

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

October 1, 2017



**Next week we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. Please bring two items. Something to Donate (to the Food Bank), Something to Decorate (the Sanctuary).**



**“Let us sing of greater things” An Exploration of *Messiah***  
Join us this fall for lively learning and conversation about Handel’s masterpiece



Some said it was too sacred to perform in a theatre! Others, that it was too theatrical to perform in a church! Perhaps neither were correct. Handel’s great composition will not be confined to the sacred or the secular, nor will it be barred from either space. Maybe that’s why *Messiah* continues to stir so many souls. Its subject is the Messiah Jesus, though his name is never mentioned nor his words quoted in the text. *Messiah* explores the profound and world reshaping meaning of Jesus, using only words from sacred Scripture. It does so with music that enlivens us, pouring out emotions of sorrow and delight.

**Thursday evenings (every 2nd week)  
7:00pm to 8:30pm  
Continues; Oct 12, Oct 26, Nov 9, Nov 23, Dec 7  
Elora United Church’s Bissell Room**

Questions? Please speak with Greg Smith-Young.



**The Blanket Exercise, Saturday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00pm at St. James Church 171 Queen St. E., Fergus.** “The Blanket Exercise is an experiential way to hear and enter the history of indigenous peoples and settlers in Canada. It provides a starting point for doing the work the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has asked of all Canadians”. All are welcome! For more information ask Greg, call 519-843-2141 or [www.kairosblanketexercise.org](http://www.kairosblanketexercise.org) Freewill donation. Please bring a blanket.





**Caribbean Hurricanes 2017 Appeal: The United Church of Canada is accepting donations to help Mission & Service partners provide relief to those affected by hurricanes in the Caribbean.**



This fall, a series of hurricanes has struck several countries and territories in the Caribbean. And two major earthquakes have shaken Mexico. The United Church of Canada is supporting efforts of global partners to assist people affected by these events. Our membership in the global ACT Alliance provides more ways to help those affected communities. ACT members, organized in various regional and national forums (including the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Cuba), work quickly to assist with evacuations and emergency shelter where necessary, and to help communities rebuild. The United Church is already contributing to those efforts. Please pray for those affected by emergencies.

**Donations can be made** online at [www.united-church.ca/caribbean-hurricanes-2017](http://www.united-church.ca/caribbean-hurricanes-2017) via the secure donation page, by phone: 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 using your Visa or MasterCard, or by cheque, money order to: The United Church of Canada  
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response  
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200  
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

**Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Caribbean Hurricanes" on the face of your cheque.**

God is continually calling the church to practices of faithful discernment. As part of living out that call, **Elora UC's Mission Board will be reviewing the congregation's marriage policy.** The current policy (from 2006) has an understanding of marriage that includes only opposite-gender couples. We will be prayerfully considering whether this should be changed to include same-gendered couples too. If you have thoughts you'd like the Mission Board to consider in its discernment, **the deadline is today.** Please send them to the church office, by mail or email, ([elorabethanyuc@bellnet.ca](mailto:elorabethanyuc@bellnet.ca) or 75 Geddes Street, Elora ON, N0B 1S0)

**Looking Ahead**

Sun	6:30-8:00pm	Grade 7 – High School Youth Group at Melville UC
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Tue Oct 10	7:30pm	Bethany UCW
Wed Oct 11	6:30-9:00pm	Elora MR Board Meeting
Thu Oct 12	7:00-8:30pm	Handel's Messiah Group – BR
Sun Oct 15	6:30-7:30pm	Grade 3 – 7 Youth Group at Melville United Church
Tue Oct 17	7:30pm	Bethany Board Meeting
Wed Oct 18	2:00-4:00pm	The Reconciliation Journey: A Learning Circle – BR
Thu Oct 19	1:30pm	Elora UCW- BR
Sat Nov 11	2:00-3:30pm	Remember and honour our veterans and fallen in drama and song
Sat Nov 25	9:00-1:00pm	Elora UCW Craft and Bake Sale - FH

**In the Community**

**October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Drew House, Elora a Fundraising Evening for the cast and musicians of "Riding Off In All Directions"** (see below). Meet the author, composer and musicians, Tilly Kooyman (clarinet), Jason White (piano), Emmet Glancie (double bass) and hear a sampling of music from the Musical. There will be a raffle and live auction, and complimentary food and drinks. For more information call 519-846-2551.



**Nov 10, 11, 16, 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm "Riding Off In All Directions" at the Maja Prentice Theatre, 3650 Dixie Rd., Mississauga. This musical written by Daniel Bratton, directed by Colin Fox, with music by Peter Skoggard** is based on a speech

given by Timothy Findley about Stephen Leacock & Mazo de la Roche and takes you on a whimsical journey into the past. **Bus transportation and a lunch at Benares Museum is available for the Nov 12<sup>th</sup> matinee.** Admission is \$30 or \$25 for Seniors and \$5 for Students (at the door) Call 519-846-2551 or go to <http://bit.ly/TellingLies> for more information.