

THE SUNDAY NEWS

September 18, 2016

Elora UC: Welcome Children, Youth and Parents!

Welcome to Children's Worship and Youth Exploring Faith. At Elora United Church we strive to "share God's passionate love" with everyone from the youngest to the oldest. We start with family worship upstairs and then children (including toddlers) and youth will gather downstairs for more worship, fun and learning. Parents are always welcome to join us, but are not required, as we have a wonderful team of volunteers Leaders.

Good news for young families

Elora UC has hired Emily Weaver and Melanie Weinstein to provide child care for children 3 and under during Children Worship every Sunday morning. There is no cost to families and we hope this will let Dad's and Moms enjoy the opportunity to worship God with us. You can find Emily or Melanie at the back of the sanctuary before the worship service begins. Just let them know that you would like your child to go downstairs after the "especially for children" time in worship and they will be ready to provide them with a safe and engaging time. This ministry is being funded by a generous gift from an estate bequest from Vera Goodwin to the congregation. We know Vera's generosity is going to be a wonderful gift to our many young families.

Tonight! Campfire and Games for Grade 3 – 6 Youth from 6 – 7:30 pm at Elizabeth Leno's home (Lisa Miller and Paul Leno - 130 Chalmers St.) Rain plan – meet at Elora United Church.

2016/2017 is going to be a busy year for our Gr 7 – High School Youth of "reaching wider to share our blessings with our neighbourhoods and beyond."

Our 4th Toronto Team of youth and parents will be forming soon and spending the year (and 4 days in Toronto) learning about poverty and social justice issues and how God is calling us to serve.

Toronto Team Information Meeting for Youth and Parents – Sunday, September 25 at 12:30.

We also have 2 youth from Elora United Church accepted to the Waterloo Presbytery learning and service opportunity called "**Two Countries One World (TCOW)**". Melanie Weinstein and Arden Irish will be meeting with their team throughout the year, learning about social justice issues and preparing for their time in Columbia in March 2017.

Shantytown Fundraising BBQ, Friday, September 23 at 6:30 pm at the campground area behind the Sportsplex in Fergus. Come support The Door Youth Centre. Shantytown is an annual event where participants raise money for The Door and raise awareness about local poverty and homelessness. Participants sleep in cardboard boxes for the night. The BBQ is open for everyone in the community to come to. Please bring a donation for supper.

Please pray for all the children, youth, parents and leaders as we "grow deeper as followers of Jesus."

Connect with Barb for more details (barb_sy@sympatico.ca)



"Tis the Season play is looking for volunteers to help with sets, ticket sales, advertising, lights and sound. Some folks have shown interest. We need a few more to make the load lighter. Thanks to all those teaming up to make this a great production. (Show dates: November 18-19)

Staff Appreciation Sunday (Elora UC)

We are hoping that the congregations of Elora and Bethany can join us today in the Elora Fellowship Hall after worship. We'll be formally welcoming Beverly, celebrating with Judy McMullan her retirement, saying thank-you to all our staff and sharing cake.

The Book Discussion Group will meet Sunday, September 25th at 7:00 PM in the home of Connie and Dean Percy. We will discuss chapters 1-5 of "Convictions How I Learned What Matters Most" By Markus J. Borg. If you are interested in participating, speak to Menai Wardle or John Markvart.

Looking Ahead

Thu	7:00pm	Elora UC Adult Choir practices
Tue Sep 20	7:30pm	Bethany Board
Thu Sep 22	7:00pm	Elora UC Praise Team begins practices
Sun Sep 25	12:30pm	Elora UC Exploding Church Fury begins practices
Sun Oct 2	6:30 – 8pm	Grade 7 through high school Youth Group (at Melville United Church)
Fri Oct 7	6:00pm	Community Dinner at Knox Presbyterian (free dinner first Friday of every month)
Sat Oct 8	1:00-4:00pm	Come and Go Tea for Eleanor and Eoin Hall's Anniversary
Fri Oct 14	7:00pm	Women's Spiritual Potluck at Judy McMullan's apartment

In the Community

The Centre Wellington Foodbank eases hunger in our community by providing food and other resources in compassionate and supportive environment.



The Foodbank's most-needed items right now:

Juice . Juice Boxes . Canned Meat . Canned Salmon . Rice/Pasta Side Dishes
Cereal . Crackers . Granola Bars [Peanut Free] . Fruit & Pudding Cups
Canned Fruit . Shampoo . Conditioner . Laundry Liquid . Dishwashing Liquid

100 Thousand Poets for Change | September 24

An international celebration by poets, musicians and other artists, sharing together to promote positive change in our world.

The Elora Poetry Centre
7324 Wellington County Road 21
(Just west of the park)
elorapoetrycentre.ca

Featuring:
Peter Scott
Morvern McNie
Greg Smith-Young