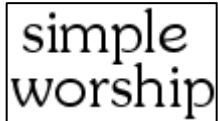


THE SUNDAY NEWS

April 10, 2016



Come join us for **Potluck and Simple Worship this coming Saturday, April 16** at the home of Susanne and Colin Thomson (86 Walser St, Elora). Potluck starts at 6 pm, Simple Worship starts at 7 pm. Come for a shared meal and worship or just come for worship. This small, informal worship time is perfect for those who enjoy reflection and discussion. A great opportunity to invite friends to a time of exploring faith in God in a welcoming, comfortable home. For more information connect with Barb or Greg.



Pictorial Directory One more date has been scheduled for families from Bethany and Elora who were not able to have their portrait taken. This will be Tuesday May 3rd in the afternoon and evening. If you missed out, please contact the office and schedule your sitting Photos for either congregation will be taken at Elora United. Directories will likely be distributed in June.



April 24th is **Camping Sunday** when we celebrate the ministries of United Church Camps. Many folks here at Elora United Church, children and adults, have been blessed by being part of summer camps. Here are a few websites of United Church Camps not too far away. **Silver Lake Camp**, near Kincardine, (silverlakecamp.ca) is where most children and youth from our congregation go. **Ryerson Camp**, near Port Dover, (ryersoncamp.com) is where Jocelyn Abraham directs Wilderness Camp (Jocelyn was a former youth here). **Camp Bimini**, near Stratford, (campbimini.ca). Connect with Barb (barb_sy@sympatico.ca) if you need more information.



Camp EDGE (Experience and Discover God Everywhere) is our **Kids Camp** theme for **July 2016**. Come join us for a super fun, morning day camp **Tuesday, July 5 – Friday, July 8**. All children who have completed JK – Grade 5 are invited to attend. Youth finishing Grade 6 and older are invited to be Leaders. We also need lots of adult leaders. Leadership Training will be on Monday, July 4. Registration forms for children and youth will be available at www.elorauc.org by June 1. If you want to know more or offer to volunteer, please connect with Barb (home # 519-846-2542, barb_sy@sympatico.ca)

Creativity Our God is a creative God. We are made in the image of God. We are creative too. Come celebrate the God-given creativity in you! **Friday, May 13 from 7 – 9 pm** at the home of Carole Kennedy (42 Gilkison St., Elora, 519-831-5491). This is an event for *everyone* (men and women of any age, youth, children). Bring your creativity resources with you. Perhaps you like to draw, or write, or colour, or knit or make music. Don't think you are creative? Come and enjoy the evening with others. We will have some group options to work on. (A note to Women's Spiritual Potluck – we will be joining in on this event). Questions? Talk with Judy McMullan or Barb Smith-Young or Carole Kennedy.

Community Dinner On the first Friday of most months, Knox Presbyterian Church is host to a Community Dinner, in cooperation with the CW Food Bank. The May dinner will be prepared & served by Elora United Church. **All are welcome!** Friday May 6th at 6 pm at Knox. (Volunteers still needed – speak to Barb.)

Looking Ahead

Today	after worship	ECF rehearsal
Mon	1 pm	Quilters
	7:30 pm	Bethany UCW
Tues	7 pm	Elora Mission and Resources Boards meet
Wed	10 am	Exploring Our Faith Together
Thurs	7 pm	Adult Choir
	8:15 pm	Praise Team
Sat	6 pm	Potluck dinner and/or at 7 pm Simple Worship
next Sun	after worship	Acorns and Oaks lunch (youth and those invited)
	6:30-7:30 pm	Grade 3-5 Youth at Melville United Church
Sun May 1		Gr 6-9 Youth group meets (location TBA)
Fri May 6	6 pm	Community Dinner by Elora United at Knox Presbyterian Church
Fri May 13	7-9 pm	Creativity evening

In the Community

Events at Knox Presbyterian Church, Elora.

Call 846-0680 Tues-Fri 9-12 am for more info.

Wednesdays 7 am: Men's Breakfast

9-noon: Knox Clothes Hamper

Thursdays 10 am: Adult Bible Study

Monday Night Live! (Senior's Dinner) April 18, 6 pm

Fri May 6, 6 pm: Community Dinner – everyone welcome!

Sat Apr 16, 11:30-1: Spring Fling Craft Sale Lunch – sandwiches, soups and dessert \$9 (8 yrs & under \$5). Bake Table. White Elephant Table. Silent Auction.

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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