

WHAT'S UP AT WESLEY

Friday, Nov. 22, 2024

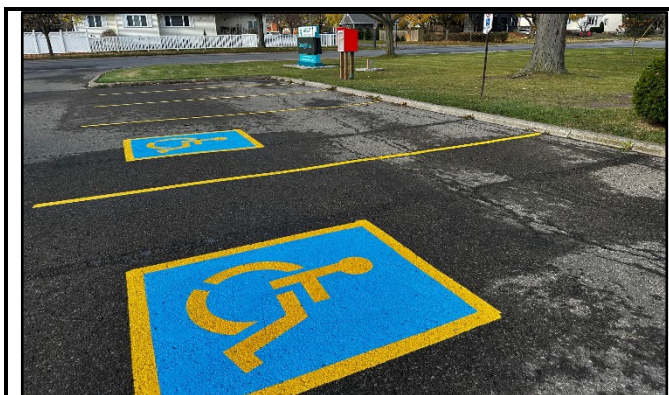
SUNDAY WORSHIP AT WESLEY

Theme – These Dry Bones Can Live Again – Nov. 24, 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.



We're sure you've seen the new, well-painted lines in the Wesley United Church parking lot, but we thought we'd remind you just in case!

Volunteers needed for Harvest Kitchen

Just a reminder that we are looking for additional volunteers to help with the Harvest Kitchen dinners. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. We will be doing pre-work for the dinner on Sat. Nov. 30 at 9:30 a.m. in Wesley's Kitchen. Our dinner at Central United happens on Sun., Dec. 1. If you would like to help, please sign up for Dec., Jan, Feb. or March and we will contact you. New volunteers are most welcome to join.

- Membership and Outreach Committee



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 a.m.



Committee reports to be posted

It was decided at Wesley Church Council on Nov. 20 that committee summaries would be attached to the minutes and available for review on the bulletin board in Robins Hall. Council is working hard to keep the congregation informed of what's going on at Wesley.

Food Pantry ready to go!

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25.

Wesley Community Food Pantry will be starting up on Monday Dec. 2.

It will be accessible Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

What is a Food Pantry? It is a permanent red wooden box outside our church where anyone can take anything they need to help them get by. It will be filled Monday to Friday by Wesley volunteers in the morning and, in the evening, everything that is not taken that day will be brought in.

It will be stocked with canned food and store bought non-perishable packaged food items only.

There will be a sign on the box saying:

Wesley Community Food Pantry
Accessible Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

You are welcome to take whatever you need but perhaps leave some so that others can enjoy too. There will be a basket in our front hallway for anyone to donate food items at any time. We hope all who come through our doors will be willing to help by caring for those less fortunate.

We will be delivering flyers to our neighbours to let them know the "Wesley Community Food Box" is up and running and they are welcome to donate canned goods or to let others in need know that it is there for them.

Thanks goes to **Glen Moore** for building the box and to **Del** and his team of **Mike Carreau** and **Don Shabot** for setting it in place. Wonderful job gentlemen.

Thank you everyone for helping care for those less fortunate.

- Your Outreach Committee

A Finance Minute

What is Wesley's HARVEST KITCHEN FUND?

Since the late 1990s, Wesley has participated in the Out-of-the-Cold program which is now called Harvest Kitchen. Volunteers from Wesley cook for about 100 people on the first Sunday of the month from November to March each year. The food is purchased by money donated to this fund. The money for this fund resides in the CIBC Checking Account.

Due to Covid-19, our participation with Harvest Kitchen was placed on hold in 2020, but as of November 3, 2024 Wesley is once again participating in the Harvest Kitchen program at Central United.

In 2024 the fund started with a balance of \$46. As of Nov.10, we received \$510 in donations and had expenses of \$332 leaving a balance of \$223.

Holy Humour

What did Adam say when he was asked his favorite holiday?
"It's Christmas, Eve."

