

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

September 6, 2015

## Worship for a few weeks

- Sep 6 *Welcome Back and News from General Council*  
Sep 13 *What does the United Church believe in? Do I have to believe to belong?*  
Sep 20 *Why I Still Believe*  
Sep 27 *Elora UC: Congregational Meeting During Worship*  
Oct 4 *The Reconciliation Journey: The Shadow of Indian Residential Schools*

If you miss a Sunday, Greg's reflections are on the Elora UC website:

<http://elorauc.org/worship/sermons>

**Congregational Meeting** The Elora UC congregation will be meeting on Sunday, September 27. We're going to try something new: holding our meeting during our worship time! The purpose of this meeting is to select members for our new Mission Board and Resources Board. Within our celebration of God, we will prayerfully discern our leadership team.

We approved our new leadership policy in May, including the Mission and Resources boards. We will be looking for:

- Mission Board                   – 6 members for 1, 2, and 3 year terms  
  – 2 reps to presbytery, for 2 and 4 year terms  
Resources Board               – 6 members for 1, 2, and 3 year terms

*We have some people for these positions already, but are looking for more.*

**Water** You might know of a controversy in our village, about a proposal to approve a water-taking permit from a well on Middlebrook Road. The water would be used for packaged bottled water. Many in our community have significant concerns about this.



The Elora UC Council shares those concerns. We are supportive of the efforts of *Friends of Elora Water* to closely scrutinize this application. Greg Smith-Young was part of a delegation to the township council, which raised important concerns.

As with almost every important question, people in our congregation will have different views. We encourage you to find out about the issues and get involved.

To find out more:

Friends of Elora Water press release

<http://saveourwater.ca/press-release-friends-of-elora-water/>

Report on Council meeting, including Greg's comments:

[www.wellingtonadvertiser.com/comments/index.cfm?articleID=27534](http://www.wellingtonadvertiser.com/comments/index.cfm?articleID=27534)

Full text of Greg's comments

<http://elorauc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Gregs-Talk-to-Township-Council.pdf>

Special Township Council meeting on September 11

[www.wellingtonadvertiser.com/comments/index.cfm?articleID=27621](http://www.wellingtonadvertiser.com/comments/index.cfm?articleID=27621)



*As a Canadian Girl in Training, under the leadership of Jesus, it is my purpose to Cherish Health, Seek Truth, Know God, Serve Others and thus with his help become the girl God would have me be.*

Sound familiar? You were probably a **CGIT!** It's the 100th Anniversary of the Canadian Girls in Training. To celebrate, you can join a day-long event at First UC in Waterloo. It's on Saturday, September 26 from 10:00-3:30. \$15 includes lunch. Register by September 21. We've got brochures, just ask.

**Welcome Back Sunday, Sept. 13!** Children's Worship will kick off a new year of exploring the Bible and following Jesus. Our theme this year is "*Big Old Names*". All children and youth invited.



**Support The Door Youth Centre!** Some of our youth are participating in the annual fundraiser called **“Shantytown”** on Friday, Sept 11. We will be sleeping in cardboard boxes for the night to raise awareness about youth homelessness and raise money for *The Door*. You can make a donation today to one of the youth after worship. You are also invited to the **public BBQ and speaker on Friday, Sept. 11 at 6 pm.** Drive behind the Sportsplex in Fergus, you will find us in the wooded area.



**Grade 6 – 9 Youth Night**, Sunday, Sept. 13 from 6 – 8 pm. Meet at the outdoor volleyball courts of Elora Public School and then we finish off with a campfire at the Weavers’. Rain plan – Elora United Church.

**Grade 3 – 5 Youth Night**, Sunday, Sept. 20 from 6:30 – 7:30. Location TBA

**Thanks** to Suzanne and Randy Flewelling and Steve Hornsby for freshening up the Elora United main washrooms with paint and other improvements!!



## Looking Ahead

<b>Today</b>		Greg leading worship at Wellington Terrace and Highland Manor
<b>Tues</b>		Greg leading worship at Caressant Care
	7 pm	Elora Council
<b>Wed</b>	7 pm	Bonhoeffer Book Group
<b>Thurs</b>	1:30 pm	Presbytery Northwest Cluster at Elora UC
<b>Fri</b>	6 pm	BBQ for <i>The Door</i> at Fergus Sportsplex
<b>next Sun</b>	6-8 pm	Youth Night at outdoor volleyball courts of Elora Public School followed by campfire at the Weavers’
<b>Wed-Tues Sep 15</b>	7:30 pm	Bethany UC Board
<b>Sun Sep 20</b>	6:30-7:30 pm	Grade 3-5 Youth Night
<b>Thu Sep 24</b>	7:30 pm	Elora UC Trustees (John Begg’s home)
<b>Sun Sep 27</b>	11 am	Elora UC Congregational Meeting during morning worship

## In the Community

NEW VON **senior's exercise class** on Wednesdays at 1 pm at Melville United Church. This is in addition to the Tues. Thurs. 10:30 am classes. Gentle exercise at your level.

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