

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

June 26, 2016



**Bethany Foodgrains Project:** Thanks to everyone who came to the field dedication on Wednesday. Our special appreciation for Jean Goodwin for hosting a great strawberry and ice cream dessert afterwards, everyone who helped out, and the Inverhaugh Foodgrains Project team. A special treat was having Dave Epp join us. Dave is the Ontario Regional Director for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB). The United Church of Canada is a longtime partner with other churches in making the CFGB such a success.

This year, the CFGB has launched the **“Good Soil” campaign**. The campaign calls on the Canadian government to specifically increase aid for small-scale agriculture. Small-scale farmers feed more than 70% of the world’s population! With investment, they can strengthen their ability to grow more nutritious food, while adjusting to the impact of climate change. The United Church is asking for more support for farmers who want to adapt “agroecological” approaches to farming. Agroecology is an integrated approach to food production that uses – and creates – social, cultural, economic and environmental knowledge to promote local control over food, social justice, economic sustainability, and healthy ecosystems. **The Good Soil campaign depends on you!** To find out more, please visit: <http://foodgrainsbank.ca/campaigns/good-soil/>, or ask for more information in the church office.

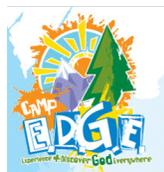


## Summer Worship

Bethany UC will be having regular worship services through the summer, except for three Sundays when it will be closed.

Elora UC will be sharing worship with Knox Presbyterian Church. Our ministers, Greg Smith-Young and Susan Clarke, will be sharing in worship leadership.

	<u>Bethany UC (9:20 am)</u>	<u>Elora UC/Knox Presbyterian (11:00 am)</u>
July 3	Regular worship	Elora UC Hosting
July 10	Regular worship	Elora UC Hosting
July 17	Regular worship	Elora UC Hosting
July 24	No worship at Bethany	Elora UC Hosting
July 31	No worship at Bethany	Elora UC Hosting
August 7	No worship at Bethany	Knox Presbyterian Hosting
August 14	Regular worship	Knox Presbyterian Hosting
August 21	Regular worship	Knox Presbyterian Hosting
August 28	Regular worship	Knox Presbyterian Hosting



**Camp EDGE** Summer Kids Camp 2016 is only 1 week away! Leader Development Day is Monday, July 4. The children come **Tues July 5–Fri July 8** in the mornings. *There is still time to sign up. Please pray* for all our leaders and all the children. **Please join us Friday July 8 at 11:40** for our re-cap of the week with photo slideshow and songs. For more info contact Barb (home # 519-846-2542, [barb\\_sy@sympatico.ca](mailto:barb_sy@sympatico.ca)).



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!



**Craft Supplies for Camp Edge** Needed are: craft sticks (popsicle stick size); tacky glue; craft wire (20 or 24 gauge); a few more star-shaped cookie cutters (we can hopefully return those to you); glitter glue or shiny tape; more 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 (to be used as trays); 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. *Thanks to those who have already made donations!*



## Looking Ahead

**Mon** 1 pm Quilters

**Mon Jul 4** Kids' Camp Leader Development Day  
**Tues Jul 5-Fri Jul 8** 9-noon Kids' Camp!  
**Wed Jul 6** 7 pm *Wesley For Armchair Theologians* book group  
**Tues Jul 12** 7 pm Elora Mission & Resources Board



### Whole Life Ministry

The community gathers, and music fills the air. Slipping effortlessly between Anishinaabemowin and English, the gathered congregation sings their favourite hymns to piano and guitar. Christian Island United Church serves the Ojibwe, Potawatomie, and Odawa people of Beausoleil First Nation located on beautiful Georgian Bay.

The Sunday morning congregation is tiny, but the pastoral care needs of the community are never-ending. This is a place where the United Church tries to live out in practical ways our apology to First Nations.

The United Church, and its predecessor the Methodist Church, have had a presence in this community for approximately 175 years. The early missionaries were both teachers and ministers. The United Church ran the Protestant school on the reserve, with the minister acting as the principal and the pastor. The band took over the responsibility for education in the early 1970s, amalgamating the United Church and Roman Catholic schools. For the first time, the pastor was freed for full-time ministry.

Fully funded by Mission & Service, this ministry is broader than just care for the families that identify as United Church. This ministry reaches out to the entire First Nation, offering spiritual care, counselling, and religious services where needed.

Thanks to our contributions for Mission & Service, together we can offer the gift of God's presence in tangible, everyday ways.

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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**MINISTERS:** All the Congregation  
**Ordained Minister:** Greg Smith-Young  
**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