

THE SUNDAY NEWS

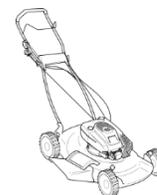
May 1, 2016

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!* This Friday, May 6th, at 6 pm at Knox.



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.*

Grass Cutters Needed at Elora UC No experience necessary. Equipment provided. You buy the gas and the church will reimburse you. Schedule will be set up - you would be required to cut the grass about 4-5 times during the season. If interested, please call Virginia 519. 846-0642 or email Burnsfraelora@hotmail.com



The theme in **Children's Worship** for May 1 and 8 is "sharing the love of Jesus through serving others". Today the children are learning about the family that Project Welcome is sponsoring and packing a backpack of school supplies for Faress. Next week, May 8, is Christian Family Sunday. To celebrate this and to serve our church family, the children are helping to host snack time after worship. Be sure to join us downstairs next week, after worship, for some yummy treats.



Pictorial Directory One more date has been scheduled for families from Bethany and Elora who were not able to have their portrait taken. Photos will be taken this Tuesday May 3rd in the afternoon and



evening. If you missed out, please contact Judy McMullan at 519-572-3833 right away and schedule your sitting. Photos for either congregation will be taken at Elora United. Directories will likely be distributed in June.



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.



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.



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. Registration Forms for children and youth are now available at Elora United Church or at

www.elorauc.org. For more information please connect with Barb (home # 519-846-2542, barb_sy@sympatico.ca)



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



Looking Ahead

Today	6:30-8 pm	Gr 6-9 Youth meet at Elora UC
Mon	1 pm	Quilters
Tues	1:30-8:35 pm	Pictorial Directory photos for Bethany and Elora will be taken at Elora UC
Wed	7 pm	<i>Wesley for Armchair Theologians</i> book group
Thurs	1:30 pm	NW Cluster Presbyterial meeting at Elora UC
	7 pm	Adult Choir rehearsal
	8:15	Praise Team
Fri	6 pm	Community Dinner by Elora United at Knox Presbyterian Church
next Sun	after worship	Elora Children's Worship will be helping to host coffee & snack time
Fri May 13	7-9 pm	Creativity evening
Sun May 15	at worship 5-6:30 pm	Pulpit Exchange followed by congregational health check Gr 3-5 Youth at EUC (celebration dinner, youth and parents)
Sat May 28		Gr 6-9 Youth: Service/Outreach overnighter
Sun May 29	7:30-9 am 12:30 pm	Bethany Men's Farmers Breakfast Elora UC congregational Mission & Leadership meeting

In the Community

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.]

Giant Garage & Bake Sale Melville United Church, Fergus on Friday, Saturday and Monday May 6, 7 & 9 from 8 am – 4 pm.



Farming Partnership

Smallhold farmers are some of the most important growers of food in Africa. According to some estimates, almost 80 percent of food for African families is supplied by smallhold farms. The health of those farms is therefore essential to solving chronic food insecurity in

Africa.

Mission & Service partner The National Council of Churches in Kenya, in collaboration with The United Church of Canada and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is undertaking a major initiative in Tharaka Nithi County in the upper eastern region of Kenya, working with Kenyan farmers to improve yields and practices using conservation agriculture.

Many of the households in these areas are headed by women who depend on farming for their livelihood. Poor yields have an immediate impact on daily life. There is no money for school fees. Families reduce food consumption at the same time that significant energy and labour on the farm are required. These farms are very vulnerable to climate change-related issues such as drought.

The project will focus on access to resources such as land, water, and drought-resistant seeds as well as training in farming techniques such as mulching to maximize the use of local resources. Preserving and harvesting water as well as small-scale irrigation will all help vulnerable households improve their farm yields and family nutrition.

We are thankful that our Mission & Service gifts are supporting farmers in Kenya as they work to feed their families and care for the land.

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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