

WHAT'S UP AT WESLEY?

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

Here is what is happening in, and around Wesley United Church this week:

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK...

We are the church!

As we continue our journey into the Post-Easter season, we are reminded that we are given a mandate to live into the power of the resurrection. That can mean different things to different people, but essentially it means to be the vessels of Christ's eternal power wherever we are. Also, as children of God we carry around the hope and blessings Christ imparted in those words, "Go ye therefore..." This message is for every believer to embrace and be the church. His message has also now become our witness as the church. Bridget Willard reminds us that "Church isn't where you meet. Church isn't a building. Church is what you do. Church is who you are. Church is the human outworking of the person of Jesus Christ. Let's not go to church. Let's be the church".

Among other identities, the church has been known to be the friendly neighbour, committed to comforting the heavy of heart and rejoicing in the celebrations of others. For us at Wesley, we are challenged to do our part, to live out the calling, to be the neighbour to which others can turn. Church is more than just a meeting. Church is all about being a community where inspiration to do greater good takes place, where deeper love is explored, where enriching relationships occur, where authentic living is the goal. Church is supposed to be a community where individuals are cared for, where gifts are used effectively, where people are challenged to grow beyond themselves. This is what we always want to be...a lighthouse, a companion, a friend...the church.

Let's go ye therefore...and be!

- Rev. Lennox Scarlett

SUNDAY WORSHIP - SUNDAY, APRIL 28 10AM

Wesley United Church would like to invite you our Worship Service this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The Theme for this Sunday is **'Yet I Stand'**.

The Puppet Ministry will be making their monthly appearance, Sybil Marsh will be filling in for George on piano, and sisters Niña and Devynne Busalpa will be performing a song this Sunday as well.

For those who are unable to attend, you can watch the services 'live' or at your convenience on the Wesley United Church YouTube station.

SAD NEWS

Please keep Hazel Bigby and her family in your prayers, in the sudden loss of her youngest sister in North Carolina, as well as her youngest daughter, Sherryl Dawn Marie Bigby in Port Dover this past month.



Sherryl was 57 years old and living with a number of serious health issues. She died peacefully in her sleep. The Bigbys, who were originally from Jamaica, were part of our Wesley Family from 1976-1980 and lived in the old Manse. This was prior to the building of The Sanctuary, which opened in 1984. Wesley was represented at the Celebration of Life service for Sherryl that took place this morning at Grace United Church in Port Dover.

- Submitted by: Betty Lane



The Membership and Outreach Committee are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on April 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robins' Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. It is a good will offering event with proceeds from the event going to Hospice Niagara/Welland.

Submitted by Membership and Outreach Committee

WESLEY YOUTH MEETING - SATURDAY, APRIL 27 AT WESLEY 5 - 7 PM

For youth ages 14 to 30.

Activities: Games, sports, good conversation and food

Proposing regular meetings

Bring your friends and come and join in the fun!

CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST REMINDER – TAKES PLACE THIS SUNDAY!

The Wesley Men's Group would like to invite everyone to the Congregational Breakfast taking place this Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in Robins' Hall.



DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE FOR AUDACIOUS HOPE EVENT!

The logo for Audacious Hope features a stylized dove with its wings spread, composed of a grid of colorful squares in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The text "Audacious Hope" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, with "Audacious" on the top line and "Hope" on the bottom line. Below the name, the tagline "Nothing to hold us back." is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

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Audacious Hope is a national gathering for youth, young adults, and their leaders. It will be taking place this year at Brock University in St. Catharines from July 3rd - July 7th.

Audacious Hope is presented by the Rendez-vous 2024 team of The United Church of Canada and the LIFT team of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in an exciting new partnership!

Registration opened on Monday April 15 and it will go until May 31, 2024. Sign up today!



A NEW THING

Sunday, April 28, 3-5pm
Cave Springs Outdoor Chapel

WORSHIP TO WELCOME THE CHANGING SEASONS

What does the change of seasons in Creation have to teach us about the change of seasons in our lives? Join us for a time of outdoor worship, reflection, and community.



Using contemplative spiritual practices, conversation, and silent time in nature, we'll give thanks for how the Holy is at work in this time of resurrection, and consider what it might mean for times of transition in our personal lives.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Rev. Brenna Baker is a minister and educator for the United Church of Canada. Her day job is serving as a stewardship coach and teacher for communities of faith in Southwest Ontario. Her passion project is Holy-Babble.com, where she offers resources for faith formation and holy conversations.



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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE'S NEW PROJECT 'COIN COLLECTION DRIVE'

PENNIES From Heaven, plus NICKLES, DIMES, QUARTERS, LOONIES, and TOONIES!!

The Fundraising Committee is hosting a "Coin Collecting Drive" during the month of May, beginning Sunday, May 5th.

Do you have any loose change? Have you checked your pockets, under the couch cushions, in the washer or dryer, your glove box, the depths of your purse...

Gather your coins and bring them to church during the month of May!

Each Sunday in May has its own coin:

May 5 - Pennies AND Nickles (collected separately)

May 12 - Dimes

May 19 - Quarters

May 26 – Loonies AND Toonies

Every Sunday in May, a table will be set up in the Narthex, on which will be jars marked with that Sunday's coin to be collected. Just drop your coins into these jars!

The proceeds from the fundraiser will significantly benefit Wesley and its Community of Faith.

Submitted by The Fundraising Committee



BOOK REVIEW AND FELLOWSHIP MAY 19TH

The next book review and fellowship sponsored by the “Library Committee’s Love of Books” will be on May 19th when Antonette Scarlett will be discussing her recently published book “My Journey to Wholeness: A Poetic Memoir”.

Please pick up your goodies coffee and or tea and join us in the Library to hear Antonette discuss this book.

Hoping you can join us where our motto is “WE PROMOTE GREAT BOOKS TO READ”.

There are still openings on the sign up list and encourage people to consider doing a review for a book they have read. It does not have to be a book from the church library.

- Deadline for the coloring contest is Sunday, April 28th. Please drop off your completed coloring sheets in the library or give to Doug.
- The next library sponsored event will be held in May. Stay tuned for details!



SAVE THE DATE

DAY OF FELLOWSHIP

DATE | JUNE 8TH, 2024
 WHERE | WELLINGTON SQUARE UNITED CHURCH
 2121 CAROLINE ST. BURLINGTON, ON L7R 1L7
 TIME | 10AM - 2:30PM

SPEAKER
 REV. ALEXA GILMOUR

GREETING
 THE REV. MICHAEL BLAIR,
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Like unrinsed spaghetti, good friends stick together."

- Anonymous

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, April 26 – Wesley Spaghetti Dinner – 5:30 p.m. Robins' Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Hosted by the Membership and Outreach Committee.

Saturday, April 27 – Youth Activity and Fellowship – 5PM – Robins' Hall

Sunday, April 28 – Congregational Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Robins' Hall - The Wesley Men's Group will host a Congregational Breakfast for the entire congregation.

Sunday, April 28 – Worship Service – 10AM – The Sanctuary – Theme: Yet I Stand.

Sunday, April 28 – 'A New Thing' 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Cave Springs Outdoor Chapel. 4410 Cave Springs Road, Lincoln.

Monday, April 29 – Membership & Outreach Committee Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – The Parlour.

Wednesday, May 1 – Bible Study – 7PM – The Parlour.

Sunday, May 5 - Worship and Communion Service – 10AM – The Sanctuary.

Thursday, May 9 – Seniors' Activity Event – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Robins' Hall.
 Theme: Hawaiian Luau