

THE SUNDAY NEWS

October 18, 2015

Worship for a few weeks

- Oct 18** *Being the Church: God's Embassy*
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:

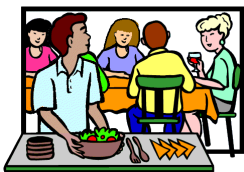
<http://elorauc.org/worship/sermons>

Greg and Barb Smith-Young will be away on a study leave, Monday-Saturday. If you need a pastor, please contact the church office (519.846.0122). Information about whom to call will be on our answering machine.

Special Gifts

The Elora Board will be considering mid-year grants from our **Special Gifts Fund** at its meeting on November 10th. It invites proposals under the following areas: **Education** (up to \$1026 available), **Community Outreach** (up to \$613 available), and **Projects of the United Church of Canada** (up to \$626 available). Copies of the fund policy and application forms are available at the back of the sanctuary, as well as from the church office. We can only consider proposals that use the application form.

Next Sunday, Bethany United Church is celebrating its 172nd Anniversary!! Our guest preacher in both congregations will be the Reverend Debbie McMillan. Debbie does what she does because she loves Jesus Christ. She is co-ordinating minister with Unity United Church, near Midland. She is a regular and award winning contributor to Mandate, magazine published by the United Church of Canada. In 2012, she was published in *Intercultural Visions: Called to be the Church*. Her first book was *Confronted By Jesus: Daily Reflections for Lent* (2014). Debbie also serves with Cruxifusion, a confessing movement that inspires, supports and connects Christ-Centred clergy and congregations within the United Church. Originally from Hamilton, Debbie has served with Unity since 2009. When she's not doing church work, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family. In addition to writing, Rev. Debbie also enjoys sci-fi/fantasy, animals, music and cooking.



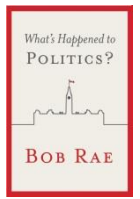
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Sign up in Elora's Welcome Centre as a guest or a host. **Hosts** will have a place ready for 6-10 guests (depending on your table size) and agree to supply drinks and hor d'oeuvres. **Guests** will each bring part of the meal. Bonnie will phone the guests shortly before the dinner to let them know where the dinner will be held. A chance to get to know people a little better and enjoy each other's company. (Questions? Please call co-ordinator Bonnie Young at 519-846-6633).

Imagine, ordinary people taking turns reading the Bible, in public and out loud! **Proclamation** is a project of the Canadian Bible Society and churches in our community. It's happening October 28-November 6, and hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Fergus. We at Elora-Bethany have been asked to cover the readings on November 5, from 2:00-7:00pm. So we need a bunch of readers to help. We can read in 15 minute blocks. Interested? Please let Greg know asap. Thanks.



Women's Spiritual Potluck plans to meet **this Friday** October 23rd at 7 pm at the home of Laura Alessio (846-0611). Bring spiritual "food" such as a poem, song, bible verse or other inspiration or simply come and be nourished. For more info, talk to Barb Smith-Young or Judy McMullan.

The **Book Discussion Group** will meet today at 7 pm in the home of Arlene Callahan. (Highland Manor, Fergus, entry in the far door of the parking lot). We will discuss chapters 1-3 of *What's Happened to Politics* by Bob Rae. If you are interested in participating, speak to Menai Wardle or John Markvart.



Thanks and Acknowledgements from the October meeting of Elora's Mission & Resources Board:

Greg thanked all on the **Mission and Resources Board** for coming onto the Board. Greg thanked **John Wilkie** for chairing the congregational meeting in September. Curt thanked **Carole Kennedy** for a great talk on Sunday. Amy thanked **Greg** for all the work that he has put into the Council/Board restructuring. Arlene thanked the **AV Squad** for their ongoing work. Nancy thanked **those who do Fellowship Hour**. Carole thanked **Barb** for her continued work with our youth. Arlene thanked the **Youth** of the church for their keen participation in church activities. Barb thanked the new **Praise Team**.



Elora Board in brief ① Each of the Mission and Resources Boards reviewed their responsibilities and goals. ② The Mission Board discussed a dinner program initiative and will look into the idea of seniors' lunches. ③ The Resources Board reviewed quotes to replace the basement windows and discussed the possible rental of Fellowship Hall on Tues/Thurs evenings.

Elora UC Financial Summary to end of September

	Sep 2015	Year to Date	YTD 2014	2015 Plan	YTD Variance to Plan	YTD Variance to 2014
Envelope/PAR	\$ 7,385	\$ 89,991	\$ 90,899	\$ 96,442	\$ (6,451)	\$ (908)

Fall is off to a slower than expected start with givings \$1300 below plan. As of the end of September, we are 1% below 2014 and 7% below plan. Expenses are below plan by about 2%.

Looking Ahead

- Today** 6:30-7:30 pm Grade 3-5 Youth at Elora United Church
- Mon** 1 pm Quilters
- 7:30 pm Bethany UCW
- Thurs** 7 pm Elora Adult Choir
- Fri** 7 pm Women's Spiritual Potluck at the home of Laura Alessio

- Mon Oct 26** 7:30 pm Bethany Board
- Fri Nov 6** 6 pm Community Dinner at Knox Presbyterian Church
- Sat Nov 14** Bethany Ham Supper
- Sat Nov 21** 9 am-1 pm Elora UCW Craft and Bake Sale

In the Community

Fall Festival Oct. 24, 10-3. Melville United Church. Snacks and lunch all day. Baking, frozen meat pies, crafts, silent auction, vendors, treasures, Christmas Corner, books. "Easy Listening Concert" by our own Rev. Marion Loree & friends at 11:00 - 11:40. Lorna 519-787-0570

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Minister for Children and Youth: Barb Smith-Young

Music Coordinator: Betty Weinstein

Office Hours: Rev. Greg Smith-Young is usually in the office Tues-Fri mornings.
 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