

THE SUNDAY NEWS

September 27, 2015

Worship for a few weeks

- Sep 27** Elora UC: Congregational Meeting During Worship
 Oct 4 The Reconciliation Journey: The Shadow of Indian Residential Schools
 Oct 11 Thanksgiving Sunday: Walking the Camino Way
 Oct 18 TBD
 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>



Got rhythm? Want to expand your musical skills? The Elora Worship Team is looking for people interested in playing the **conga drums** at different times during the year for worship. Talk to our Music Director, Betty, after worship if this sounds like something you would like to pursue!



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.



Fellowship Hour Hosts	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
Greeters	About 4 x/year	Families welcome. We can match you with a partner. Two new teams needed.	Susanne Thomson 519 846-0302 362-7506
AV Squad (sound & video)	Every 6 weeks	Friendly training	Judy McMullan 519 846-0122
Offering Counters	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!

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.



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 this week. 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.

Looking Ahead

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| Mon | 1 pm | Quilters |
| Thurs | 7 pm | Elora Adult Choir |
| | 8:15 pm | Praise Team |
| Fri | 6 pm | Community Dinner at Knox Presbyterian Church (EUC serving) |
| next Sun | | Worldwide Communion Sunday |
| | 6:30-8 pm | Gr. 6-9 Youth at Melville United Church |
| Wed Oct 7 | 7 pm | Bonhoeffer Book Group |
| Sun Oct 18 | 6:30-7:30 pm | Grade 3-5 Youth at Elora United Church |

In the Community

NEW VON seniors' exercise class on Wednesdays starting on October 7th at 1 pm at Melville United Church. This is in addition to the Tues. and Thurs. 10:30 am classes. Gentle exercise at your level.

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.



Community Users

Did you know? Elora United Church is home each week to Girl Guides of Canada (Monday evenings), Centre Wellington Singers (Monday evenings), Brownies (Wednesday evenings), Alcoholics Anonymous (Friday evenings) and Elora Cooperative Preschool (Monday – Friday daytime).

Reaching wider to share blessings with our neighbours

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 Administrator Judy McMullan is in the office Thurs & Fri 10 to 4:30 from Sept to June