

WHAT'S UP AT WESLEY

Thurs, Sept 5, 2024

Newsletter for Wesley United Church, Welland

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT WESLEY SEPT 8th, at 10

Watch the Wesley Worship Services live on YouTube at
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyVr-fckPqfS5BVFVJI8hEg>

COMMUNITY BBQ AT WESLEY

Saturday, September 7th – 11 am to 2 pm

Food and activities are free – meet with Welland's First Responders. Regional Police and Firefighters will be visiting with a police cruiser and a Welland fire truck. A freewill offering will be taken to raise funds for the Jasper Fire Relief.

WESLEY WEDNESDAY WALK IN NATURE

The next Wesley Walk will be on Wednesday, September 11th at 8:00 AM. We will park at the Steve Bauer Trail entrance at the intersection of Station Street and Port Robinson Road in Fonthill. Anyone welcome to join us on our 40 minute leisure walk.

BIBLE BULLETS

God is love – 1 John 4.8

Love is from God – 1 John 4.7

Love one another – 1 John 4.11

OUR LUMBERJACK CREW

On August 20th, our lumberjack crew - Rick Van Loon, Al Trewartha, Dave Reed, Don Chabot (head tree cutter), Denis Gauthier (Del's brother-in-law), Tyler Fraipont (Del's son), and Del Fraipont (project manager) were hard at work removing the tree from in front of the church. Tree stump grinding was done on August 26th. We're currently awaiting a couple of quotes for the landscaping work. Our church lettering can now be seen from far and wide.

Submitted by Marilyn Daniels

HEALTH REMINDER

With the cold and flu season fast approaching and with the never ending covid concern along with a recent outbreak of whooping cough, we want to make sure everyone in our congregation remains healthy.

Each of us has the responsibility of taking precautions to prevent the spread of illness by:

- Wearing a mask to limit the spread of germs
- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water
- Cover your mouth/nose when coughing or sneezing
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
- And, most importantly, if you are sick or experiencing flu-like symptoms, please stay at home. There are no heavenly bonus points for church attendance. Please join us in spirit by watching the service on YouTube.

I LOVE THIS ANALOGY

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you and shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

"Because someone bumped into you!!!"

Wrong answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled.

So we have to ask ourselves... "what's in my cup?"

When life gets tough, what spills over?

Joy, gratitude, peace and humility or anger, bitterness, victim mentality and quitting tendencies?

Life provides the cup, YOU choose how to fill it.

Today, let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, resilience, positivity, kindness, gentleness and love for others.

Submitted by Tom Bacolini, a Wesley-Robins resident.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 7 – Community BBQ – 11 am to 2 pm – at the church – Free food and activities - Meet Welland's First Responders in person. It's all FREE.

Sept 8 - Sunday Worship at Wesley – 10 am

Sept 11 – Bible Study at 7 pm in the Parlour

Sept 12 – Wesley's Senior Community Event – 1 pm to 3 pm Activities, Games, FUN for all, All seniors of the community are invited to attend – wheelchair accessible. It's FREE. Come and enjoy the fun.

Sept 14 – Youth Activity – 5 to 7 pm - in Robin's Hall

Sept 15 – Sunday Worship at Wesley - 10 am – **Special Back to School Blessing Service** for all students, teachers and school administrators. The Seraphic Voices of Toronto Choir will be our guest. All students are invited to attend.

Sept 15 – Special Congregational Meeting following the church service to discuss and approve Sandy Graham as a new trustee and to approve the separation of the Membership and Outreach Committee into two new committees: #1. Membership and Pastoral Care Committee and #2. The Outreach Committee.

Sept 17 – Church Council Meeting – 7 pm in Qgwen’s Place

Sept 18 – Bible Study - 7 pm in the Parlour

Sept 21 – Youth Activity - 5 pm to 7 pm in the Robins Hall

Sept 22 – Wesley United Church Anniversary Service - 10 am

Sept 25 – Bible Study – 7 pm in the Parlour

Sept 28 – Youth Activity – 5 pm to 7 pm in the Robins Hall

Sept 29 – Sunday Worship at Wesley – 10 am.

Oct 2 – Online Prayer Circle starts today. The Zoom link will be available soon.

Oct 4 & 5 – United Church of Canada Regional Council Meeting via Zoom. Registration opened on Thursday, September 5th at www.hfrcucc.ca, Horseshoe Falls Regional Council. You are welcome to sign up and watch the meetings.

Oct. 18 -20 – Silverfest Conference – Celebrating the Spirituality of Aging – Place: Silver Spire United Church, St Catharines. Registration now open. Phone 905-682-8328 or E-mail to office@silverspire.ca

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OCTOBER

SILVER SPIRE UNITED CHURCH
366 ST. PAUL STREET
ST. CATHARINES

**SILVERFEST
CONFERENCE**

CELEBRATING THE SPIRITUALITY OF AGING

PAY WHAT YOU CAN (\$65, \$95 OR \$125)
NO AGE CHECKING!
DOORS OPEN 12:30 PM FRIDAY

REGISTER AT
TINYURL.COM/3VNHDH64
OR BY CALLING
905-682-8328

Rev. Michael Blair

Jim & Jeannie Strathee

The Very Reverend Gary Paterson

Many workshops covering all aspects of aging: physical, spiritual, mental
Inspirational worship and music

Time for excursions in beautiful Niagara

Lots of time for fellowship and networking

Fun Down Home Kitchen Party
Friday Night