

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

October 9, 2016

**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 ☺

Inviting women of all ages to join us for **Women's Spiritual Potluck on Friday, Oct. 14 at 7 pm.** We will be gathering at Judy McMullan's at the Station Square apartments (Church and North Queen St.), apt. # 301 in Elora. This is not a food potluck, it is a spiritual potluck. Women are invited to bring something spiritual (eg. a song, a scripture verse, a story, some way God is working in your life) to share. You do not need to bring anything, however. Just come and enjoy good company, a cup of tea, and let God nourish you. We meet about once a month, but there is no commitment needed. For more information contact Barb (519-846-2542) or Judy (519-572-3833).



**Soup Lunch October 23<sup>rd</sup>** hosted by “**Two Countries One World**” (TCOW) participants Arden Irish and Melanie Weinstein and their families. “Two Countries One World” (TCOW) is a Waterloo Presbytery learning and service opportunity. Arden and Melanie will be learning about social justice issues and then travelling to Columbia in March 2017. 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.



## **TOUCHSTONES: “The yoke is easy and the burden is light”**

We are still building as we continue to contact people with an invitation to be part of a cluster of 4-6 people in differing life stages and suggest easy ways of being in touch bi-monthly. We are building community by being in touch. Eight clusters attended last Sunday. **Our goal is “No one left behind.”**

Call us with questions and comments: Arlene 226-370-0388, Bonnie 519-846-6633  
**We are with you all the way!**

**On Thursday 27th October at 6:30 St. John's the Evangelist Church Elora** will be holding a special Evening Prayer service (Evensong) in support of refugee activities in Centre Wellington. The service will feature the Parish Choir of St John's with music specially selected for the service and a **short homily from Rev. Greg Smith-Young, Minister at Elora United Church.**

Elora United is one of the local churches sponsoring a refugee family. Rev. Smith-Young and his congregation were early leaders in sponsorship activities in Centre Wellington.

There will be a free will offering with all donations going to refugee families in our community. This is an open invitation to all members of the community who want to support our refugee families and celebrate our broader family in the ancient and beautiful service of evensong.



**“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)**

# 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	Called to Be Thankful: The Life of a Steward
October 16	Called to Be EloraUC in our Local Neighbourhoods
October 23	<i>Celebrating EloraUC's 181st Anniversary</i>
October 30	<i>All-Saints Memorial Service</i>
November 6	Called to Be EloraUC in the United Church of Canada
November 13	Called to Respond
November 20	Called to Celebrate

Miss a week? Materials from the service will be posted on our website soon afterwards. Please have a look at [elorauc.org](http://elorauc.org) and click on the *Called to Be EloraUC* logo.

## Looking Ahead

Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Tue	7:00pm	Resources Board Meeting
Wed	7:00pm	Mission Board Meeting
Thu	7:00pm	Elora UC Adult Choir practice
Thu	8:15pm	Elora UC Praise Team practice
Fri	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)
Thu Oct 20	1:30pm	Elora UCW
Sat Oct 22	2:30pm	Tis the Season play practice
Sun Oct 23	12:15pm	Soup and Sandwich Lunch hosted by "Two Countries One World" (TCOW) participants
Sun Oct 23	1:00pm	Tis the Season play practice
Thu Oct 27	6:30pm	Evening Prayer Service at St. John's the Evangelist
Sat Nov 12		Bethany Fall Supper

## In the Community

**Visit from the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, October 16, 2016** at 10:00am at **Barrie Hill United Church** (5702 Wellington Rd 29, Rockwood). Service will be followed by a "meet and greet" lunch. **PLEASE RSVP** to 519-763-0299 or [eramosapc@gmail.com](mailto:eramosapc@gmail.com)

You are invited to a **special birthday party**...A FREE "Grand Re-Opening" Celebration! **Our pipe organ is 50 years old**...And it's had some work done to mark the occasion! Join **Organist Christopher Dawes** for a tour of the reborn "King of Instruments!" **Sunday, October 23, 2016 @ 3:00 PM** Knox Presbyterian Church 20 Quebec Street (@ Baker), Guelph

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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 Beverly Bond is in the office Thurs & Fri 9 to 3 from Sept to June