

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

October 2, 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.

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](mailto:barb_sy@sympatico.ca))

**Barb** is away this weekend on a study leave. She, along with Laura Alessio and Amy Weaver, are 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)



**Come and Celebrate Eleanor and Eoin Hall’s 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

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



**Touchstones is Building our Community by Being in Touch**

Today is the first opportunity for people who committed to this initiative to sit together and chat over a soup lunch. Each person will receive a list of contacts and a brief “How-To” sheet. We are expecting it to be a warm and easy task for you to be in touch every couple of months. The sharing of stories will have many unexpected benefits. No one left behind is our goal. **Come, eat, share.**

**Newcomers are welcome. Just call Arlene at 226-370-0388 or Bonnie at 519-846-6633.**

**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 ☺

**Soup Lunch October 23<sup>rd</sup>** hosted by **“Two Countries one World” (TCOW)** participants Arden Irish and Melanie Weinstein and their families. Delicious soups and tasty sandwiches will be served after worship in the Fellowship Hall for a donation to help raise money for their trip to Colombia in March.

# Called to Be EloraUC

*How can we equip Elora United Church with what it needs, so together we can serve God, one another and our community?*

A conversation about stewardship, **Called to Be EloraUC** is an opportunity for us to reflect and pray together. Please be part of this.

## **Worship Themes (Elora United Church)**

October 9	Living Thankfully: The Life of a Steward
October 16	Living God's Mission in our Local Neighbourhoods
October 23	<i>Celebrating Elora UC's 181st Anniversary</i>
October 30	<i>All-Saints Memorial Service</i>
November 6	Living God's Mission within the United Church of Canada
November 13	Living Our Response to God's Mission
November 20	Living Our Gratitude for God's Mission

Miss a week? Materials from the service will be posted on our website soon afterwards. Please have a look. ([elorauc.org/worship/sermons](http://elorauc.org/worship/sermons))

## Looking Ahead

Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Thu	7:00pm	Elora UC Adult Choir practice
Thu	8:15pm	Elora UC Praise Team practice
Sun	12:15pm	Touchstone Soup Lunch after Service
Sun	2:00pm	Tis the Season play practice
Sun	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)
Sun Oct 23	12:15pm	Soup and Sandwich Lunch for "Two Countries one World" (TCOW) participants

## 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