

WHAT'S UP AT WESLEY

Friday, Jan. 24, 2025

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT WESLEY

Theme – Today! – Sun. Jan 26, 2025, 10 a.m.

Watch the Wesley Worship Services live on YouTube by clicking [here](#) or going to <https://www.youtube.com/@wesleyunitedchurch1105>

Guest Minister Rev. Dr. Cheryl Wood-Thomas

Visiting Minister from St. John's Stevensville United Church

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 is held the third Tuesday of the month starting at 10 a.m. in the parlour.



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Our Music and Light service will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9.

This will be a service of hymns to commemorate the lives of our loved ones - past and present - and will also include a candle lighting ceremony to honour friends and family we lost in 2024.

Forms are available in the Narthex to dedicate a hymn to a loved one. If there is someone - family or friend - who passed away in 2024 that you would like to light a candle for, please let our office administrator Tom know. He can be reached at wesleyunited@bellnet.ca or by phone at 905 735 5912

Enjoy the Thursday Walk!

Wesley's next Thursday Walk will be held Jan. 30 at 8 am at the Meridian Centre in Fonthill.

Don't miss Men's Group Brunch on Jan. 26



The Wesley Men's Group invites all men, women and children to join them for a New Year's Brunch in Robins Hall.

This delicious event will be taking place this Sunday, Jan. 26, right after the service.

There will be a free will donation basket for anyone who would like to contribute.

See you there!

Two more Harvest Kitchen Dinners planned

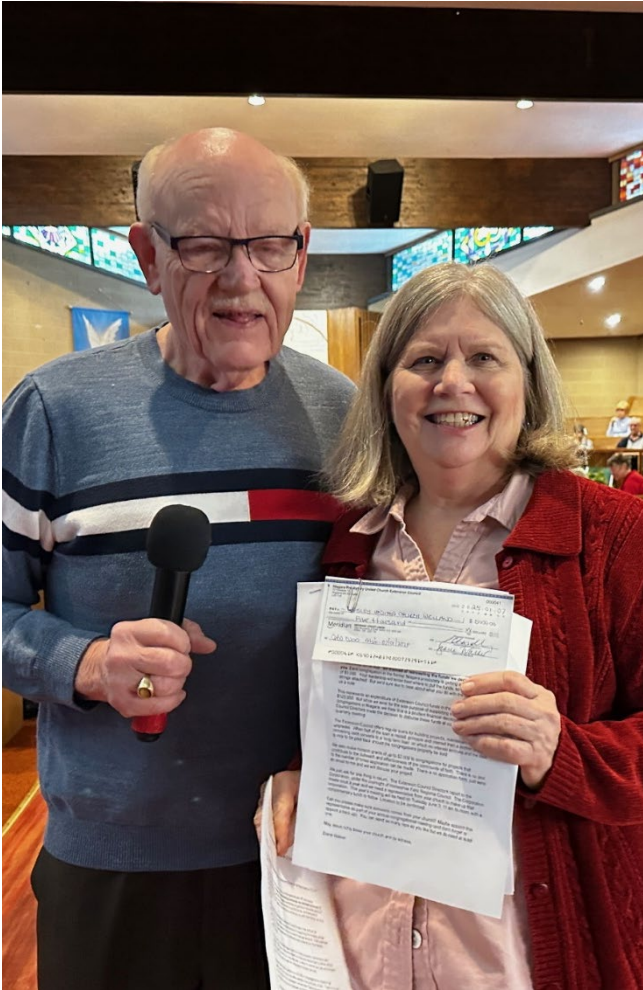
Wesley will be hosting two more Harvest Kitchen Dinners at Central United in Welland, on the first Sunday of both February and March. If you want to get involved in this meaningful project, please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

12 Things to Always Remember

- submitted by Shelley Gault

1. The past can't be changed.
2. Opinions don't define 'your reality'.
3. Everyone's journey is 'different'.
4. Judgements are not 'about you'.
5. Overthinking will 'lead to sadness'.
6. Happiness is found 'within'.
7. Your thoughts 'affect your mood'.
8. Smiles are 'contagious'.
9. Kindness is 'free'.
10. It's okay 'to let go and move on'.
11. What 'goes around, comes around'.
12. Things 'always get better with time'.

Wesley receives a \$5,000 gift!



United Church Regional Council rep. Doug Willford presents Wesley Council Chair Joan Simpson with a \$5,000 cheque on Jan. 19.

