

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

September 13, 2015

Worship for a few weeks

- 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>

Want to read the United Church's official teachings, which Greg will be mentioning this morning? They are on the United Church's website.

<http://www.united-church.ca/beliefs/statements>

<http://www.united-church.ca/beliefs/creed>

**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.*



**What are your gifts?** Would you like to become a little more involved in making our Sundays run smoothly at Elora United?

It can take 15-30 volunteers each Sunday to create a rich worship/community time. At the moment, we have 4 areas in particular that could use more help. Here's our needs, with the phone numbers for each of the convenors. You may also contact the office to find out what's involved or to indicate that you are thinking of participating.



<b>Fellowship Hour Hosts</b>	About 3 x/year	You do NOT need to provide snacks. Coffee/tea/juice are here at the church. Nor do you need to <i>pour</i> the beverages. However, dishwashing is involved! And a litre of milk is a nice touch. If you like to work with a partner, we can match you up. <i>Four new people needed right away.</i>	Sheila Calvert 519 787-7782
<b>Greeters</b>	About 4 x/year	Families welcome. We can match you with a partner. <i>Two new teams needed.</i>	Susanne Thomson 519 846-0302
<b>AV Squad</b> (sound & video)	Every 6 weeks	Friendly training	Judy McMullan 519 846-0122
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Once a month	use our calculators . . .	Kim Saunders 519 843-4833

Interested but prefer to help less often? Let us know – we'll work it out!

**Families** Today we are excited to start a new year of *Children's Worship* and *Youth Exploring Faith*. All children and youth will be together this morning. Parents, be sure to pick up the **Parent Letter** and fill out the **Information Form** about your children and youth.



**Grade 6 – 9 Youth Night**, Today, 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**, next Sunday, Sept. 20, from 6:30 – 7:30 at Melville United Church.



*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.

## Looking Ahead

<b>Today</b>	6-8 pm	Gr 6-9 Youth Night at outdoor volleyball courts of Elora Public School followed by campfire at the Weavers'
<b>Mon</b>	1 pm	Quilters
<b>Tues</b>	7:30 pm	Bethany UC Board
<b>Thurs</b>	noon	Elora UCW pot luck at the home of Norma Wallace
	7 pm	Elora Adult Choir
	8:15 pm	Praise Team rehearsal
<b>next Sun</b>	4 pm	Healing and Reconciliation Service – all welcome
	6:30-7:30 pm	Grade 3-5 Youth Night at Melville UC
<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

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**MINISTERS:** All the Congregation

Ordained Minister: Greg Smith-Young

Minister for Children and Youth: Barb Smith-Young

Music Coordinator: Betty Weinstein

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 Contact Barb Smith-Young via the office or at 519-846-2542  
 Administrator Judy McMullan is in the office Thurs & Fri 10 to 4:30 from Sept to June