

WHAT'S UP AT WESLEY

Friday, Nov. 1, 2024

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT WESLEY – Nov. 3, 2024, 10 am

Watch the Wesley Worship Services live on YouTube

By clicking [here](#) or going to <https://www.youtube.com/@wesleyunitedchurch1105>

A Visit to Salem Chapel

As part of the Professional Church Secretaries Conference held this week, Wesley office administrator Tom Wilkinson took part in a tour of the Salem Chapel on Geneva Street in St. Catharines. He said it “will move your spirit in ways you didn’t think was possible.”

The church is heavily immersed in the history of the underground railway that helped slaves find freedom by using the underground railway.

Built in 1855, Harriet Tubman attended services at Salem Chapel. She was the famous underground railroad conductor who guided dozens of slaves across the border to find freedom in Canada. Harriet Tubman lived here from 1851 to 1858. Many of those who found their freedom because of her settled in the area and attended Salem Chapel.

The church - which is still home to a small congregation – is open for tours. On the tour, you will be guided by a historian who will help you understand Tubman’s history and the contributions of other black people to the church and community.

You will climb the stairs and look down from upper pews upon the church below. “It’s easy to look down and feel Tubman’s presence there.” In the basement, you’ll see walls lined with posters and photos – including a poster offering a reward for Tubman’s capture.

If you’re interested in touring Salem Chapel, please call them at 905-682-0993 or visit their website at <https://salemchapelbmechurch.ca/> . If a group from Wesley would like to tour, please contact Tom at the office at 905-735-5912 or wesleyunited@bellnet.ca. (The minimum group size is 20 and the suggested donation is \$7 per person.) Please note: the chapel is closing Nov. 18 and reopening Jan. 31, 2025. It is not accessible via scooter or wheelchair.

- Tom Wilkinson



Salem Chapel



WESLEY-ROBINS FOOD DRIVE

The Wesley-Robins Food Drive food drive will be held Sat, Nov. 2. There will be boxes at each building & each level for donations. Every little bit is appreciated. This is in conjunction with the Welland Food Drive. Food donations will be forwarded to The Open Arms Mission, The Salvation Army and The Hope Centre.



WESLEY-ROBINS WINTER BAZAAR

A FINANCE MINUTE

What is Wesley's Mission and Service (M&S) Fund?

Donations designated for the Mission and Service Fund are remitted to the Division of Missions of the United Church of Canada (UCC) as received, usually at the end of each month (100% of the donations go to support mission work in Canada and around the world).

In addition, Wesley Congregation and the Women of Wesley (WOW) have donated over the years directly and indirectly to the following Outreach Programs:

ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, Breast Cancer Association, Haiti Relief, Hospice Niagara, Movember, Sleeping Children Around the World, Pakistan Flood Relief, Bethlehem Project, Beads of Hope, Grandmothers to Grandmothers, Hands Across the Waters, Horn of Africa Relief, Community Christmas Toys, Toys for Tots, Women's Place, Cave Springs Camp, Elisha House, Five Oakes, the Hope Center, Hurricane Irma emergency relief, Leprosy Mission, the

Mitten tree, Holy Trinity Breakfast program, Harvest Kitchen, Open Arms Mission, Ukraine emergency relief and wildfire emergency relief for Jasper.

So far this year, we have donated; \$4,030 for the UCC –M&S Fund, \$1,385 to Hospice Niagara (Welland), \$510 to the Harvest Kitchen/Breakfast program, and \$568 to the wildfire emergency relief for Jasper.

- *Dave Reed*

News from Horseshoe Falls Regional Council

Centering Prayer: Introductory Workshop

Saturday, November 23, 2024

1:00-4:00 pm

Harcourt Memorial United Church

87 Dean Ave. Guelph

Are you interested in learning more about a new way to pray?

Centering prayer is an ancient form of Christian prayer that moves beyond word, image and thought into silence. It has its roots in the wisdom sayings of Jesus and the writings of Christian contemplative masters such as Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross and Thomas Merton.

