

THE SUNDAY NEWS

September 25, 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.

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 – Today at 12:30 in the Bissell Room.

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.

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)

Barb will be away next weekend on a study leave. She, along with Laura Alessio and Amy Weaver, will be at a training event for leaders that will help prepare them to lead our Toronto Team.



"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)

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.



Come and Celebrate Eleanor and Eoin Hall's 10th Anniversary!

A Come and Go Tea will be held October 8th from 1:00 to 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Soup Lunch Oct 2nd after Service. A Chance for Touchstone Clusters to get together and chat.

Choir and Praise Team rehearsals have started! If you would like to be a part of either music group, talk to Betty after church. Open to all and minimal singing experience necessary. Try it out on any Thursday evening – have some fellowship and fun with some great people ☺

Looking Ahead

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| Mon | 1:00pm | Quilters |
| Thu | 7:00pm | Elora UC Adult Choir practice |
| Sun | 2:00pm | Tis the Season play practice |
| Sun | 7:00pm | Book Discussion Group at the home of Connie & Dean Percy |
| Sun Oct 2 | 12:15pm | Soup Lunch after Service for the Touchstone groups |
| Sun Oct 2 | 2:00pm | Tis the Season play practice |
| Sun Oct 2 | 6:30 – 8pm | Grade 7 through high school Youth Group (at Melville United Church) |
| Wed Oct 5 | 7:00pm | <i>Wesley for Armchair Theologians Book Group</i> |
| 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 |
| Tue Oct 11 | 7:00pm | Resources Board Meeting |
| Wed Oct 12 | 7:00pm | Mission Board Meeting |
| Fri Oct 14 | 7:00pm | Women's Spiritual Potluck at Judy McMullan's apartment |
| Sat Oct 15 | 1:30pm | Tis the Season play practice |
| Sun Oct 16 | 1:00pm | Tis the Season play practice |
| Sun Oct 16 | 6:30-7:30pm | Grade 3-6 Youth Group (at Melville United Church) |

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