

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

May 22, 2016



**Bethany Men's Farmers Breakfast:** The breakfast that satisfies! Pancakes and eggs, sausage, toast, coffee... **next Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>** 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. For identifiable donations in excess of \$20, Bethany has made arrangements with The Canadian Red Cross to issue tax receipts. The preference is for cheques made payable to **The Canadian Red Cross** earmarked Fort McMurray aid. Cash donations will also be accepted but cheques are preferred. This way, the Bethany Men are able to maximize the Fort Mac fundraiser, because the Federal Government will match individual donations made to The Red Cross for the month of May. Let's help our fellow Canadian families in their time of great upheaval and uncertainty. For more info, call Gary Hall 519-846-0238

**Next 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. Child care and snack will be provided for children downstairs. **Pick up your report today.**

## 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.

An exciting EUC **Oktoberfest fund-raising Dinner and Raffle** event is planned for the community on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the Elora Community Centre. We are counting on the generosity and help of our church family and friends. *The goal is to have volunteers for the dinner and raffle signed up before the end of June.*



Please help reach this goal by signing up in the Welcome centre to help with dinner, desserts or the Raffle. Danke schön!



**Worship and Picnic** Our annual Bethany-Elora picnic will be **June 5<sup>th</sup>** at the home of Judy McMullan & Randall Howard, 7107 Middlebrook Road (from David Street in Elora, go across County Road 7 and you will be on Middlebrook). It's about a 10 minute drive from Elora United. From Bethany, make your way to the Eighth Line, turn right and turn left when you get to Middlebrook Road.

- \* We'll start with worship at 11 am and share a potluck lunch.
- \* 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.
- \* Swimming pool *might* be ready.
- \* Bring: lawn chairs or blankets, sun screen, hats, swimsuits (if you wish)  
Food to share for the potluck picnic, plates, cutlery, cups (drinks provided)  
A pie for the pie contest (if you wish) or money if you wish to bid
- \* If it rains, we'll celebrate at Elora United Church – phone the church to confirm.



### 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. 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](http://www.ProjectWelcomeCW.ca) to find out more.



**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](http://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](mailto: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 (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.



## 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. 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.

If you can help, please, please, please call Virginia 519. 846-0642 or email [Burnsfraeelora@hotmail.com](mailto:Burnsfraeelora@hotmail.com)

## Looking Ahead

<b>Mon</b>	1 pm	Quilters
<b>Wed</b>	10 am	Exploring Our Faith Together
<b>Thurs</b>	7 pm	Elora Adult choir
	8:15 pm	Praise Team
<b>Sat</b>		Gr 6-9 Youth Service/Outreach overnighter at Melville
<b>next Sun</b>	7:30-9 am	Bethany Men's Farmers Breakfast
	after worship	Elora UC Mission and Leadership Congregational meeting
<b>Sun Jun 5</b>	11 am	Bethany-Elora joint outdoor worship and picnic
<b>Sun Jun 12</b>	11 am	<b>We're Celebrating the United Church's 91st Anniversary: Special Service at Melville United Church</b>

## 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.



## **Mino-o-dapin Means Welcome: Alderville First Nation**

In southcentral Ontario, on the south side of Rice Lake, approximately 30 km north of Cobourg in a valley, you will find the beautiful Alderville First Nations Community.



Through support from Mission & Service, Alderville First Nation is a thriving, Spirit-filled community that is rich in heritage and Native culture. Visitors are able to interact with the community at the Annual Pow-wow and at Drum Socials.

The little white church that was originally Methodist is still a thriving part of the community. Alderville United Church has produced many ministers over the years to offer a place of spiritual reflection for Alderville.

We are thankful to those who give for Mission & Service that allow communities like Alderville to continue to thrive!

Please join 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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**Minister for Children and Youth:** Barb Smith-Young  
**Music Coordinator:** Betty Weinstein

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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