BIBLE BULLETS

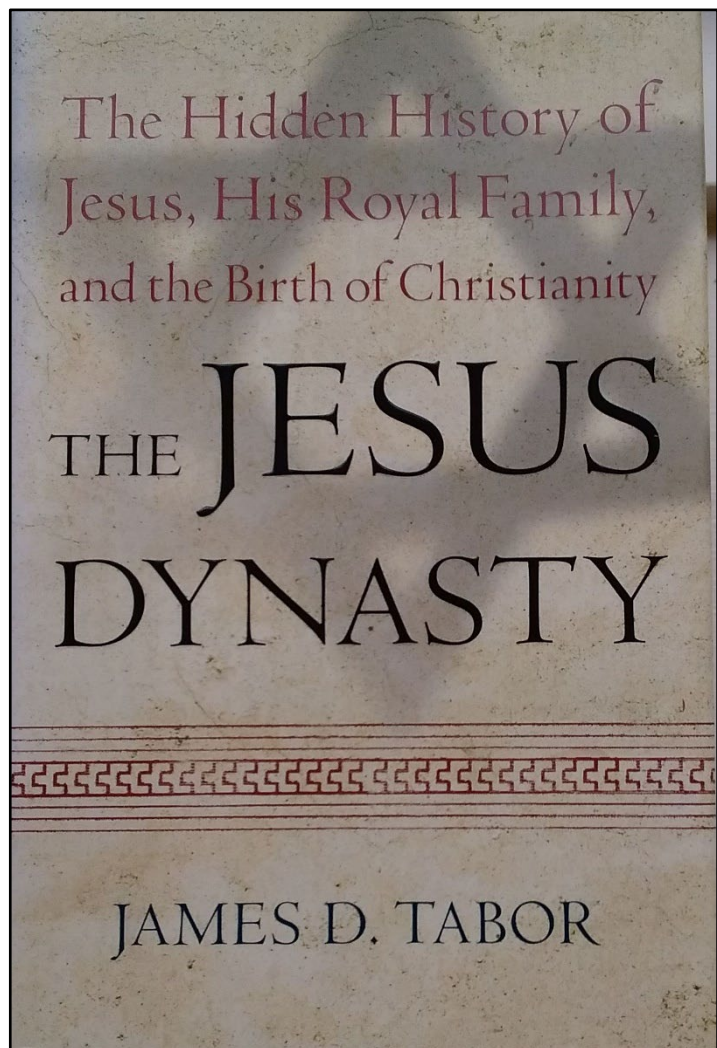
Love the Lord
with all your heart - Mat. 22.37
with all your soul - Mat.22.37
with all your mind - Mat. 22.37

***** WESLEY WALK IN NATURE *****

Healthy and Fun!

The next Wesley Walk will be on Thursday, Nov. 28 at 8 a.m. 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 a.m. in case you need a ride. Everyone is welcome to join us on this Thursday walk. Hope to see you there.

- Dan Barrett



In Your Wesley Library

The JESUS DYNASTY,

The Hidden History of Jesus, His Royal Family, and the Birth of Christianity

Based on a careful analysis of the earliest Christian documents and recent archaeological discoveries, "The Jesus Dynasty" offers a bold new interpretation of the life of Jesus and the origins of Christianity. The story is surprising, controversial, and exciting as only a long-lost history can be when it is at last recovered. In this book, scholar James Tabor brings us closer than ever to the historical Jesus. We learn much more about his family and his great friend, John the baptizer. The reader explores the early development and spread of Christianity as the author reveals new evidence from ancient documents and archaeological discoveries. Reading this book can deepen our understanding of Christian origins. There is so much to learn from this book that it is worth reading more than once.

