

THE SUNDAY NEWS

November 15, 2015

Worship for a few weeks

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 second gathering is on **Monday, November 23rd** from 10:15 - 11:45 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! You missed the first session? No worries, it is not a pre-requisite for the next gathering! Come and join us! *Louise Elder*



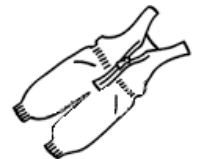
CW Food Bank Christmas Hampers. Elora-Bethany Pastoral Charge has been asked to contribute 60 containers of **pancake syrup**. All donations will be brought to the Food Bank after Sunday, December 6th. At press time, we had about 7 bottles of syrup collected.

☞ We are looking for a volunteer, from either Bethany or Elora, to bring the syrup to the Fergus Sportsplex on (likely) Wed Dec 9th. Please let the office know if you can help.

Sunday, Dec. 13 from 4 – 6 pm, 3 – 4 volunteers needed to help with **Food Drive outside Zehrs** in support of the Centre Wellington Food Bank. If you can help, contact Jackie at oh_4_fun@hotmail.com



The Food Bank is in desperate need of **clean winter coats, snow pants** and **winter boots** in all sizes. We **do not** need any hats, mitts or scarves. If you are able to help, please bring any items you may have to the Food Bank, any Tuesday or Thursday (9:30 – 4:00 pm) or Wednesday am or Wednesday



6-8 pm. Thanks for lending a helping hand, *Jackie*

→ Items brought to Elora United Church will be picked up and delivered to the Food Bank.



Women's Spiritual Potluck plans to meet **this Friday** November 20th at 7 pm at the home of Barb Smith-Young (846-252). 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 Elora United Church Women's annual **Bake and Craft Sale** will be this 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. Baking can be brought in either Friday evening or 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.

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.



Advent Count Down Candles are available for \$3. Barb will have them downstairs during fellowship time for the next few weeks. A wonderful daily practice to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world.

This is the time of year when Elora United sends some loving thoughts to the university students connected with our congregation. We will be sending **Cheer Boxes** to about 10 students at the beginning of December and you can help by donating light weight items that will fill a small shoebox (i.e., microwave popcorn, Cup-a-Soup, hot chocolate packages, tea, throat lozenges, gum, etc) . We could also use some small shoeboxes! There will be a donation box set up at the back of the church to collect items until November 29. Thanks for your help in letting our youth know we are thinking about them during an often stressful time of assignments and exams. Melanie Anderson (melrvanderson@hotmail.com)



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. Get tickets at the door.



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.”



Elora Board in brief ① Special Gifts Fund applications were reviewed. ② We’ll have a guest worship leader, on January 3rd, when Greg is away. ③ Receipts are down compared to 2014, at this time.

Elora UC Financial Summary to end of October

	Oct 2015	Year to Date	YTD 2014	2015 Plan	YTD Variance to Plan	YTD Variance to 2014
Envelope/PAR	\$ 8,503	\$ 98,563	\$ 99,489	\$ 106,242	\$ (7,680)	\$ (926)

At the end of October, we are 1% below 2014 and 7% below plan. Expenses are below plan by 0.5%.

The Elora Board has recommended these grants from the **Special Gifts Fund:**

- 1) \$1026 for Jocelyn Abraham to attend the Urbana Missions Conference, under Education.
- 2) \$613 for Project Welcome, under Community Outreach.
- 3) \$626 for United Church Syrian Appeal, under Projects of United Church of Canada.

More information is posted in the Welcome Centre. If you have any questions or concerns about these grants, please speak with Carole Kennedy, Greg Smith-Young or Judy McMullan before December 8.

Looking Ahead

Today	after worship	ECF rehearsal
	6:30-7:30 pm	Gr 3-5 Youth at Melville United
Mon	1 pm	Quilters
Tues	7:30 pm	Bethany Board
Thurs	1:30 pm	Elora UCW – <i>Program: Remembrance Day</i>
	7 pm	Elora Adult Choir
	8:15 pm	Praise Team
Fri	7 pm	Women’s Spiritual Potluck at Barb Smith-Young’s
Sat	9-1	Elora UCW Bake and Craft 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

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.

Moveable Feast Christmas Concert with Glen Soderholm Sat, Dec 5th, 7:30 pm at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 161 Norfolk St. Guelph. Tickets: \$20.
A fundraiser in support of Syrian Refugee Families

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