

WHAT'S UP AT WESLEY

Friday, Jan. 31, 2025

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT WESLEY

Theme – The Lost Son Revisited – Sun. Feb. 2, 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 is held the third Tuesday of the month starting at 10 a.m. in the parlour.



February Food Drive

Once again, we are collecting donations of non-perishable food staples and hygiene items to help to fill the shelves of the food bank at the Hope Centre. All contributions are most welcome.

Highlights from the January/February 2025 edition of Broadview

UNDER ONE ROOF

Multi-Generational Households are the fastest-growing type of family household in Canada. According to Statistics Canada, as of 2021, 2.4 million Canadians - that's 6.4 per cent of the total population - live in multigenerational households. That's a 50-per-cent increase since 2001. There are benefits to this type of housing - but there's also challenges.

COOKING WITH SPIRIT

In Jody Eddy's cookbook *Elysian Kitchens: Recipes Inspired by the Traditions and Tastes of the World's Sacred Spaces*, readers are introduced to monks, priests, rabbis, nuns and pirs (Sufi spiritual leaders) as she seeks out "the universal truth of food." The article even includes a recipe for Cheesy Biscuits which are baked at least once a week by the monks at Saint John's in Minnesota.

LIVING IN LIMBO

Crossroads United Church in Kingston stepped up to offer space when a cabin community for the homeless had to move. Despite their best efforts, the project fell through. But Church Council member Allan Baer, who was the church liaison person for the project, believes the congregation's work could serve as a guide for other communities of faith.

NEW ONLINE HYMN RESOURCES AIMS TO REFLECT UNITED CHURCH'S DIVERSITY

The UCC plans to release a new digital hymn resource this year. *Then Let Us Sing!* aims to reflect how worship and the church community have changed in the last century. "The new hymns will bring us fresh language for God as well as accessible musical styles." More information is available at <https://thenletussing.ca/>

LISTENING TO STORIES FROM THE STREET

"I saw a lady once offer her false teeth to a homeless man so he could eat an apple. That was so powerful."

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Men's Group Brunch

On Jan. 26, the Wesley Men's Group hosted a congregational brunch following the morning worship service.

The menu included scrambled eggs, sausage, back bacon, cheesy potatoes, hash brown patties, fresh fruit, juice, tea and coffee.

Members of the congregation enjoyed a hot meal on a cold day with very many thanks to the men for cooking and serving.

- Thanks to Mary Van Loon for the photos



BIBLE BULLETS

God is love - 1 John 4.8

God is spirit - John 4.24

God is light - 1 John 1.5

A Message From the Treasurer

The Department of Finance and the Canada Revenue Agency confirmed that the federal government's announcement made last month to extend the 2024 charitable tax deadline to Feb. 28, 2025 would be applied.

This extension aims to mitigate the impacts of last year's four-week Canada Post mail delivery stoppage and its negative effects on charities during the critical holiday season when mail-in donations play a crucial role.

Key points of the now-official extension include:

1. The extended deadline applies to donations made up to Feb. 28, 2025, for the 2024 tax year.
2. It covers "cash" donations or those transferred by cheque, credit card, money order, or electronic payment.
3. The extension does not apply to gifts in kind, payroll deductions, or bequests from individuals who die after 2024.

Note: You have a choice to apply your January & February, 2025 donations to either the taxation year 2024 or 2025, you cannot use the donation deduction twice.

Income tax receipts for January and February, 2025 donations to be applied to your 2024 taxation year, will only be issued by request. Contact the envelope steward (Wendy Reed) at 905-735-7876 or by e-mail davewendy114@yahoo.ca, if you want an income tax receipt.

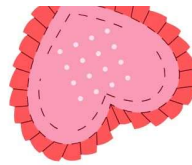
Income tax receipts for the 2024 calendar year will be issued to all donors as normal, before the end of February, 2025.

- *Dave Reed, Treasurer*

WESLEY QUESTION OF THE WEEK!

What do you do with a sick boat?

Take it to the Doc.



Wesley Community
Seniors

Valentine's Fun



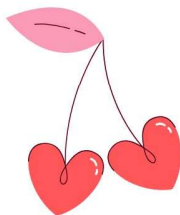
All are welcome - no charge!
Play some games, make new
friends and have a good time.



February 20

FROM 1:30 - 3:30 P.M.

Light refreshments provided



WESLEY UNITED CHURCH
244 First Ave. N., Welland

Free parking, wheelchair accessible



DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Thu. FEB. 6 - **Wesley Thursday Walk** - 8 a.m. at the Walker's Sports and Abilities Centre at Brock University. See you there.

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 during the service 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. There are forms in the Narthex to take part in this service. The deadline is Feb. 3.

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



The poster features a collage of images: a person's hands on a laptop keyboard, a field of white lilies, and a group of people in a meeting with their hands raised in a huddle. Text is overlaid on green shapes. A small logo in the top right corner reads 'Celebrating 100 Years of Deep · Bold · Daring 100TH ANNIVERSARY'.

Spring 2025
Regional
Council
Meeting

Hybrid: In-Person and Online via Zoom

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June 13th & 14th

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