

WHAT'S UP AT WESLEY

Friday, Dec. 20, 2024

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT WESLEY

Theme – The Promise of Love – Sun., Dec. 22, 2024, 10 a.m.

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 resumes at 7 pm on Wednesday, Jan. 8 and Bible Study begins again the following Wednesday night at 7 pm via zoom. [Click here to join](#)

Coffee with Council will also resume in January.

All geared up for Christmas Eve service at 7 pm on December 24



Wesley is all set to host its Christmas Eve service beginning at 7 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 24.

There will be plenty of music including a solo by Doug Willford, music from the Busalpa family and a selection by viola player Zack Guo.

Come out and celebrate this special night with your friends and family. The service will be short but meaningful, with no refreshments afterward so you can get back home and be with family and friends there.

Just a reminder that you'll be able to leave a Christmas card for Wesley on the Christmas tree in the foyer or a donation to Wesley's Food Pantry in the basket in the hallway.



Wesley is welcoming vocalist Dianne Ticknor

Dianne is a woman of many trades. She is a former high school teacher, singer/ songwriter, speaker, recording artist, dramatist and Workshop Leader.

She has even worked as a professional clown!

Dianne is currently a singer with the Shaw Gospel Choir.

She performs regularly in special events in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

In the past she toured as a singer and musician with the US Military in South Korea; their tour included 9 shows at the DMZ!

For many years she has been a regular Chorale member for 'Sunday Mornin' Country' Gospel show on the Grand 'Ole Opry stage in Nashville, TN

Dianne is honoured to minister with you today.

Local brothers will be playing violin

Brothers Simon and Malcolm Hauber will be playing violin at Wesley this Sunday, Dec. 22. The brothers, who have been studying and playing violin for most of their lives, will be doing the prelude and postlude as well as a selection in between.



Simon Hauber is a violinist based in St. Catharines. He studied with Mary Beth Doherty, then Aaron Schwebel and now Mark Fewer at the University of Toronto. He has served as concertmaster in

the orchestras of both Brock University and UofT. He performs at chamber music events regularly in Niagara.



Malcolm Hauber is a Niagara based artist. Studying privately with Mary Beth Doherty, Malcolm serves as concertmaster for the Niagara Youth Orchestra and Brock String orchestra. He can also be found on local stages performing with the Lucas Mason country band or singing in Avanti

Chamber Singers as a spotlighted choral mentee.



Cookies delivered to our Wesley Shut-ins

Over 15 folks who are fondly remembered by our Wesley Family, received cookies and/or cards to say we still care and truly miss you. Much thanks to those wonderful folks who made cookies, helped plate them and to those that delivered them along with a short visit and of course a smile.

Thank You!!!

*Your Membership and Outreach
Committee.*

Holy Humour

If God is your Co-pilot - swap seats!

Hospice Niagara

We are extremely excited and pleased to announce that Hospice Niagara will be running their Wellness Programs here at Wesley on Thursday mornings starting on Jan. 9.

Alexandra Plato, the Community Programs Co-ordinator from Hospice will be coming to speak to us on Dec. 29 during our Worship Service. Alex and our own Tanis Laramée, Rose Hotte's granddaughter, will join us for Coffee Hour to answer any questions.

This is such a wonderful Outreach for Wesley and our whole community!!! Join us on Dec. 29 and invite your friends and family.

- *Your Membership and Outreach Committee*



Give a Christmas Card to Wesley!

The Finance Committee has initiated the "Christmas Card" fundraiser again this year.

As you may give a Christmas gift to a member of your family, you may want to give a "gift" to your Wesley Church Family. You may enclose a monetary gift inside a Christmas card and send or bring it to the Church, or drop it in the collection plate, with your name or PAR or envelope number on the envelope.

The cards will be placed on the Christmas tree in the foyer.

Thanks for your consideration at this time of the year!

WESLEY QUESTION OF THE WEEK!

Where is God?

We'll be back on Jan. 10

What's Up At Wesley will be taking a break over the holidays and we'll be back on Jan. 10. Please keep sending any items in you'd like to see in WUAW. Thank you!

Wesley Thursday Walk

The next Wesley Walk will be on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025 at 8 a.m. Details to follow – Have a Great Christmas! Everyone is welcome to join us. Hope to see you out there.

