

THE SUNDAY NEWS

May 15, 2016



Today we are part of a **presbytery-wide pulpit exchange**. Ministers swap leadership in their congregation. Rev. Mary Elliott is here at Bethany, and Rev. John Lawson in Elora.

After each worship service, we'll have a **congregational meeting**. This will give the presbytery 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 caused concern in your church? Were those resolved? Are you working on them? Can the Presbytery help?

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



Bethany Men's Farmers Breakfast: The breakfast that satisfies! Pancakes and eggs, sausage, toast, coffee... Sunday May 29th from 7:30 - 9 am at Bethany United Church. (from Elora, take County Road 7 SE towards Ariss but turn right at Sideroad 10). Free will offering. Proceeds this year will go to the Red Cross to aid those in Fort McMurray. For more info, call Gary Hall 519-846-0238

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, 2 for our Resources Board and 1 Trustee. The meeting will be after worship. We'll stay in the Sanctuary and have a break for coffee and snack then continue on with our meeting.

Reports for the Elora Mission & Leadership meeting are now due today. Full reports will be distributed next week. Here's an opportunity to tell about how your group is sharing in the mission of our congregation!



Special Gifts

The Elora Council will be considering grants from our **Special Gifts Fund** at its meeting on June 14. It invites proposals under the following areas: Education (\$335 available), Community Outreach (\$335), and Projects of the United Church of Canada (\$335). Copies of the fund policy and application forms are available at the back of the sanctuary, as well as from the church office.

Elora's fundraising **Octoberfest Dinner and Raffle** will be Sat Sept 17 We will need volunteers for the dinner, for dessert and to help with the raffle. Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Centre. *We look forward to your generous help.*



Time in the great outdoors at Elora UC!

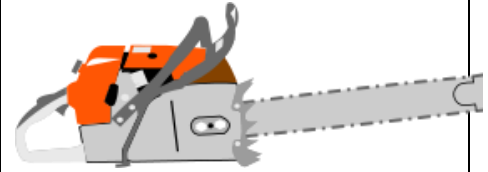


Grass Cutters Needed No experience necessary. You would be required to cut the grass about 4-5 times during the season. *Thus far, we have had zero people reply to this appeal.* Remember – this could also be part of your high school community service hours.



Yard and Garden

Elora UC is also in need of a group, a family or a team to take on some gardening and other yard work. Consider volunteering one day or a couple of times over the whole summer.



Tree Cutting

There are 2 trees that need to be removed. This would be very expensive so we are hoping the expertise can come from within the congregation.

If you can help, please, please, please call Virginia 519. 846-0642 or email Burnsfraeelora@hotmail.com



Elora UC **Financial Summary** to end of April

	Apr 2016	Year to Date	YTD 2015	2016 Plan	YTD Variance to Plan	YTD Variance to 2015
Envelope/PAR	\$ 9,606	\$ 35,254	\$ 44,214	\$ 42,628	\$ (7,374)	\$ (8,960)

Project Welcome Update

- The Al Housarya family -- Nahed, Majd and Faris -- have successfully completed their interview with Canadian immigration officials. They still need to go through some screening. We are hoping they will arrive in the next few months.
- We had a very successful team meeting on Tuesday. Our guest, Dr. Lamees Al Ethari from the University of Waterloo, who is an immigrant from Iraq, answered questions about Arab culture and what we might expect when our family arrives.
- We also heard letters from the Al Housarya family. They were deeply moving and hopeful.
- We have secured an apartment for them in Fergus.
- A large donation has put us close to our fundraising goal. We are still raising funds to support all the refugee families moving to our community. You can donate through Elora or Bethany UCs. Make any cheques payable to the church, and indicate "Project Welcome" in the memo line.
- Please go to www.ProjectWelcomeCW.ca to find out more.

Fort McMurray Wildfires The simplest way to donate is to send your gift directly to the United Church of Canada either online www.united-church.ca/fort-mcmurray or with a cheque payable to the United Church of Canada. Please note "Fort McMurray Wildfire Relief" on the front of the cheque. Send it to:

The United Church of Canada
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 300
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

As well, we know of a family who have fled Fort Mac and are staying with relatives in our community. They need these items: Toiletries for both female and male (and little ones!); Women's clothing (large shirts, 31" pants, sweaters, pjs, etc.); Men's clothing (34/30 pants, large tops, sweaters, pjs, etc.); Clothing for boys children sizes 6/7 and 5/6 (pants, sweaters, shirts, socks, etc.); toys of any kind suitable for children under 5 years old; gift cards or donations for groceries. If you can help, please contact the church office.



Camp EDGE Summer Kids Camp 2016 is **Tuesday, July 5 – Friday, July 8** in the mornings. Please see the display in the Welcome Centre at Elora United or www.elorauc.org for registrations forms. There are **lots of ways for adults to be a part of this ministry**. Please speak with Barb (home # 519-846-2542, barb_sy@sympatico.ca). Please consider supporting this wonderful outreach ministry by **giving a donation** into the pink sand pail on the table in the Welcome Centre or designating *Kids Camp* on a cheque. Thank you.

Craft Supplies for Camp Edge Needed are: craft sticks (popsicle stick size); small boxes (6" x 6" or smaller) we'll be using the boxes without lids or with the lids cut off; tacky glue; craft wire in gold, silver, brass colours (20 or 24 gauge); star-shaped cookie cutters (we can hopefully return those to you); glitter glue or shiny tape; white cloth for 20" x 20" bandannas – large scraps are suitable; magazines with colourful pictures; fabric pens; about 20 large marbles; large box lids such as those on a box of computer paper or a clean pizza box; acrylic paint; small wooden beads (the size of pony beads); hemp or similar cording for knotted bracelets; colourful yarn – variegated is best. Please leave supplies in the designated bins downstairs.



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





Worship and Picnic Our annual Bethany-Elora picnic will be **June 5th** at the home of Judy McMullan & Randall Howard. We'll start with worship at 11 am and share a potluck lunch. Beverages will be provided. There will be games and our annual **Pie Baking Contest**.



Bake your best pie and bring it in to be judged. All pies will be auctioned after winners are announced and all money raised will go to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada.

Looking Ahead

Today		Pulpit exchange followed by congregational meetings
	5-6:30 pm	Gr 3-5 Youth at EUC
Mon	1 pm	Quilters
Tues	7:30 pm	Bethany Board
Thurs	1:30 pm	Elora UCW
		No choir or Praise Team rehearsal this week
Sat May 28		Gr 6-9 Youth: Service/Outreach overnighter
Sun May 29	7:30-9 am	Bethany Men's Farmers Breakfast
	12:30 pm	Elora UC congregational Mission & Leadership meeting
Sun Jun 5	11 am	Bethany-Elora joint outdoor worship and picnic
Sun Jun 12	11 am	We're Celebrating the United Church's 91st Anniversary: Special Service at Melville United Church

In the Community

ARTHUR UNITED CHURCH WOMEN YARD/RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE
 Friday, May 27th from 10 am to 8 pm and Saturday, May 28th from 8 am to noon.
 Good used clothing, household items, some furniture and lots of children's treasures. We also have a bake table with delicious home-made baking, pies, tarts, cookies, loaves and much more.

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Minister for Children and Youth: Barb Smith-Young

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