

WHAT'S UP AT WESLEY

Friday, Nov. 15, 2024

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT WESLEY

Theme – Make A Joyful Noise Unto The Lord – Nov. 17, 2024, 10 am

Watch the Wesley Worship Services live on YouTube

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

"Thank you to all the people who have given their time to make our Sunday worship successful."

A Finance Minute

What is Wesley's Endowment Fund?

In April 2005 the Endowment Fund was created through a generous donation by a member of Wesley United Church. This fund continues to grow through donations and bequests. The money in the Endowment Fund may be used for any purpose. The Endowment Fund is managed by the Trustees of Wesley United Church. The money is currently invested with the United Church of Canada Foundation (UCCF) which has over \$82,000,000 in assets and allows for much lower management fees than if congregations were to go it alone. Fiera Capital and Canoe Financial manage the UCCF money in a Balance Fund (stocks, bonds, and cash).

Income earned by Wesley's Endowment Fund normally goes to the Local Ministry Fund, usually at year end. The Endowment Fund has averaged a 9.32% annual return on investment over the last 10 years.

This year, to the end of September, the rate of return was 12.79% (\$100,574). At the end of September the value of the Endowment Fund was \$886,574.

The earnings from the Endowment Fund have supplemented regular donations and has helped Wesley keep pace with increased expenses.

Holy Humour

How do we know God loves baseball? Well he started his book "In the big-inning"

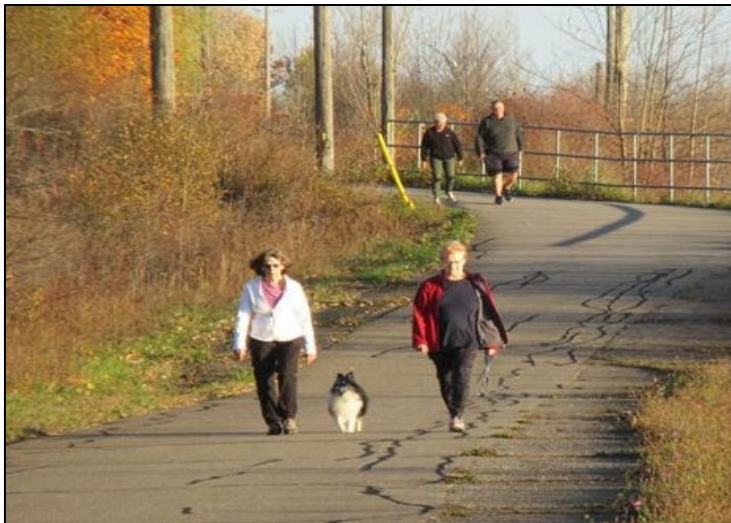


CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST – Nov. 24

The Men's Group invite all men, women and children to join us for a congregational breakfast (in Robins Hall) on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 8:30 am.

BIBLE BULLETS

1. Rejoice always - 1 Thes. 5.16
2. Pray without ceasing - 1 Thes. 5.17
3. Give thanks in all circumstances - 1 Thes. 5.18



WESLEY WALK IN NATURE

Healthy and Fun!

The next Wesley Walk will be on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 8 am. We will meet and walk inside 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 inspiring venture. Hope to see you there. - Dan Barrett

Volunteers needed for Harvest Kitchen

As the word spreads that the Harvest Kitchen dinners are once again taking place, many more guests will come out. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help out at one of our Harvest Kitchen dinners. If you would like to help out financially with the cost of the food please put your donation or a cheque made out to Wesley United in an envelope marked " Harvest Kitchen " on it along with your name and number, if known. Your donation is tax receiptable. - Submitted by the Membership and Outreach Committee

What's Going on?

