

# WHAT'S UP AT WESLEY

Friday, Jan. 10, 2025

## SUNDAY WORSHIP AT WESLEY

Theme – We Gather – Sun. Jan 12, 2025, 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 takes place at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of every month and Bible Study takes place on other Wednesday nights at 7 pm via zoom. [Click here to join](#)

Coffee with Council will also resume in January.

## Community Seniors' Group kicking off the new year

The Wesley Community Seniors' Group has a fun afternoon of activities planned for Thursday, Jan. 16. The time has changed to 1:30 to 3:30 pm due to Hospice Niagara using the church earlier in the day. You can come out, play some games, have some enjoyable goodies and meet some new friends, all while having lots of fun! Make sure you come out to Robins Hall to enjoy this monthly event.

## Is It Time To Write Your Memoir?



Have you ever thought about writing your memoir? Award-winning writer and memoir coach Anne Bokma will be conducting a workshop entitled Start Your Story: The Magic of Memoir.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025 from 2-4 pm and will be held at Trillium United Church, located at 415 Linwell Road in St. Catharines.

For tickets to this event, email [office@trilliumunited.ca](mailto:office@trilliumunited.ca)

The cost of the event is \$20.

If you've ever thought about recording your own or your family history, this event is perfect for you!

# From The Minister's Desk

## A New Year's Prayer

By Rev. Lennox Scarlett

Lord of yesterday, today and tomorrow, you were faithful in your leading us as a gathered people and individually in 2024. As we embark on the continuation of this journey in this New Year, 2025, it is with a mixture of hope, anticipation, fear, excitement, and expectation.

We do not know what the year holds for us. There are things that sometime weigh us down, like worries about health and family, job security and finances, future and our spiritual relationship with you. Sometimes we experience joy and other times sorrow. We have felt blessed and we have been challenged. Some things went by much too fast, and others lingered for far too long.

Our hope, Lord, is that as a church family here at Wesley United Church, and as individuals, we will embrace 2025 with much more positive energy and confidence, as we look forward to celebratory moments like weddings and anniversaries, baptisms, fresh growth, new groups, and more young people and children. Because whatever lies ahead, we know we can trust you and place every day of this New Year in your care, knowing that, as in the past, you will be with us, caring for us with constant love. We are confident that you will walk with us as we strive to meet each goal we set ourselves. We are confident that your presence among us is abiding and real; and your plan for us is always good.

*Lord, keep us in your care. Amen!*

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## CONDOLENCES

We are sad to report that Rev. Lennox's father-in-law – Antonette's father – passed away earlier this week in Jamaica. Rev. Lennox will be taking an extended leave and will return to Wesley on Jan. 24. We offer our sincere condolences to Antonette, Rev. Lennox and their family for their loss.

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# Another Wesley Harvest Kitchen experience!



Cupcakes made by Wesley volunteers were a big hit at the Central United dinner last Sunday.



Pam Garner tests the slow cooker chicken for doneness.



Charles Weasner and Vicki Parsons use their culinary skills to create some great salad!



From left, Don and Joanne Hemauer and Linda Harding.

## Volunteers make Harvest Kitchen happen

Sunday, Jan. 5 was a rewarding time for volunteers from Wesley United Church as they served slow cooker chicken, roasted potatoes, baked beans, glazed carrots and salad at the Harvest Kitchen dinner held at Central United Church in Welland. Enough food for 60 people was made and 40 people attended. Takeout containers were made up so that those attending could take some home. People loved the chicken and one person took home salad commenting that she couldn't afford fresh food anymore.

Being part of the Harvest Kitchen is very rewarding and if you're interested in being part of the team, please put your name on the sheets in the Narthex. Harvest Kitchen dinners will be held on the first Sunday of February and March.

Community Seniors' Group

Chase Away The

# WINTER *Blues*



THURS., JAN. 16 2025

From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

All are welcome! Play some games, make new friends and have some fun.

Light refreshments are provided.

Please note new time!