- *Reviewed by Ann Pinnegar*

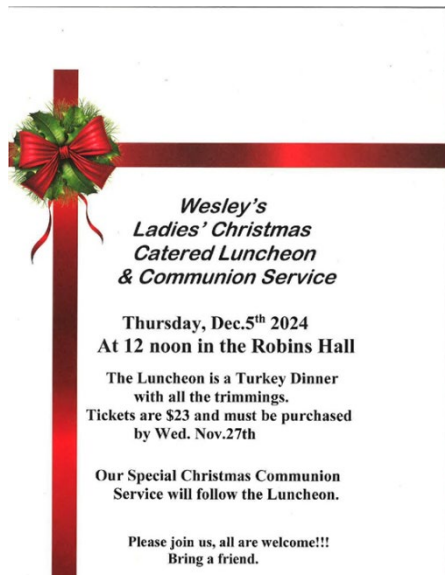
What Are You Reading?

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

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 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

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.

"Preparing for Christmas" Bible Study starts this week

One assignment page each Friday for five weeks.
Let me know if you would like to receive the study pages.
Take care and keep safe.
- Dan Barrett barre77dan@gmail.com

United Church of Canada Aug. 5-12, 2025 Inclusive

IN PERSON Youth Forum at General Council 45 Gathering in Calgary

Accommodation, travel, food and supply costs will be covered for the in-person event

Youth Forum is an opportunity for young people to participate in the education, decision-making, and community of General Council 45 of The United Church of Canada. Its aim is to ensure that young people have a voice in the denomination-shaping issues and decisions for the next three years in the life of the church. Its an opportunity to speak to issues that matter to young people, to share ideas, and to connect with peers and other members and leaders of the General Council.

If you or someone you know wishes to apply to be a Youth Forum Delegate, please register with this form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/6cqjZmFHV3>



You can help grow the mitten tree for Birchway Niagara!

New mittens, hats, scarves, socks etc. are being collected beginning this Sunday at Wesley. All donations will be delivered to Birchway Niagara, formerly called Women's Place. They were very pleased that we would be helping the families. They also mentioned they are in need of children's toys for Christmas. Teenager gifts are always needed. They not only give to those staying there but also to clients and their families that continue to need their support and counseling. All items will be delivered on Friday, Dec. 13 to Birchway Niagara.

Thank you so much.

- *Your Membership and Outreach Committee*

News From Horseshoe Falls Regional Council

Is your church or ministry doing something new or exciting to grow your faith, reach out to the community, or seek justice for people or creation?

Don't just be quiet about it! Let us know, so we can share the good news with others in the regional council.

Click to fill in the form: **Story Sharing of Faith Formation, Justice and Outreach Activities** - <https://forms.office.com/r/cb4c1PR8Q3>

God is doing so much in and through our churches. Let us celebrate and encourage one another by sharing stories of Christ's church at work and at play.

For information contact Thérèse Samuel Tsamuel@united-church.ca

Bible Study will be in Zoom

Wednesday night bible study will be via zoom from now on, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday. [Click here to join.](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Sat., Nov. 23 – 77th **ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER** - 4:30 and 6 p.m. Roasted turkey, stuffing, gravy, vegetable, mashed and sweet potatoes, coleslaw, cranberries and pie – Stamford Lane United Church, Niagara Falls

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

Tues, Nov. 26 – **COFFEE WITH COUNCIL** – Talk with the chairman of Wesley Church Council – 10 a.m. to noon in the church parlour

Wed., Nov. 27 – **BIBLE STUDY** – via Zoom at 7 p.m. [Click here to join.](#)

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

Wed., Dec. 4 – **ZOOM PRAYER CIRCLE** – 7 p.m. Rev. Lennox is hosting a zoom prayer circle on the first Wednesday of every month. Anyone can join by [clicking here: Prayer Circle](#)

Thur., Dec. 5 - **WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH** – 1 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** – 7 p.m. St. David's Anglican Church in Welland, 369 Thorold Rd.

Sun., Dec. 8 - **BIRCHWAY NIAGARA (FORMERLY WOMEN'S PLACE)** 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.

Stamford Lane United Church

7th Annual
TURKEY
dinner



November 23, 2024
4:30 & 6:00pm
seating & takeout

*Roasted Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy,
Vegetable, Mashed & Sweet Potatoes,
Coleslaw, Cranberries and Pie.*

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