

THE SUNDAY NEWS

April 24, 2016

The *'Tis the season* cast is invited to a "Meet & Greet" time to read through the play, today from 1 – 3 pm in the Sanctuary.



Sunday, May 29: Elora UC will be having a **congregational Mission & Leadership meeting**. This is a great opportunity to celebrate what God has been doing through us this past year, and look forward to the year ahead. We'll also be choosing some new people for our leadership team: at least 2 for our Mission Board and 2 for our Resources Board. The meeting will be after worship, starting with a light deli sandwich lunch. *Please have reports to the office by Thursday May 12.*



On **Sunday, May 15**, we'll be part of a **presbytery-wide pulpit exchange**. Ministers will swap leadership in their congregation. Rev. Mary Elliott will be coming to Bethany, and Rev. John Lawson to Elora. In return, Greg Smith-Young will be leading in their congregation, Three Willows UC in Guelph.

After each worship service, we'll have a **congregational meeting**. It will focus on the Joys and Concerns of, respectively, Bethany and Elora. This will give the presbytery's Mission, Health and Vitality Team a snapshot of our congregations. What can we tell about our life together?

Joys: In the past two years what has there been to celebrate in this congregation? (events, developments in worship, ongoing or new programs, study groups, music, achievements, milestones, innovations in government, creativity, growth in faith or in numbers)

Concerns: In the past two years what has there been that caused concern in your church? Were those resolved? Are you working on them? Can the Presbytery help in any way?

We hope this exchange will help the people of Waterloo Presbytery get to know each other better. Please come and be part of it.

Parents at Elora UC, please make sure you get a yellow handout today (or read it by email) – yellow page is on back pew. On May 1 and 8 the children of Children's Worship will be sharing the love of Jesus through serving others. On May 1 we will learning about Project Welcome and the Syrian family that we are planning to sponsor. The children are bringing in items for a school backpack for Faris (who is 13 years old). Please see the list and bring in those items by May 1. On May 8, the children will be helping to host snack time after worship. Please bring in cookies or squares on May 8 and help us celebrate Christian Family Sunday.



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. 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.

Today 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.



What are your kids, grandchildren, neighbours, nieces and nephews doing this summer? **Silver Lake United Church Camp** registration has begun! Silver Lake Camp offers programs for children ages 6 – 18. For more information visit www.silverlakecamp.ca

Silver Lake is looking for volunteers to help clean, wash, chop, repair, build..... Saturday May 28th from 9 am to 3 pm with a hot lunch at noon. Can't come to the work bee but would still like to help out? For service project inquiries, please contact Walter Grose: walter@huskyfarm.ca



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)



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.



Looking Ahead

Today	after worship	ECF rehearsal
	1-3 pm	'Tis the Season cast Meet & Greet in Sanctuary
Mon	1 pm	Quilters
	7:30 pm	Bethany Board
Thurs		~~ no choir or Praise Team practice today ~~
next Sun	6:30-8 pm	Gr 6-9 Youth meets at Elora UC
Fri May 6	6 pm	Community Dinner by Elora United at Knox Presbyterian Church
Sun May 8	after worship	Elora Children's Worship will be helping to host coffee and snack time
Fri May 13	7-9 pm	Creativity evening
Sun May 15	at worship	Pulpit Exchange followed by congregational health check
	5-6:30 pm	Gr 3-5 Youth at EUC (celebration dinner, youth and parents)
Sat May 28		Gr 6-9 Youth: Service/Outreach overnighter
Sun May 29	12:30 pm	Elora UC congregational Mission & Leadership meeting

In the Community

Centre Wellington Singers 20th Anniversary concert *Come Fly With Me* will be Sat Apr 30th at Elora United Church at 3 pm. Adults \$15 Child 12 & under \$5. Tickets available from choir members or Dave Dougherty 519-846-1049.

The Layawakes Patrick Anderson and Anna Paddock in concert for the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmothers Campaign. Music, appetizers, live auction of local art. Friday May 6th at the Elora Legion at 7 pm. Tickets \$30 available at Ashanti, Santé. [Some of you may know Patrick's sister, Melanie Anderson.]

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MINISTERS: All the Congregation

Ordained Minister: Greg Smith-Young

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Music Coordinator: Betty Weinstein

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



Heaven among the Stars, Trees, and Lakes!

Every summer, United Church kids pack their hockey or duffle bags, backpacks or suitcases for a week or two in the Canadian wilderness. United Church camps offer a place of faith and fun. Children, youth, and staff gather, giving thanks to God for the beauty of creation.

Many United Church camps offer camperships, where campers are able to attend at a reduced cost so that those who wouldn't normally be able to attend can have a wonderful experience in the Canadian wilderness.

Campers experience a community surrounded by God's creation. Many campers who have struggled at home and at school find their time at camp life-changing.

Mission & Service supports camping in the United Church through networking and camp accreditation, supporting and strengthening the camping experience for United Church kids across the country.

We are thankful for the generous gifts that make it possible for children to have an experience of faith and fun in the Canadian wilderness.

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*