

THE SUNDAY NEWS

March 13, 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.

Elora UCW ♣ Shamrock Supper ♣ will be this Saturday March 19th from 5-7 pm! This is our famous Beef Stew and Ham buffet. Adults \$12 and children (under 12) \$3. Tickets available at the church office or at the door.



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)



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.

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 19th**. We'll go from 10 am to noon. Join us in Elora UC's sanctuary.

L&M grocery tapes Thank you to all who have collected and brought L&M grocery tapes in to the Elora UCW over the years. This program has now been discontinued. If you are collecting L&M stamps, please look for the Bethany UCW or Elora UCW stamp collection stations in the Elora L&M Food Market.

Why does Elora United store our **Voices United** hymn books “sideways” in the hymnal holders in the pews? It's because the tall hymn books stress the top bar of the wooden hymnal holders. They are sideways to help preserve the holders.



Looking Ahead

Today	after worship	ECF rehearsal
Mon	noon	Bethany UCW meets at Gorge Country Kitchen
	1 pm	Quilters
Thurs	1:30 pm	Elora UCW
	7 pm	Adult Choir
	8:15 pm	Praise Team
Sat	10 am	Making a Scene in Scripture (Sanctuary)
	5-7 pm	Elora UCW's Shamrock Supper
next Sun	6:30-7:30 pm	Gr. 3-5 Youth at Melville United

Mon Mar 21	10:15 am	Scripture, Song and Faith
Tues Mar 22	7:30 pm	Bethany Board
Sat Apr 16	6 pm	Potluck and Simple Worship at Susanne and Colin Thomson's house
Sun Apr 17	after worship	Acorns and Oaks Lunch (Youth Exploring Faith and those they invite)

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