

## I'VE BEEN THINKING...

...about beginnings and endings;  
Endings & Beginnings.

They're inevitably connected of course – one follows the other. When something ends, something new begins; then, over time, that becomes the new normal. Until IT ends... and something new begins – Again.

We're into an ending\beginning right now, aren't we?

For me, it's retirement. For you, it's a transition toward a new minister and new chapters of ministry & mission.

What's up in my future? Bit of an adventure ahead- I have fuzzy plans to 'goof-off' until Labour Day. That 'goofing-off' will probably include trips to Vancouver, and Britain, (visiting our daughters Heather Joy, and Leslie), then summer at our cottage (N. of Kingston).

Before all that, we're working to sell our house in Burlington, and down-size to a house in Kitchener (where our son Eric, lives with his family).

And for you at Wellington Square? Also an ending\beginning and the leadership have made very good plans as you enter this transition year.

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"With Gratitude for all That is Past"

*Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.*

*Don't suppress the Spirit, and don't stifle those who have a word from the Master. On the other hand, don't be gullible. Check out everything, and keep only what's good. Throw out anything tainted with evil.*

*May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The One who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he'll do it!*

*Friends, keep up your prayers for us.*

I Thessalonians 5:16-25 (MSG)

# 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.

## Order of Service

Prelude:

Announcements:

Opening Prayer:

Song:

- Shelter

Reading:

Luke 12:42-48

Message

Offering

Offering Song:

- **When It's All Been Said and Done**

Communion:

Communion Songs:

- Holy, Holy, Holy

- Go Now In Peace

## Transition to Celebration

Puppets: Bohemian Rhapsody

Acknowledge Nancy:

Video Testimony

Words from Russ Jackson

Video Testimony

Group Song:

- All Glory Be to Christ

Blessing of Release:

Gift Presentation:

Commissioning and Grace for Meal

Postlude:

- Give a Little Bit



### New United Church Camp Scholarship

In lieu of a gift, Orville has requested that a scholarship be created to support youth leaders who dedicate their summers to serving at our United Church camps. If you would like to contribute to this scholarship, donations can be made through our Wellington Square offering envelopes, by cheque [Wellington Square United Church but marked for Orville's retirement scholarship] or cash.

Please identify any donations with the necessary contact information so that appropriate receipts can be provided. Donations can be put in the offering baskets, dropped off at the church office or mailed to the church. [Wellington Square United Church 2121 Caroline Street, Burlington ON L7R 1L7].



*Friday* night  
CommUNITY



Thank you for helping us to support so many friends in our community. We appreciate the ongoing food and financial donations, clothing & household items, lunch snacks, prayers and care and hope that you provide.

Happy New Year to you and yours!



## Friday Community

One of our friends came to us with an offer to help folks put together and file their taxes. She has experience in this area and is trying to find a way to help others and give back for all that **she receives. As her eyes welled up with tears she shared, " I have run into financial difficulties and this place has meant the world to me. It is a place I can come and not be judged."** We strive to be a place and space where friends can come and be accepted for exactly who they are. Many enjoy joining in at the afternoon Hub to play games, share the challenges of the week and connect in with those who care. We are saddened about the loss of our friend Ray, who loved to share time with so many who he considered to be his family. Arrangements are being made to celebrate the life of our dear friend.

We are so blessed for the ongoing food and financial donations that have allowed us to support our community for another year. We look forward to sharing in new friendships, and to love and care for many in the year to come.

Most Needed Items:

- \*men's winter boots sizes 9 & up
- \*salad bar toppings (pickles, beets, olives...)
- \*lighter bookcases/storage shelves
- \*lemonade, iced tea crystals, hot chocolate
- \*new bed pillows
- \*rain & snow stroller covers for baby

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## Joseph Brant Hospital Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee

Presented in Partnership with: 

### Friday Night Speaker Series

Friday January 11, 7pm  
(Pritchard Room)

## Grief and Loss

Experiencing emotions when we lose jobs, money, friends, our home, health, etc...

Presented by: Bonnie-Jean Barlow



CONNECT/GROW/SERVE

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* John 15:5

VISION | to grow a prosperous, vibrant ministry together that glorifies God and equips His people to live out the great commandment and the great commission.

