

THE SUNDAY NEWS

February 28, 2016



Elora's Finances and Property Congregational Meeting is today. We'll start with a build-your-own sandwich lunch. *Child care will be provided.*

Elora 2015 Tax Receipts: All tax receipts are available for pick up at the church today. After today, any tax receipts left will be mailed.



Pictorial Directory Photos had to be cancelled on Wednesday. The substitute day is now Wednesday, March 9th. IPC changed their system slightly and that has opened up **12 new appointment times on March 9th.** Did you miss your chance to be photographed? Would a time on March 9th work for you? Contact Judy McMullan at her home number 519-572-3833. Are you a snowbird? There will be one photo session in April, as well. Directories will likely be distributed in June.



Enjoy good entertainment and add to the EUC Window Fund. At the end of November (2016) and just before the Christmas rush, the cast of **'Tis the Season** will offer a heart-warming musical presentation that brings faith, fun and family all together on one stage. Mix music, rap and script with a Christmas tree that won't stay standing and kids that initiate a creative way to celebrate the season with the community. If you are interested in working on the team, contact Donna Mann via ddmann@bell.net, at coffee-time, etc.

Women's Spiritual Potluck plans to meet **this Friday** March 4th at 7 pm at the home of Carole Kennedy (519-831-5491). This is a special invitation for women of *all ages* to come and see what we are all about. For more info, talk to Barb Smith-Young or Judy McMullan.



Making a Scene in Scripture

Get into Bible stories in a new way. Imagine how a story can be "staged" during worship. Discover the drama. Uncover the characters. Find the humour. See new meanings. Share the joy. No acting or Bible experience necessary, at all! We'll be meeting this Lent season, on **Saturday mornings**. Next session is **Mar 5th**. We'll go from 10 am to noon. Join us in Elora UC's sanctuary. (Talk with Greg S-Y to find out more.)

*Song
of
Faith*

Exploring Our Faith Together is a new conversation group, meeting **every 2nd Wednesday** from **10am--noon** in **Elora United Church's Bissell Room**. Bring your beliefs and doubts, questions and wonders and let's talk about them together. No experience needed, except the experiences you bring. We'll be using the United Church's *A Song of Faith* as a springboard for our conversations. **Next date: March 9.** No need to register, just come as you can.

Try the 40 Day Lent Challenge Barb prepared a list of Lent practice options for the youth and has made copies available for others as well. See the table in the Fellowship Hall at Elora United for this resource. Also, on this table are resources to help your family learn about Lent and Easter. Please help yourself.

Wesley for Armchair Theologians

John Wesley ... started the Methodist church, but remained a loyal Anglican his entire life ... composed treasured hymns, though his brother Charles wrote better ones ... encouraged a spirituality of heart-warmed faith, small-group piety and social justice ... is a spiritual ancestor of both the United Church and the Pentecostalism.

Want to find out about this amazing church-builder, theological thinking and spiritual leader? **We'll be gathering the 1st Wednesday of every month, starting March 2.** We'll meet in Elora United Church's Bissell Room, 7-9 pm. Please register by speaking with Rev. Greg or emailing him at revgreg@bellnet.ca.

You'll need a copy of William Abraham's **Wesley for Armchair Theologians**, published by Westminster John Knox Press. You can get one at Roxanne's Reflections in Fergus. It's also available on Kindle.

Scripture, Song and Faith is a Bible Study group that meets every two weeks. We invite you to join us in the Bissell Room at Elora United Church at 10:15 am. Our theme is **LENT**. There is no prerequisite training/knowledge required and don't worry if you haven't come to other gatherings. We have great fellowship and discussion time as we browse through scriptures, sing songs associated with our theme and share faith ideas. You will be home in time for lunch! Please consider joining us. Any questions, please call Louise Elder at (519) 846-2643. **Next gatherings: Mar 7th and Mar 21st.**



Mark your calendars for **Kids Camp 2016** at Elora United Church, Tuesday, July 5 – Friday, July 8 (mornings). All children who have completed JK – Grade 5 are invited to join in this super fun week. Grade 6 and up can be leaders.

