

# WHAT'S UP AT WESLEY

Friday, Nov. 29, 2024

## SUNDAY WORSHIP AT WESLEY

Theme – Where Is The Advent Hope? – Sun., Dec. 1, 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.



## Zoom Prayer Circle to be held online

Dec. 4 at 7 p.m.

A prayer circle will be held by Zoom on the first Wed. of every month at 7 pm. Bible Study will be held on each subsequent Wednesday at the same time. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a prayer circle or to learn more about the Bible. The link for the prayer circle and Bible study is the same and you can reach both by clicking on this link or copying it into your browser: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83887263394>

**TEEN CHALLENGE**

**ONTARIO WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM**

Come and hear a dynamic presentation by Teen Challenge Canada, featuring testimonies and stories of living freedom from addiction.

**WHERE**  
Wesley  
United Church  
244 First Avenue North  
Welland, ON L3C 1Y8

**WHEN**  
Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>  
Morning Service

**TIME**  
10:00am

STRENGTHEN my COMMUNITY

www.teenchallenge.ca

## Birthdays!

Birthdays are going back to being celebrated in Robins Hall after the service. If you'd like your birthday recognized, please sign the sheet in the Narthex!

## BIBLE BULLETS

1. Bless those who persecute you. Rom.12.14
2. Rejoice with those who rejoice. Rom. 12.15
3. Live in harmony with one another. Rom.12.16

*Submitted by Dan Barrett*



# WESLEY OUTDOOR COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Donations  
may be  
placed  
in the  
basket

THANK  
YOU!!



## HOURS

9 a.m. -  
5 p.m.

Monday  
to  
Friday

Donations of canned goods  
or non-perishable food items  
are welcomed

## Wesley's Food Pantry Officially Opens on Monday!

Wesley's Food Pantry will be officially open on Monday at 9 a.m. The pantry, built by congregation member Glen Moore, is a project of the Membership and Outreach Committee.

Members of the congregation who want to donate items to the committee can bring them inside the church and leave them in a basket on a table inside.

Donations should be of non-perishable goods and unopened.

## Wesley Question of the Week

*By Dan Barrett*

*Where was Jesus when the wise men visited him?*

*Find the answer in Matthew 2.11.*



## The Mitten Tree is growing – thanks to you!!

Wesley United Church's mitten tree is growing! There are lots of hats and mittens on there. People have been coming in with new hats and mittens and placing them on the tree. All donations will go to Birchway Niagara (formerly Women's Place). Wesley is also accepting new toys on their behalf. While any gifts for young people are gratefully accepted, it's important to remember teenagers and gifts for teens are being urgently called for. Even a gift card with a denomination as low as \$5. All items must be at the tree by Dec. 12 as they're being delivered to Birchway on Dec. 13. Please help make this Christmas nicer for those in need. Remember, all items need to be new.

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## Holy Humour

Be ye fishers of people. You catch them - He'll clean them

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

## Healthy and Fun!

The next Wesley Walk will be on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 8 a.m. We will meet at the Walker Sports and Abilities Centre, 1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way in St. Catharines. A car will leave the Wesley Church parking lot at 7:40 am. in case you need a ride. Everyone is welcome. It is a cool walk, as the track encircles a hockey rink on the second floor. There is an elevator. Free coffee and tea available. Hope to see you there.

- Dan Barrett

## A Finance Minute

# ***What is Wesley's MEMORIAL FUND?***



Donations in memory of a loved one are managed by the Memorial Committee. Money contributions to the Memorial Fund are restricted in their use and may not be used to meet the operating costs of the congregation. However, they may be used for the protection and preservation of memorial gifts. Funds contributed to the Memorial Fund and designated as Memorial Fund "Local" may be used to meet the operating costs of the congregation. Any Memorial Fund surplus money is transferred to a Tangerine Bank account to earn interest.

Some examples of Memorial Fund gifts over the years; wood carving, Jordan's Corner, multi-media projectors and screens, an assisted listening system, a keyboard, Memorial Gardens, garden benches, flowers, pots, landscaping, stained glass windows & repair, safety railings, memorial painting, a pulpit, grand piano, new electronic sign and donations to the Harvest Kitchen and Endowment Funds.