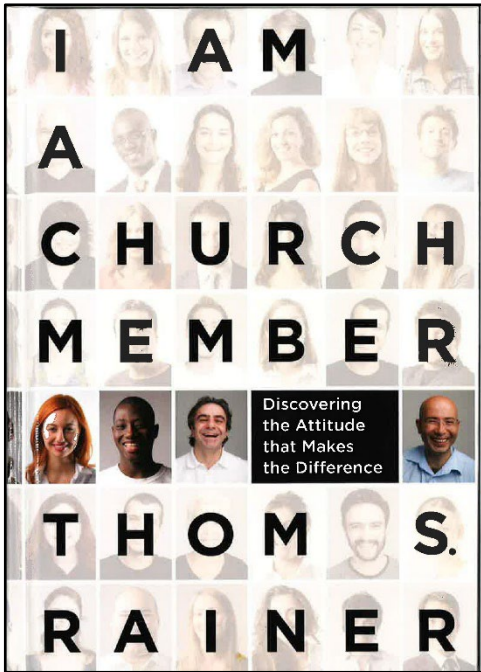
Got something you want to contribute to What's Up at Wesley? Please submit it to the office administrator by Wednesday for that week's edition. 905-735-5912 or wesleyunited@bellnet.ca

Worship & Music

Wesley's Worship & Music Committee met on Nov. 7 in the Wesley Library. We talked about a variety of issues affecting Wesley. Rev. Lennox has started to put printed copies of his reflection just inside the inner door, on the rack where What's Up At Wesley is located. These are being picked up and appreciated by members of the congregation. If sound is an issue for you in the sanctuary, please feel free to take one. This year, like last year, we will be holding a Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24. There will be no Christmas Day service. We are also planning for a Memorial Service in the new year, to remember those members of the congregation we lost in 2024. More details to follow. We have decided that in 2025, we will again hold Holy Humour Sunday, on April 27. This should be a time of laughter and joy. We are trying to have more guest speakers at Wesley and on Dec. 8, Samantha Forbes, from Birchway Niagara (formerly Women's Place) will be a guest at our service. We are also planning to hold a sunrise service in the new year. That will be at Leanne and Al Trewartha's home. And planning is beginning on the 70th anniversary of Wesley United Church.



Wesley Walkers enjoyed a walk around Meridian Centre
Thursday, Nov. 14 in Fonthill.



In Your Wesley Library

I Am A Church Member, by Thomas Rainer.

If you love your church or are frustrated with your church, this book can help you understand why membership matters. It's a light read, with a lot of useful information. According to the jacket cover, the author, Thomas Rainer, is president and CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources. It refers to him as a respected pastor and researcher who has written more than 20 books. One reviewer said this book did a great job of explaining the importance of belonging to a church family. This book is available to borrow in the Wesley United Church Library!

What Are You Reading?

Just finished a good book? Or got a favourite you read a while ago and love?

Let us know and we'll share it with the Wesley family. Just email it to wesleyunited@bellnet.ca



*Wesley's
Ladies' Christmas
Catered Luncheon
& Communion Service*

**Thursday, Dec. 5th 2024
At 12 noon in the Robins Hall**

The Luncheon is a Turkey Dinner
with all the trimmings.
Tickets are \$23 and must be purchased
by Wed. Nov. 27th

**Our Special Christmas Communion
Service will follow the Luncheon.**

Please join us, all are welcome!!!
Bring a friend.

Don't miss the Wesley Ladies' Christmas Catered Luncheon and Communion Service, Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024 at 12 noon in Robins Hall.

Tickets can be purchased after Church during coffee hour in Robins Hall. Tickets are \$23. If possible, please have exact change. All ladies are welcome to join this special time together. Tickets will also be available at the Church office.

It's Christmas in November!!!



The Seniors Group held their Christmas in November event on Thursday, Nov. 14 and participants came out with their "ugly" Christmas sweaters and enjoyed games, watercolour painting and a lot of goodies! What a great time!