Looking Ahead

Today	after worship	Elora Finance and Property Congregational meeting
Mon	1 pm	Quilters
Wed	7 pm	Wesley Book Group
Thurs	1:30 pm	NW Cluster
	7 pm	Adult Choir
	8:15 pm	Praise Team
Fri	7 pm	Women's Spiritual Potluck at Carole Kennedy's
Sat	10-noon	Making a Scene in Scripture
next Sun	6:30-8 pm	Gr. 6-9 Youth at EUC

Tues Mar 8	7 pm	Elora Mission and Resources Boards
Wed Mar 9	2:30 – 8:30 pm	Photo Directory photo sessions at Elora
Sat Mar 19		Elora UCW's Shamrock Supper
Sun Mar 20	6:30 – 7:30 pm	Gr. 3 – 5 Youth at Melville United



Become Part of Project Welcome

We are a community-wide effort to support a refugee family from Syria so they have a smooth immigration experience into Canada. We want them to arrive in our country with the physical, emotional, social, and financial supports in place which they will need to successfully integrate and thrive in their new community.

Want to find out more?

- Speak with Bonnie Norris or Rev. Greg
- Check out our Facebook page, "ProjectWelcomeCW"
- Go to our website <http://www.ProjectWelcomeCW.ca>
- Email us at ProjectWelcomeCW@gmail.com



In anticipation of the arrival of refugee families in our community in the coming weeks we are appealing to the generosity of our congregations to help create a stock of cleaning and personal care items from which to supply the new arrivals. If you wish

to contribute, please check the list below and place items in the container(s) labelled **Project Welcome** (downstairs).



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| o Hand / Face soap - bar or liquid | o Dish detergent |
| o Shampoo / Conditioner | o Paper towels |
| o Moisturizing cream | o Dish washing brush / pot scrubber |
| o Toothpaste and Floss | o Windex |
| o Toothbrushes | o Garbage bags and pail |
| o Q-Tips | o Blue Box |
| o Facial Tissue | o Laundry detergent |
| o Toilet Tissue | o Vacuum Cleaner |
| o Bathroom Cleaning Supplies | o Broom / Mop / Dust Pan |
| o Garbage pail and toilet brush | o Cleaning Cloths |

In the Community

Events at Knox Presbyterian Church, Elora. Minister: Susan V. Clarke
Call 846-0680 Tues-Fri 9-12 am for more info.

Mondays 7 pm: Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays noon: Lenten Lunches on Mar 1, 8, 15, 22. Call 846-0680 to reserve

Wednesdays 7 am: Men's Breakfast

9-noon: Clothes Hamper open

Thursdays 10 am: Adult Bible Study

Mon Mar 21, 6 pm: Monday Nite Live! senior's dinner – call to reserve free tickets

Fri Mar 4, 6 pm: Community Dinner. Everyone welcome!



Bread Not Stones

The Bread Not Stones initiative to end child poverty in Canada is the UCW national project for 2015 and beyond. The project began in 2010 with Alberta and Northwest Conference UCW's Child Well-Being Initiative.

When the National UCW invited all UCWs across Canada to take up the call to end child poverty, the people of Wesley Knox and First St. Andrews in London, Ontario, were so inspired that the London Conference Bread Not Stones campaign was born under the leadership of Laurel Kenney and Linda Woods.

Laurel and Linda have since given talks and conducted many workshops at churches and events in southwestern Ontario. They have also aligned with numerous anti-poverty groups as they work continuously to raise awareness of and eliminate child poverty in their region.

As Laurel and Linda share, "We are following in the footsteps of the women out west as we approach all levels of government to actively advocate on behalf of our most vulnerable children. We can't think of a more urgent issue."

Bread Not Stones is also a Mission & Service-supported resource designed to encourage and enable communities of faith to pray, learn, and act to eradicate child poverty in their local region and across Canada. You can download a copy at www.united-church.ca.

We are thankful to UCWs across Canada who offer leadership for the call to end child poverty as well as support many programs in our communities and around the world through gifts for Mission & Service.

Please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith.

*Loving God, we are called to be your colours in the world, to walk with each other,
to share in love through our gifts for Mission & Service.
Guide us to shine brightly in the world. Amen*

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