Presenter: The Rev. Kevin Steeper

Registration: office@harcourtcommunity.ca

Registration deadline: November 22, 2024





NOVEMBER 8 to 17, 2024

Friday and Saturday Evenings at 7:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday Matinees at 2:00 pm

Mandeville Theatre, Ridley College, St. Catharines

Tickets available at <https://gcp.ca/tickets/>

\$30 (Adults)

\$23 (Students & Children 12 and under)

**FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY
WESLEY MUSIC DIRECTOR GEORGE CLELAND!**



LESSONS, CAROLS AND COOKIES

AT FONTHILL UNITED CHURCH
42 CHURCH HILL, FONTHILL ON

October 23, 2024

Dear Friends:

Do you ever find yourself saying, "Where has the time gone?" In no time at all we will be awaiting, with anticipation, the coming of Christmas and all that it means to each one of us. It will soon be a time of busy preparation and excitement.

All of us at Fonthill United Church extend to you and your church family a warm invitation to begin the Advent Season at our 28th annual Lessons, Carols and Cookies service on Wednesday, December 4 at 2:30 pm. We look forward to meeting old friends and making new ones, and sharing the familiar words of Scripture, the joyful music of the carols and of course, the delicious taste of homemade cookies.

Our church and hall are fully accessible. We will be happy to answer any questions or provide further information through the church office at 905 892-6433. If space permits, we would ask you to please include a notice of the service in your Sunday bulletin. We look forward to visiting with you more on December 4 at Fonthill United Church.

Sincerely,



Maxine McPhail (UCW President), and your friends at Fonthill United

WESLEY PRAYER CIRCLE BY ZOOM



All are welcome to share in 20 minutes of focussed prayers via Zoom at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. No account with Zoom is required. Simply click [HERE](#) or go to <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83887263394>

BIBLE BULLETS

1. God is Love - 1 John 4.8
2. God is Spirit - 1 John 4.24
3. God is Light - 1 John 1.5

WESLEY WALK IN NATURE

The next Wesley Walk will be on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 8 a.m. We will park and meet at the Steve Bauer Trail entrance on Port Robinson Road at the corner of Station Street in Fonthill. In case of rain, we will meet at the Meridian Centre at 100 Meridian Way in Fonthill. A car will leave the Wesley Church parking lot at 7:40 am. in case you need a ride. Everyone is welcome to join us on this walk in nature. Hope to see you there.

- *Dan Barrett*



Wesley wants to offer a very big thank you to Dan Barrett for his work over the past few months producing What's Up at Wesley.

We hope to continue using his excellent photos and receiving contributions from him in the future.

His work has been greatly appreciated by all.

Got something you want to contribute to What's Up at Wesley? Please submit it to the office administrator by Wednesday for that week's edition. 905-735-5912 or wesleyunited@bellnet.ca

D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

Sat., Nov. 2 - **WESLEY-ROBINS WINTER BAZAAR** - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - at Wesley-Robins Retirement Village

Sat., Nov. 2 - **WESLEY-ROBINS FOOD DRIVE** - in conjunction with the Welland Food Drive

Sat., Nov. 2. – **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Fenwick United Church

Sun., Nov. 3 – **CLOCKS CHANGE** – extra hour of sleep!

Tues., Nov. 5 – **COFFEE WITH COUNCIL** – 10 a.m. to noon in the parlour

Wed., Nov. 6 - **WESLEY PRAYER CIRCLE BY ZOOM** - 7 p.m. Click [here](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83887263394) to join or go to <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83887263394>

Thurs., Nov. 7 - **WESLEY WALK IN NATURE** - 8 a.m.

Sat., Nov. 9 – **CHRISTMAS AT CENTRAL (PORT COLBORNE)** – 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sun, Nov. 10 – **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Mon., Nov. 11 - **WOW MEETING** - 1:30 p.m. - parlour. All are welcome.

Tues., Nov. 12 – **COFFEE WITH COUNCIL** – 10 a.m. to noon in the parlour

Wed., Nov. 13 - **BIBLE STUDY** - 7 p.m. - in the parlour

Thurs., Nov. 14 - **SENIORS' GROUP - CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY** - 1 to 3 p.m. – in Robins Hall

Sat., Nov. 16 - **HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS** by Fonthill United Church. Tour 6 beautifully decorated homes. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tickets \$30 at the church and Rice Road Greenhouses. Tea, coffee and dessert 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church.

Sun., Nov. 17 - **COMMITTEE FAIR** – starting today and for the next five weeks, it will be held after church, to present church Committee responsibilities, discuss what each committee does and answer questions

Tues., Nov. 19 – **COFFEE WITH COUNCIL** – 10 a.m. to noon in the parlour

Wed., Nov. 20 - **BIBLE STUDY** - 7 pm - in the Parlour