

THE SUNDAY NEWS

March 6, 2016

Greg and Barb will be taking some vacation over the March Break.

If there is a pastoral emergency, please call the church office (519.846.0122)
The message will direct you to a minister who is providing coverage.

Due to a snow cancellation, there will be one more opportunity for Pictorial Directory Photos. The substitute day is Wednesday, March 9th.

IPC changed their system slightly and that has opened up **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.



Holy Week Services

March 20 Palm Sunday
Worship at Bethany (9:20am) and Elora (11:00am)

March 25 Good Friday
Worship at Knox Presbyterian (11:00am)

March 27 Easter Sunday
Sunrise Worship in Bissell Park (7:00am)
Worship at Bethany (9:20am) and Elora (11:00am)



Exploring Our Faith Together is a 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 dates: March 9, 23.** No need to register, just come as you can.

Project Welcome



Project Welcome has just sent in the application forms for our refugee family! Naheed and her two sons, Majd (now 20) and Faris (13) have been living in a refugee camp in Jordan, since 2012. They are from the city of Homs, which was the 3rd-largest city in Syria, about the size of Hamilton. It has been the scene of intense fighting throughout the civil war. Naheed's husband and her oldest son were both murdered by government-aligned forces in March 2012. Her daughter is married, and we hope she'll be coming to Canada soon with her husband's family (with another sponsor). Now that the paperwork is in, we're simply waiting for things to unfold. We are hopeful they can join us by the summer.

You can help by providing financial support or by donating items to help us furnish a home for a refugee family. Thanks to Jen Krul, we now have a household directory at ProjectWelcomeCW.ca → Donate → give a gift. Register your gift and you will then be contacted to arrange the details of delivery (or talk to Judy in the office to have your gift registered).

Project Welcome would like to thank the kind folks of Knox Presbyterian Church for their ongoing collection of personal care/hygiene items and those at Elora & Bethany United and St. John's for personal care and household cleaning products.

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.**



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**. [No session March 12th.] Next session is **Mar 19th**. We'll go from 10 am to noon. Join us in Elora UC's sanctuary. (Talk with Greg S-Y to find out more.)

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.

Looking Ahead

Today	after worship	ECF rehearsal
	6:30-8 pm	Gr. 6-9 Youth at EUC
Mon	10:15	Scripture, Song and Faith
	1 pm	Quilters
Tues	7 pm	Elora Mission & Resources Board
Wed	10 am	Exploring Our Faith Together
	2:30-8:30 pm	Photo Directory sessions at Elora
Thurs	7 pm	Adult Choir
	8:15 pm	Praise Team
next Sun		ECF rehearsal
Mon Mar 14	noon	Bethany UCW meets at Gorge Country Kitchen
Thurs Mar 17	1:30 pm	Elora UCW
Sat Mar 19	5-7 pm	Elora UCW's Shamrock Supper
Sun Mar 20	6:30 – 7:30 pm	Gr. 3 – 5 Youth at Melville United

In the Community

The **Centre Wellington Community Foundation** is accepting **mini-grant applications** from community groups until 1 April 2016. Mini-grants are up to \$1000 and this year's selection criteria will be based on the 2015 Vital Signs report: Gap between Rich and Poor; Belonging and Leadership; Arts & Culture. There will be an open information session on **Thursday March 10 from 7-8 pm** in the mezzanine at Fergus Sportsplex or see cwcfoundation.ca/granting and cwcfoundation.ca/vital-signs for more details.

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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