

THE SUNDAY NEWS

November 8, 2015

Worship for a few weeks

- Nov 8** Bethany UC is celebrating its 172nd Anniversary!
Elora UC's worship theme is "Living Faithfully with Mental Illness"
- Nov 15 Memorial Service for all those for whom we are grieving
- 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>



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 tomorrow, **Monday, November 9th** 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 this 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.

→Today is the last day to sign up for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? which will be Sat Nov 14. Sign up in Elora's

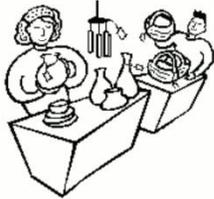
Welcome Centre as a guest or a host. **Hosts** will have a place ready for 6-10 guests (depending on your table size) and they will cook the meat course. **Guests** will each bring part of the



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).



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 6th.



The Elora United Church Women's annual **Bake and Craft Sale** will be Saturday November 21st 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 20th 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.

Supper for Syrians, Thursday, November 26 at 6 pm (doors open at 5:30) at Centre Wellington District High School in Fergus. Adults \$20, students \$7, children under 5 are free. All proceeds from this Syrian themed meal will be matched by the Canadian Government and sent to Red Cross in support of the emergency relief they are providing to the refugees. This is a Centre Wellington community collaboration featuring CWDHS students, Chef Jess and the Food School, Resa Lent of the Desert Rose Cafe, Nishin Nathwani – recent UNHCR worker, and Project Welcome.

This supper is sponsored by **Project Welcome**, 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. Please see the website <http://projectwelcome.strikingly.com/> to see how you can get involved in “reaching wider to share blessings with our neighbourhoods and beyond.”

**Project
Welcome**

The United Church's gift catalogue, **Gifts with Vision**, is here. Here's what the United Church has to say about the catalogue:



Alternative gift giving has become increasingly popular as people grow tired of receiving more and more "stuff" on special occasions like birthdays, Christmas, and anniversaries.

"People appreciate the thoughtfulness of a gift, but many would prefer to give rather than receive," says Cheryl Curtis, a staff person with the church's Philanthropy Unit. Curtis says she's heard of some families who stuff a *Gifts with Vision* catalogue in everyone's stocking on Christmas morning and each family member then gets to spend time deciding which gift they want to choose.

The booklet has ideas suitable for Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, graduation and more.

Looking Ahead

Today	6:30-8 pm	Gr 6-9 Youth at Fun Night at <i>The Door</i>
Mon	10:15 am	Scripture, Song and Faith
	1 pm	Quilters
	7:30	Bethany UCW
Tues	7 pm	Elora Mission & Service Boards
Wed	9:30 am	Remembrance Day ceremonies in Salem
	10:45 am	Remembrance Day ceremonies in Elora
Thurs	7 pm	Elora Adult Choir
	8:15 pm	Praise Team
Sat	5-7 pm	Bethany Ham Supper
next Sun	6:30-7:30 pm	Gr 3-5 Youth at Melville United
Sat Nov 21	9 am-1 pm	Elora UCW Craft and Bake Sale
Sat Nov 28		Elora Santa Claus Parade – Youth (Gr 6-9) collecting food with Food Bank then overnighter at Melville UC
Sun Nov 29	during worship	Faith At Home discussion for parents (during Children's Worship time)

In the Community

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.



Finding Home

After 10 months in Canada, Aden and Ishmey are already helping fellow refugees. “Let me know if someone comes from the refugee camp,” says Ishmey through an interpreter. She offers to cook them a meal and share about life in Canada.

Aden, Ishmey, and their children are adjusting well to their new lives, but it wasn't an easy road. After fleeing Somalia and spending 20 years in a Kenyan refugee camp, they settled in Hamilton, Ontario.

“It was hard in the beginning. I was scared to ride the elevator, cook with an oven, take the bus, and send my kids to school,” says Ishmey. But Wesley Urban Ministries, a United Church outreach ministry, helped by finding them an apartment, sharing life skills, accompanying them on medical appointments, and helping them practise taking the bus.

As Aden says proudly, “I now know how to use the oven and what to say to a bank teller.” Unlike his wife, he was not scared of the snow and cold weather—“This is nothing for me!”—reflecting on his more dangerous hardships.

Aden and Ishmey attend English classes and want their children to stay in school. There is sadness, however, when they remember Ishmey's family living in the refugee camp and dream of being reunited. For now, they find comfort in sharing meals and helping fellow refugees.

Wesley Urban Ministries in Hamilton Conference offers daily support, every step of the way, to 1,250 children, youth, adults, and seniors living in poverty. Our gifts for Mission and Service support this community ministry that loves and serves its neighbours. Please give generously for Mission and Service.

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

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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