## **Calling all youth, adults and leaders**

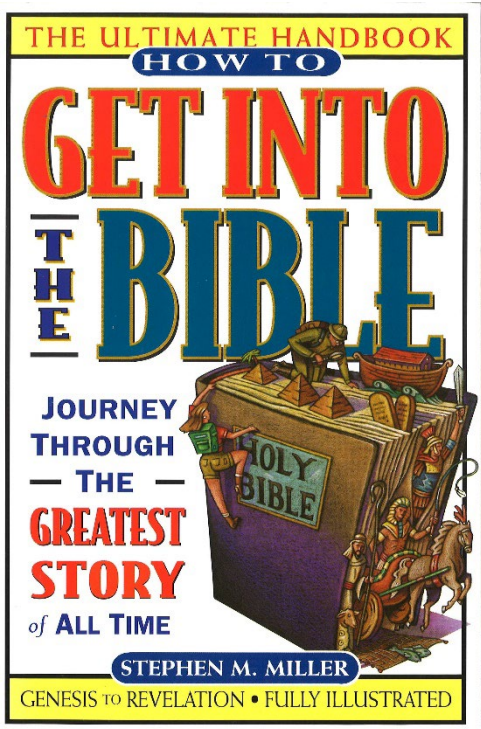
Come worship with U.C.C. youth of The Hub on Sunday Dec 8 at 6 p.m. at Wellington Square U.C. in Burlington! The Hub Community Network is a U.C.C. ministry that lives to connect young people with the liberating love of Christ and empowers them to build a more just and inclusive world. We do regional youth events, small group-style home churches, and worship services for youth and young

adults age 13-35.

You're invited to join us for our Christmas Worship Service hosted at Wellington Square United Church (2121 Caroline St, Burlington) on Dec 8 as we celebrate the good news that we are not alone and God is with us!

To learn more about the Hub e-mail us at [hubleadership@gmail.com](mailto:hubleadership@gmail.com) or head to <https://linktr.ee/TheHubCommunity>





[In Your Wesley Library](#)

# How To Get Into The Bible

*Journey through the greatest story of all time*

By Stephen M. Miller, it's billed as the ultimate handbook about the Bible. This book promises that with its help, you can start anywhere in the Bible and understand it. Miller says that reading this book will help you discover how real and relevant to life, the Bible is. It will take you book by book from Genesis through Revelation.

It's also called a front row ticket to the drama of God's dealings with humanity and human history.

On the jacket cover it says, Open your world to the fascinating story of scripture. And watch the Bible come alive right before your eyes.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:wesleyunited@bellnet.ca)



# Advent Message from the United Church Moderator

<https://youtu.be/7sdVuypGPKI>



## Region looking for good news

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/cb4c1PR8Q3v>

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 at [Tsamuel@united-church.ca](mailto:Tsamuel@united-church.ca)

## ***Spotlight on the Congregation***

### **Shelley Gault – at Wesley United Church since 2012**



Shelley Gault has been a member of Wesley United Church since 2012 and it's her fellow members that keep her coming back. She moved to Welland from Barrie to be close to her son, who was about to become a father.

"I didn't know anyone here, other than my family," she said. "I really wanted to meet people." Wesley was the closest church, and she was familiar with the United Church from Barrie. Shelley recalls that on her very first visit to Wesley, she was welcomed by greeters who showed her the way to the sanctuary. She was invited up for fellowship and members sat down and enjoyed coffee with her. She credits fellow member Mary Van Loon with welcoming her and taking her under her wing. Mary introduced her to committee work and Shelley soon joined the Membership and Outreach Committee.

"It was a very warm place to be, which encouraged me to join a variety of opportunities" she said of Wesley. "They made me want to join things. I love being on council – I like to know what's going on. I love it there."

Shelley was a teacher for 30 years in Barrie and taught at the same school she attended as a student. She taught grades three through eight over the years but enjoyed teaching grade eights the most.

Shelley's son lives in St. Catharines and her daughter lives in Welland, so her two grandchildren are close, and she loves to be near them. When she has the time, she also enjoys adult colouring or digging into a true crime or mystery novel.

Thank you, Shelley, for being a member of our Wesley Family.

*What's Up At Wesley is going to start profiling members of the congregation on a regular basis. If you would like to be profiled, or would like to suggest someone else, please email [wesleyunited@bellnet.ca](mailto:wesleyunited@bellnet.ca) or call 905-735-5912.*

# DATES TO REMEMBER

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** – 12 p.m. Wesley United Church. Tickets are sold out. 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

Sun., Dec. 8—**LOCAL SCOUTS PRESENTATION** 10 a.m. Welland Scouts will be making a short presentation at Wesley United Church during the service.

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—**VOCALIST AIMING PANGENDAM-SMITH** 10 a.m. in Wesley Sanctuary.

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.

Sun., Dec. 22—**VOCALIST DIANNE TICKNOR** -10 a.m. in the Wesley Sanctuary