*Wesley United Church*

244 First Ave. N., Welland  
Free parking and wheelchair accessible



## *Remembering our loved ones*

A service of hymns to commemorate the lives of our loved ones - past and present. Followed by a candlelighting ceremony to honour friends and family we lost in 2024.

In past years, Wesley has remembered those who were once with us - and those who are still with us - with an annual Commemorative Hymn Sing. This year, we will be combining the Hymn Sing with a candle lighting celebration of life which honours those we have lost in the past year. The new ceremony will be called Music & Light and will be held Sunday, Feb. 9 during our regular service of worship. (Please note: this is not a fundraising event.)

As in previous years, we will have a service where the congregation can select from the list below, the hymn or hymns you wish to use to commemorate someone's life. Remember, these people need not have departed from us into God's glory. You can commemorate anyone you wish.

Please fill out the form below (there will also be copies on the table in the Narthex) listing the name of the person(s) you want to commemorate and the hymn you would like to dedicate to them. If you would like a picture displayed on the PowerPoint, please submit it to the office administrator at [wesleyunited@bellnet.ca](mailto:wesleyunited@bellnet.ca) or bring it into the office. The deadline for both pictures and dedications will be Monday, Feb. 3.

Thank you for honouring the many people who make our lives so rich.

This year, for the first time, we will also **light a candle in memory of those we lost in 2024**. The person does not need to be family or have been a member of Wesley United Church. We want to honour everyone who was beloved by a member of our Wesley family.

This candle-lighting is a reminder that the lost loved one will live forever in our hearts and in Heaven. During the service, we invite loved ones of the departed to light the candle for each person lost in the previous year.

Please contact the office administrator ([wesleyunited@bellnet.ca](mailto:wesleyunited@bellnet.ca) - 905 735 5912) by Feb. 3 to offer the name of someone you know who should be honoured at this service. We don't want to miss anyone.

Please print the name of the person you want to remember, and select a hymn you would like to dedicate to them. Please return this form to the office by Feb. 3 or place the basket in the narthex during Sunday service.

NAME OF PERSON TO REMEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SELECTED HYMN:

	Great Is Thy Faithfulness
	Amazing Grace
	I the Lord of Sea And Sky. (Here I Am Lord)
	It Is Well With My Soul
	How Great Thou Art
	Morning Has Broken
	Thine Is the Glory
	Love Divine All Loves Excelling

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## Christmas Card fundraiser raises \$2,109

The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone who Contributed to the Christmas Card Fundraiser, we raised \$2,109. Thanks for your Support!

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### BIBLE BULLETS

Love your neighbour as yourself. Rom. 13.9  
Love does no wrong to a neighbour. Rom. 13.10  
Love is the fulfilling of the law. Rom.13.10

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

SUN., JAN 12 — **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AT WESLEY UNITED CHURCH** - 10 a.m. -- A meeting will be held to approve the 2025 budget at Wesley United Church following the church service

MON., JAN 13 — **WOMEN OF WESLEY MEET** 1:30 p.m. in the Parlour

WED., JAN 15 — **BIBLE STUDY RESUMES** 7 p.m. via Zoom to be conducted by Dan Barrett.

THURS., JAN 16 — **COMMUNITY SENIORS' GROUP** will get together for fun and refreshments in Robins Hall. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Theme: Chase Away the Winter Blues. Please note the new time!

Sat., JAN 18 — **The Magic of Memoir** 2-4 p.m. Trillium United Church, 415 Linwell Rd., St. Catharines. Start Your Story with award winning writer and memoir coach Anne Bokma. \$20 registration fee.

Sun. Jan 19— **Ontario Women's Ministry Team** will be presenting Teen Challenge during the service. Come and hear testimonies and stories of finding freedom from addiction.

### **WTW - WESLEY THURSDAY WALK**

The next Wesley Thursday Walk will be on Thursday, Jan 16th at 8 AM. We will meet and walk at the Meridian Centre in Fonthill. My car will leave the Wesley parking lot at 7:40 AM so let me know if you need a ride. All people of Wesley are welcome to walk with the group.

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### **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

You can lead a human to  
knowledge but you  
can't make it think.

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Why not join Wesley Choir?

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# Notes