

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

November 1, 2015

## Worship for a few weeks

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

Nov 8 Bethany UC will celebrate its 172<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary!

Elora UC's worship theme will be "Living Faithfully with Mental Illness"

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>

Our guest worship leader this morning is **Rev. Dr. Paul Miller**. Paul is the Waterloo Presbytery Support Minister. Paul was ordained in 1981 and has served congregations in Emsdale, Vankleek Hill, Norwich and St. Catharines, Ontario. Paul has a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from McMaster University. He lives in St. Catharines with his wife, the Rev. Dr. Diane Walker. They have four children and three grandchildren (and another on the way!)

Rev. Greg is leading worship this morning at Unity United Church, near Midland, as it celebrates its 7th anniversary.



**Scripture, Song and Faith** - a study group for anyone interested in fellowship to share ideas and thoughts of their faith through reflection on scriptures and through hymns and songs. I will facilitate the group and I am certainly no expert. I am interested in sharing time together with others in Bible study and discussion of scripture and songs. The initial gathering is on **Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** from 10:15 - 11:45 am at Elora United Church in the Bissell Room. If you have questions and want to talk with me please call me at 519-846-2643. It's an open group - all are welcome! *Louise Elder*

**Celebrating 'Christ' in 'Christ'mas, Nov. 29** at Elora United during worship. This is a **special parent discussion time** where we can bring our own questions and ideas and learn from each other. This will be led by Barb, downstairs, during Children's Worship time. Children will watch a movie in the Bissell Room. Nursery age children will join us downstairs. This discussion time is for ALL parents, dads and moms, those with young children, those with youth. Please come and join us.



**Bethany Ham Supper** is Saturday November 14 with continuous seatings from 5 pm to 7 pm. Adults \$14, Children (5-12) \$7 and children under 5 free. Call Pat Davies (519-846-0247) for tickets.

**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Sat Nov 14** 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 they will cook the meat course. **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).



The Elora United Church Women's annual **Bake and Craft Sale** will be Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm. Come and search through the treasures in **Grandma's Attic**. Handmade **crafts** make thoughtful gifts for your loved ones. Special treasures will be in the **Silent Auction**. Take a break with a **muffin** and coffee or have a full **soup and sandwich** lunch. Finish up by taking home baked **goodies**.



☞ The UCW is collecting items for the **Grandma's Attic** sale. Items for the Grandma's Attic Sale may be left in containers in the Welcome Centre or dropped off at the church on Friday Fri Nov 20<sup>th</sup> between 4:00 and 6:30 pm. Please no Grandma's attic items on Saturday morning during the sale.

☞ We also need **donations of baking** and we appreciate **crafts**, as well. Please bring baking in on Saturday morning.

☞ We are also looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help with **setup on Friday** and **VOLUNTEERS** to **help on Saturday** and **Sunday**. Please contact Phyllis Waind (519-846-9936) if you can lend a hand.



**CW Food Bank Christmas Hampers** The Food Bank is preparing, once again, for their Christmas Hampers. **Elora-Bethany Pastoral Charge** has been asked to contribute 60 containers of **pancake syrup**. Another group will be providing syrup, as well. All donations will be brought to the Food Bank after Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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.



Mark your calendars for **Thursday, Nov. 26 at 6 pm**. There will be a **fundraising dinner for emergency Syrian Refugee** Relief at Centre Wellington District High School in Fergus. Our meal will prepared by Chris Jess, a culinary teacher at the school, and his students! Proceeds raised will be sent to the Red Cross in support the good work they are doing in the refugee camps now. Watch for more details about the dinner later this month.

This event has been organized by a group of people in our community and church who want to do something in support of the refugee crisis now and for the long term. They are calling themselves *Project Welcome* and this is their first public event. Project Welcome is in conversation with other churches and groups in Centre Wellington community about refugee sponsorship. There will be more news about this in the next week or two with specific information about how we all can get involved in "reaching wider to share our blessings in our neighbourhoods and beyond." Stay tuned!