MISSION | to create a loving, kind atmosphere **where God's people are cared for and the marks of discipleship are lived out.**

SMALL GROUP SIGN UP - The New Year is a great time to sign up for a group - come to the CONNECTION TABLE & pick up a small group brochure or go online to check out our groups.

JOYFUL SPIRITS - Our next gathering is Thursday, January 17, 2020 at 7pm in the Pritchard Room. We will be discussing from the John Ortberg study, Session #3, "THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS". Please bring your bibles.

JESUS CALLING book is currently sold out, more will be ordered in the New Year

Thursday at Seven - meets Thursday mornings at 7am at 855 Brant Street. In January, we will be doing various DVD & scripture studies. Contact Bruce for more information. [bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca](mailto:bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca).

FLOWER TEAM - Thank you to this small group of ladies who faithfully & joyfully glorified God through their beautiful Christmas decor in our sanctuary!!!

NEW GROUPS: If you have an idea for a new group or wish to lead a group, please contact Joy. We are excited about what God is doing through our groups. It is AWESOME working together to share the GOOD NEWS of the gospel through our GROUP LIFE at Wellington.

ADVENT CONSPIRACY GROUP STUDY -

Thank you to all our groups that participated in this wonderful study (children, youth & adult) & to our dedicated group leaders. We would love to hear the feedback stories how you made changes to your CHRISTMAS this year to honour its true meaning. (WORSHIP FULLY, SPEND LESS, GIVE MORE, LOVE ALL). Please email your stories to [jmagwood@wsquare.ca](mailto:jmagwood@wsquare.ca)

HAPPY RETIREMENT Orville from all our small groups & the Connection Team. We will miss you!!!

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## 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.**

Offering Envelopes | Envelopes for 2019 are now available for pickup in the foyer on Sunday, or from the office during the week.

*Please destroy any of your unused envelopes at the end of 2018 as your number may have changed from the prior year.*



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

January theme:

Celebrating Church  
Jesus, our Model (3 parts)

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

Participant Forms are required every year for children and youth to ensure safety for all. 2019 forms will be emailed out to families and can also be completed on-line by going to [www.wsquare.ca/children-and-family/events-forms/](http://www.wsquare.ca/children-and-family/events-forms/). Please complete and return to our GraceLand Reception Area. Thank you for supporting our Plan 2 Protect Procedures.

For further info and pictures regarding **Children's Ministry**, please join our GraceLand Parent Group Page on [Facebook](#).



BEGINNING SUN JAN 13 IN THE FOYER

## THE FRESH BAKED FUNDRAISER FOR YOUNG ADULTS

In support of The Hub Young Adult Outreach Ministry

### Items for order include:

- Don's Gourmet Frozen Cookie Dough (Chocolate Chunk, Oatmeal Raisin, Red Velvet)
- Don's Original Chocolate Chip Frozen Cookie Dough
- Don's Ready-to-Bake Cinnamon Buns
- Don's Ready-to-Bake Fruit Pies
- Don's Ready-to-Bake Meat/Chicken Pot Pies
- Fresh Butter Tarts

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
THE FOSTER FAMILY AND



For more Details or to Volunteer !!!  
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As BOARD co-chair Jeremy Cox reported last week, Sunday services are already sorted and being planned into and through the summer. Most months there will be a guest preacher or two; Katie will lead worship and preach regularly, and partner with our staff team to continue the ministry programs that make this such a great Jesus community.

**And last week a 'Search Committee' was approved, to begin talking to potential new ministers.**

How long will that take, and what will be the **result? It'll be a bit of an adventure.**

For those who like everything to always stay the same, that will feel weird, and could make some nervous. No need to be nervous. Enjoy the ride – the weeks ahead of curiosity, while things are a little different; Share the adventure together.

My sense is you all need to lean into each other. Trust the leadership. And trust God. That will allow you to move through this transition year with confidence. One Inspirational poem has always strengthened me:

*"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year,*

*"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."*

*And he replied, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God.*

*That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way." AMEN.*

Grace & Peace to you all –

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