

THE SUNDAY NEWS

September 20, 2015

Worship for a few weeks

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*

Oct 11 *Thanksgiving Sunday*

Oct 18 *Loving God with Hurting Minds*

Oct 25 *Elora UC Anniversary Guest: Rev. Debbie McMillan*

Nov 1 *Guest: Rev. Dr. Paul Miller*

Nov 8 *Bethany UC Anniversary*

Nov 15 *Memorial Service*

Nov 22 *Guest: Rabbi Cory Weiss*

Nov 29 *Starting the Season of Advent*

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 next 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, and are looking for more.

Children's Worship, Youth Exploring Faith and Nursery will be on, as usual.

Grade 3 – 5 Youth Night, today, from 6:30 – 7:30 at Melville United Church.

Children's Worship and **Youth Exploring Faith** are ready to go for another year at Elora United Church. Our leadership teams are excited to explore faith in God with the children and youth. If you were not here last week, please be sure to pick up the **Parent Letter** from Barb and fill out the Information Form about your children and youth.



Women's Spiritual Potluck plans to meet **this Friday** September 25th at 7 pm at the home of Amy Weaver. This is a time for women to pray together and discuss what inspires them spiritually. Bring a poem, song, bible verse or other inspiration or simply come and be nourished by the inspirations that others have found. For more

info, talk to Barb Smith-Young or Judy McMullan.


Thank you to all of you who supported the youth that participated in **Shantytown**, a fundraiser for *The Door Youth Centre*, on Sept 11. We had 2 youth and 3 adults from Elora United Church participate (a 3rd youth was sick). We raised over \$300 for the ministries of The Door. It was a cool night and yes, it was raining, but we were dry and warm in boxes under the tent village we created. However, as one participant said “*That was the worst sleep of my life?*”. The experience makes us all think and be thankful.



You might have noticed . . . a Federal Election is underway. The United Church of Canada has an election resource. It offers thoughts on the issues and questions for candidates. You can download it here: <http://united-church.ca/files/getinvolved/takeaction/2015-election-kit.pdf>

Or, ask the church office for a copy. We also belong to the Canadian Council of Churches. It encompasses a variety of Christian groups. The CCC has its own resource. Check it out here: <https://www.councilofchurches.ca/social-justice/election-2015/>



	<p>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.</p>		
<p>Fellowship Hour Hosts</p>	<p>About 3 x/year</p>	<p>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></p>	<p>Sheila Calvert 519 787-7782</p>
<p>Greeters</p>	<p>About 4 x/year</p>	<p>Families welcome. We can match you with a partner. Two new teams needed.</p>	<p>Susanne Thomson 519 846-0302 362-7506</p>
<p>AV Squad (sound & video)</p>	<p>Every 6 weeks</p>	<p>Friendly training</p>	<p>Judy McMullan 519 846-0122</p>
<p>Offering Counters</p>	<p>Once a month</p>	<p>use our calculators . . .</p>	<p>Kim Saunders 519 843-4833</p>
<p>Interested but prefer to help less often? Let us know – we'll work it out!</p>			



Free **Community Dinners** are now being offered on the first Friday of the month in Elora. These community dinners have been happening in Fergus for many years, and will continue. Elora United Church has been serving at the Fergus dinners for many years. Now our ministry will focus in

Elora. The dinners are open to anyone to attend. They are always at Knox Presbyterian, however the responsibility of food preparations and serving are shared by other churches, and community organizations. Elora United Church is preparing and serving the dinner on **Friday, Oct. 2 at 6 pm.** Barb, the youth and some other adults lead this ministry. If you would like to know more info, connect with Barb. If you would like to come for dinner, please just come!

Nametags Elora UC provides nametags for everyone who would like one and we do encourage you to wear them, when you are here. We will be sending in an order for nametags at the end of the month. If you would like one for yourself, please let the office know. If you just need a new back, Judy has some in the church office.



Syria The United Church of Canada is working with partner organizations to provide urgently needed food, shelter, medical care, clothing, and other necessities for millions of displaced Syrians within their country and in neighbouring Jordan and Lebanon. All donations designated for Syria Relief will be applied directly to support United Church partners in this work. The Canadian government will match individual donations, marked “Emergency Response – Syria Relief”, made

between September 12 and December 31, 2015. Donations should be made directly to the United Church of Canada either 1) online via the secure donation page or 2) Phone 1-800-268-3781 and use your Visa or MasterCard or 3) Send a cheque, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to:

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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

Today	4 pm	Healing and Reconciliation Service – all welcome
	6:30-7:30 pm	Grade 3-5 Youth Night at Melville UC
Mon	1 pm	Quilters
Thurs	7 pm	Elora Adult Choir
	7:30 pm	Elora Trustees meet at John Begg's
Fri	7 pm	Women's Spiritual Potluck at Amy Weaver's
next Sun	11 am	Elora UC Worship and Congregational meeting. (Children's Worship, Youth Exploring Faith and Nursery will meet as usual.)

Sun Oct 4 6:30-8 pm Gr. 6-9 Youth at Melville United Church

In the Community

Knox Presbyterian Clothes Hamper open every Wednesday morning from 9 – 12 noon. Clothes are free. Getting rid of some clothes? Consider donating them here. There is a particular need for children's clothes.



Our gifts for **Mission and Service** support ministry in the Deaf community of Newfoundland and Labrador. Through Ministry of the Deaf Newfoundland and Labrador, in worship and up to 18 classes per week, Deaf people learn and celebrate community together at churches across the province.



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