Wesley had a pleasant surprise during the service on Jan. 19 when Regional Council representative Doug Wilford presented a cheque to the church for \$5,000 from the Niagara Presbytery Extension Council.

In a letter from Diane Walker, president of the Extension Council, it was explained that the Council had some loans repaid and some investments come due so instead of reinvesting the funds they decided to invest in the churches. As a result, each congregation in the former Niagara Presbytery is receiving a one-time payment of \$5,000.

There are "no strings attached" to the money, which can be spent as the church desires.

The Extension Council asked only that a representative from our church comes to the annual meeting on Tuesday, June 3 from 11 a.m. to noon. (A complimentary lunch will follow.) If you would like to go to the meeting, please let Tom know at the church office. We can send as many people as are interested.

Now to figure out what to do with this unexpected gift!

BIBLE BULLETS

1. Present your bodies as a living sacrifice - Rom 12.1
2. Do not be conformed to this world - Rom. 12.2
3. Be transformed by the renewing of your minds - Rom 12.2

Wesley's Food Pantry is being used!



Just wanted to let you know that the Food Pantry Box is working. The word is getting out there in our community that the Food Pantry is here; but it is a work in progress and we are learning too!!! Some folks are coming into the church to ask, " Can I really take some food? " "Do I need to register to take any food? " We are getting information on our sign that there is no registration needed and reminding folks that it is free for anyone. In the freezing cold we are not putting any canned goods in the Food Pantry as it might freeze and explode but all other items are there. They may come into the church during weekday office

hours and take any canned goods they wish. This will also be on the sign letting everyone know.

We wish to thank all who have contributed, including some of our neighbours and to let you know that presently we are well stocked. Thanks also to Linda Harding, Coral Snelling, Carol Kmiecik and Wendy Reed for taking one week a month to put all the food out each morning at 9 am. and bringing it all in at 5 p.m. each day.

- Your Membership and Outreach Committee: at work for our Wesley Family, our Community and Beyond. Our committee consists of Carol Kmiecik, Shelley Gault, Joan Simpson, Doris Carbert, Jane Koruna and Wendy Reed.

All are welcome to join our committee.



Thank you!

Wesley welcomed visitors last Sunday



Diane Stricker from the Ontario Women's Ministry, was at Wesley to talk about addiction and treatment.



Above, Joanne Acocella, a former member of the Wesley Congregation, was here on Jan. 19 to lead the service.

Music and Light Form

Please use the below form if you want to remember a friend or loved one, living or dead in the hymn sing portion of our Music and Light Service on Feb. 9. If you want to light a candle for someone who passed, all you need to do is email us at wesleyunited@bellnet.ca or call the office at 905-735-5912. The candle lighting is just for people who passed in 2024. They can be members or loved ones or friends.

NAME OF PERSON TO REMEMBER IN HYMN: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

I will _____ or will not _____ be submitting a picture.

SELECTED HYMN: (Please ✓)

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

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Be kind to your kids.

They will be choosing your nursing home

WESLEY QUESTION OF THE WEEK!
How do farmers get the party started?
They turnip their beets.

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

Sun. JAN. 26 – **Congregational Brunch** will be held in Robins Hall following the service. The Men's group is putting on this event and there will be a freewill offering at the time of serving.

Wed. JAN. 29 – **Membership and Outreach Meeting** - 9:30 am. in the parlour

Thur., Jan. 30 – **Wesley Thursday walk** - 8 a.m. at the Meridian Centre in Fonthill.

Fri, JAN. 31 – **Beat the Blues Karaoke Night** – 7 p.m. at Central United Church

Sun. FEB. 2 – **Wesley's Harvest Kitchen Dinner** – held at Central United Church

Thurs., FEB 6 – **Worship and Music committee meeting** - 10 a.m. in the parlour

Sun. FEB 9 – **Music and Light Service** This will take place at Wesley United Church and will be dedicated to commemorating the lives of our loved ones, past and present, through song. This will include a candle lighting ceremony to honour friends and family we lost in 2024. You can remember anyone you wish. There are forms in the Narthex to take part in this service.

Mon. Feb.10 – **WOW Meeting** 1:30 pm. in the parlour

Tues, Feb. 18 – **Coffee with Council** – 10 a.m. to noon in the parlour

Tues, Feb. 18 – **Church Council** – 7 p.m.

Thurs. Feb. 20 — **Wesley Community Seniors Group** – 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in Robins Hall