Volunteers needed for Harvest Kitchen

Wesley volunteers will be returning to Harvest Kitchen on Sunday, Jan. 5 to serve up some tasty slow cooker chicken! We can always use more volunteers as there are dinners planned for the first Sunday in February and March, as well. If you want to volunteer, either for the Sunday or the Saturday before (for prep work), please sign the sheet in the Narthex! We hope to see you out there!

A Christmas Message

From United Church Moderator Carmen Lansdowne

[A Christmas Message from the Moderator: A Time for Hope and Renewal](#)



BIBLE BULLETS

1. You are God's temple - 1 Cor 3.16
2. God's Spirit dwells in you - 1 Cor 3.16
3. God's temple is holy - 1 Cor. 3.17

What are the hymns you know and love?

Recently the Worship and Music Committee received a suggestion in the church suggestion box, to have the weekly service begin with a hymn you know, with new ones in the middle of the service and ending in hymns you love. But everyone has a different opinion on which hymns fit in these categories!

We'd love to hear your thoughts, if you could take the time to email us at wesleyunited@bellnet.ca or even post on our Facebook page!

United Church of Canada celebrates 100th anniversary in 2025

*June 10, 2025, will mark the United Church's 100th anniversary
— an opportunity to honour our past and look to the future!*

The theme for the Centennial is **Deep, Bold, Daring**. One of the first “united” churches in the world, from its formation the United Church has been rooted in

Deep Spirituality

The words of Jesus' prayer that the disciples be one (John 17:21)

Bold Discipleship

The belief that what unites us is stronger than our differences

Daring Justice

The desire to live out the gospel call to love and justice in Canada and around the world

Test Your Knowledge of Advent

1 - Which two Gospels tell us about Jesus's birth and childhood?

1. Matthew and Micah
2. Luke and Mark
3. Hosea and John
4. Matthew and Luke

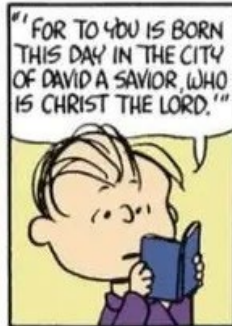
2 - What does the Bible tell us about the Magi who visited Jesus?

1. There were three of them.
2. They were men.
3. They came from the East.
4. They were kings.
5. All of the above

3 How far is Bethlehem from Nazareth?

1. 15km
2. 50km
3. 120km
4. 200km

Answers on last page.



Donations must be received by Dec. 31 for 2024 tax receipt



All donations need to be received at Wesley by noon on Dec.31 to be counted in your 2024 income tax receipt. The mailbox outside the church will be checked at noon on Dec.31. Thank you for financially supporting Wesley Church in 2024. We are so grateful for your support. *Your Envelope Stewart, Wendy Reed.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

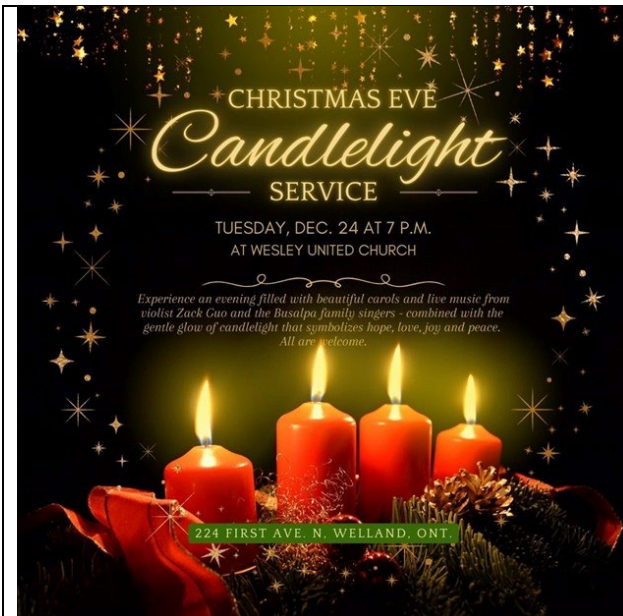
Tues., Dec. 24 – **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – 7 PM.** in the Wesley Sanctuary

Sun., Dec. 29 – **HOSPICE NIAGARA PRESENTATION – 10 AM.** in the Wesley Sanctuary.

Sun., Jan. 12, 2025 – **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – to approve the budget for the new year, to be held in the sanctuary following morning worship

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Your relationship with Jesus



Advent Quiz Answers

- 1 - Mathew and Luke
- 2 - They came from the East
- 3 - 120 km

Merry Christmas from all of us at Wesley United Church! Hope to see you Tuesday evening!