*Project Welcome*

## 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.

## Looking Ahead

<b>Today</b>	7 pm	Drum session with Adrian Jones in the Bissell Room
<b>Mon</b>	1 pm	Quilters
<b>Wed</b>	7 pm	Bonhoeffer Book Group
<b>Thurs</b>	1:30 pm	NW Cluster meeting at EUC
	7 pm	Elora Adult Choir
	8:15 pm	Praise Team
<b>next Sun</b>	6:30-8 pm	Gr 6-9 Youth at Fun Night at The Door (change from last week's info)
<b>Fri Nov 6</b>	6 pm	Community Dinner at Knox Presbyterian Church
<b>Tues Nov 10</b>	7 pm	EUC Mission & Resources boards
<b>Wed Nov 11</b>		Remembrance Day ceremonies (9:30 in Salem; 10:45 in Elora)
<b>Sat Nov 14</b>	5-7 pm	Bethany Ham Supper
<b>Sun Nov 15</b>	6:30-7:30 pm	Gr 3-5 Youth at Melville United
<b>Sat Nov 21</b>	9 am-1 pm	Elora UCW Craft and Bake Sale
<b>Sat Nov 28</b>		Elora Santa Claus Parade – Youth (Gr 6-9) collecting food with Food Bank then overnighter at Melville UC
<b>Sun Nov 29</b>	during worship	Faith At Home discussion for parents (during Children's Worship time)

## In the Community

St. John's (Belwood) **Turkey Supper** is Wednesday, Nov 4. Sittings at 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30. Tickets are available at Ron Wilkins Jewellers and Belwood Country Market. To order take-outs please call Betty Hofer 519-787-1096.

Knox-Elora Presbyterian Church **Snowflake Craft Sale** Sat Nov 14, 9 am – 1 pm. Handmade crafts, homemade baking, Silent Auction, lunch available. Still room for more vendors. 519-846-8061 or 519-846-0680

Knox-Elora Presbyterian Church **Turkey Dinner** by Steve Truchan Sat Nov 21 5-7 pm. Adults \$15, 8 & under \$7. Takeout available. 519-846-0680

Saturday November 28th: **Seasonal Spirit Stirrings!** Autumn Awakenings is the fall theme for Alma United Church's morning retreat – welcoming men and women. Small groups include: *Canning/Preserving*, *Photography* and *Sweater Mittens*. Held from 9 a.m. – noon at the Alma Community Hall. Cost is \$20 or pay as you are able. Register by contacting Chris Grose 519-846-0282 or email [chris@huskyfarm.ca](mailto:chris@huskyfarm.ca).



## Joy in Hard Work

“There’s real joy in hard work.” That’s the motto of Chipembi Farm College of Agriculture, a United Church partner in Zambia. For the past few years, faculty and students have indeed been working hard—to integrate into the college’s curriculum a program on conservation farming.

Adapted to smallhold farming, conservation farming emphasizes minimum tillage, using permanent soil cover (mulch), and using organic fertilizers such as thermal compost and animal manure. Where it has been practised, crop yields have usually increased significantly, so much so that conservation farming is now viewed as an important way to reduce global hunger.

Two years ago, the college’s 200-plus students developed a two-hectare demonstration plot where they are growing corn, cotton, peanuts, and other food and cash crops using conservation farming techniques. The increase in yields has been stunning, says Paul Samba, the college’s principal.

In May 2014 the United Church, with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, approved a grant to Chipembi College to develop an extension service to take conservation farming into surrounding communities. Graduates of the college provide the training for local farmers.

The college is owned by The United Church of Zambia, a Mission and Service partner. According to the Rev. Jonathan Sikazwe (sik-ah-zway), a bishop of The United Church of Zambia, “If we go the conservation farming way, there shall be more food in our households, and we shall conquer hunger and poverty.”

Our gifts for Mission and Service are helping to conquer hunger and poverty in Zambia. Please join me and give generously.

*Mighty and tender God, through our gifts for Mission and Service  
we respond to your call to mend the world.*

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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