

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

October 16, 2016



The Elora UCW will meet **Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm** at Elora United Church with special guest speaker **Donna Mann**.



**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!**



**“Tis the Season: November 18th, 7:00 pm - November 19th, 2:00pm**

Picture this: a foster family with creative kids; a Christmas tree that won't stay standing; and a community with people in need. Put this together, you have a humorous musical, rap, & script, contemporary production. All proceeds to the Church Window Fund (Fellowship Room and Stained Glass).  
**Freewill offering.**

**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 ☺

**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.

# 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

Sun	1:00pm	Tis the Season practice – Full Cast
Sun	6:30-7:30pm	Grade 3-6 Youth Group (at Melville United Church)
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Thu	7:00pm	Elora UC Adult Choir practice
Thu	8:15pm	Elora UC Praise Team practice
Thu Oct 20	1:30pm	Elora UCW with guest speaker Donna Mann
Sat Oct 22	1:30pm	Tis the Season practice - Youth – (Act 2 – Fellowship Hall) earlier if needed
Sat Oct 22	2:30pm	Tis the Season practice – Full Cast - Chancel
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 practice – Full Cast - Chancel
Thu Oct 27	6:30pm	Evening Prayer Service at St. John’s the Evangelist
Sat Oct 29	1:30pm	Tis the Season play practice – Full Cast - Chancel
Sun Oct 30	12:30-2:00pm	Toronto Team Meeting for participants
Sun Nov 6	6:30-9:30pm	Grade 7-High School Youth Group at Exitus Escape Rooms
Mon Nov 7		Bethany UCW
Sat Nov 12		Bethany Fall Supper

## In the Community



**Fall Festival, Sat. Oct. 22, 10am - 3pm, Melville United Church.** Tower and St. Andrews, Fergus. Lunch and take outs all day (pulled pork, soups, chili, hot dogs and desserts). Crafts, baking, silent auction, Christmas Corner, frozen meat pies, soup in a jar, books, attic treasures. Lots of vendors. 519-787-0570

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