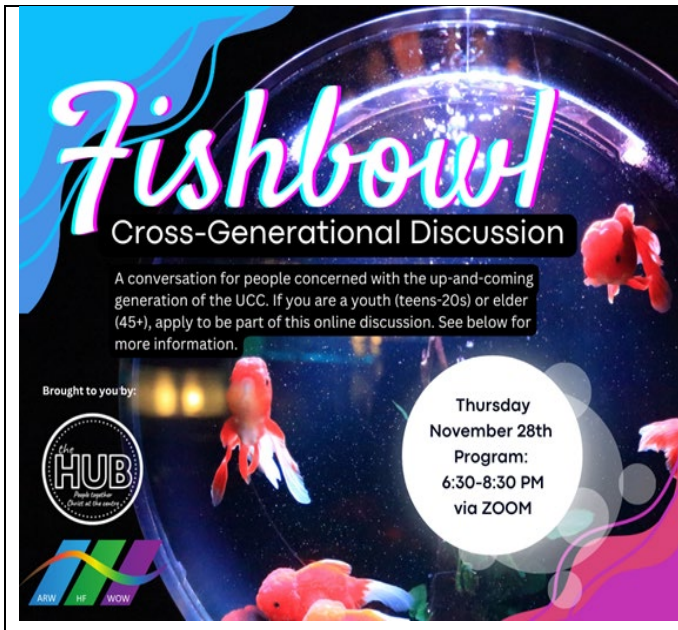


Zack Guo performing Sun. Nov. 17 at Wesley United Church

Wesley United Church is pleased to announce that violist Zack Guo will be performing with George on Sunday. Zack Guo will be playing the viola at Wesley United Church, this Sunday, Nov. 17. Zack, a violist, began playing at the age of 16 and later discovered the viola at 17. He earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Brock and Western University, with an A standard in Viola Performance.

Zack began his musical journey at Laura Secord Secondary School and joined the Niagara Youth Orchestra. He earned the high school's 2018 string award and advanced to the final of the Ontario Provincial Music Competition. Zack continued his passion for viola performance at Western University, participating in various projects and performing diverse music, earning the St. Catharines, Peter D'Achille Aspiring Artist Award in 2022. He participated in various projects and ensembles, including the Terry Riley in C Project and the Mozart Viola Quintet Project with the New Orford String Quartet. He has also performed with Western's Symphony Orchestra, including the

Northern Tornadoes Project, where he premiered Emily Hiemstra's "Didsbury." Zack graduated in 2024 with a master's degree from Western. He has collaborated with Chorus Hamilton and teaches in the Niagara Youth Orchestra.



From Regional United Church Council

Calling Youth who are teens to twenty-something and Calling Elders who are 45+ Are you eager to engage in dialogue across generations with a shared concern for youth ministry in the post-pandemic time?

Join this unique opportunity for cross-generational sharing between youth (i.e. teens to twenty-somethings) and Elders (i.e. 45+) to better understand one another and our contexts within the church. Honorarium available.

Thursday November 28th, Program 6:30-8:30 PM. (Participants are asked to arrive at 6:20)

[Click here to learn more](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

Sat., Nov. 16 – **CHRISTMAS THRIFT BAZAAR** – 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Gently used adult and children's clothing, small household items, Christmas décor, lunch is being served – Southminster United Church, Niagara Falls

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

Wed., Nov. 20 - **COATS FOR KIDS** - Nov 19 to 28 - 2 to 5 p.m. - Come in to get outerwear for children at Central United, Welland

Sat., Nov. 23 – **OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** – 10 a.m. – St. John's United Church, Stevensville

Sun., Nov. 24 – **CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST** – 8:30 a.m. Wesley United Church in Robins Hall

Sat., Nov. 30 – **COZY CHRISTMAS MARKET** - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Central United Church, Welland

Sat., Nov. 30 – **CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP** – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - \$50 per person includes all supplies – call Grace at 289-821-2919 for more information – Morgan's Point United Church

Wed., Dec. 4 – **LESSONS, CAROLS AND COOKIES** – 2:30 p.m. Fonthill United Church

Thur., Dec. 5 - **Womens Christmas Lunch** – 1:00 p.m. Wesley United Church. Tickets are \$23 and are available after church in Robins Hall or at the church office. Turkey dinner will be catered.

Sat., Dec. 7 – **Community Christmas Carol Sing** at St. David's Anglican Church in Welland, 369 Thorold Rd.

Sun., Dec. 8 - **Birchway Niagara** representative Samantha Forbes will speak at Wesley about violence against women (during the service)– 10 a.m.. - Wesley United Church, Welland

Sun., Dec. 8 - **CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT** – 7 p.m. - Central United Church, Welland

Sat., Dec. 14 - **"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"** – A live radio play being performed at Silver Spire United Church, St. Catharines. Tickets are \$25 per person and include refreshments. Contact the church at 905-682-8328.

Sun., Dec. 15 – **CHRISTMAS CANTATA** – 2:30 p.m. - The choir at St. John's Stevensville United Church presents their annual choral cantata, called "The Wonderous Story!" Bring your friends and family for a free Christmas concert, no tickets needed, and then join afterwards for snacks and light refreshments. A freewill offering will be accepted, with the proceeds going towards the outreach centre, The Embrace.