for me?' Most friends love to have their pictures taken on Friday, and many seek out a group of people or action and ask to have it taken. There are many for whom Friday is their social night out, their group of close friends and their family. One lady brought in her album of photos with pictures we have developed from the last few years. We are blessed that memories of our community are front and centre in their lives and they want to share the friendships and special times with others.

Most Needed Items:

***snacks for children's lunch bags**

*yogurt/sour cream/black take out containers for take home food

***crafts for children's area**

- *smaller dessert plates for afternoon Hub
- *decks of cards
- *chocolate chips for baking
- *lemonade & iced tea crystals
- *salad bar toppings/salad dressings
- *wool for afternoon Hub
- *bike locks and youth helmets
- *backpacks and school supplies
- *curtain rods, panel curtains and hardware
- *material for sewing
- *2 gently used double beds w/frames
- *gently used/newer living room furniture
- *vacuum cleaner
- *gently used running shoes of all sizes

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



reaching out

Wellington Orphanage.....**We are sending** another container to the Orphanage. The kids & staff so appreciated the container sent last June. We will be accepting donations of new, gentle used & clean items at our table in the Fellowship Area today, Sept 23rd & also on the Sunday the 30th after the service, possibly an additional Sunday if the shipment is delayed a week. Donations of medical supplies, (wound care and Tylenol, in particular), educational supplies, toys (no battery operated please), sports equipment, games, puzzles, craft supplies, bedding (especially twin flat sheets), blankets, malaria nets, summer clothing boys & girls (dresses or skirts), boys & girls underwear from age 4 to 18, shoes, flip flops, office supplies, garden tools, computers. You can pick up a detailed list at our table. If you are unable to shop but would like to participate you can make a donation at the table and we will shop for the most needed items. The container will be leaving the first or second week of October, arriving in time for Christmas. The children are so grateful to receive your gifts as it **carries the message, "We care about you!"** Short update from Pastor Mansaray last week: Two other organizations have recently visited the orphanage. Pastor Nick from New Mexico built 60 new beds. Komeo International sent a team and they purchased 100 new mattresses as well as other help. The government is now offering free education in Freetown, so Pastor has moved 60 of the children back to the original Wellington Orphanage, requiring splitting the staff and resources. Please continue to pray for the health & well being of these dear children and also for the staff who have the monumental task of taking care of them each day.

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So far, it seems I am doing all that I **always did, only less of it. I'll be preaching and leading worship twice a month. I'm still partnering** with our elected leaders and volunteers in **meetings and church events. But this fall I'll get** to our cottage north of Kingston more, go to the theatre with Nancy more, play with my grandson in Kitchener more often (while waiting for his baby brother to arrive in the next 2 weeks).

Some Saturday nights it feels strange, to **not have a sermon dominating my thinking. It'll** take some getting used to, for me. Yet at the same time, the life of the faith community is making the adjustment.

There is 'succession planning' going on; there are people studying the surveys and input from hundreds of you, to sketch the new Vision path forward. And I know that people are **praying for the yet unknown 'new minister' who will** be arriving sometime in 2019.

Jesus Church carries on, and works together toward the next chapter of the life of this congregation.

So let's have some fun together. I'm going to enjoy this autumn season; And like **many of you, I'm already kinda curious and** anticipating the fresh start that lies ahead for **Jesus' team here.**

Grace & Peace to you - *ORVILLE*