

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

October 23, 2016



**Today! Delicious Soups, Chili and Buns, and Macaroni and Cheese will be served after worship** 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: BUILDING COMMUNITY BY BEING IN TOUCH**

Great news! Almost exactly one month after introducing Touchstones we have completed our tenth cluster of willing participants, and still building! Thank you to all for your commitment. It goes without saying that we are blessed with connection to each other. This prayer excerpt seems to express the feeling. Thanks to Dorothy Hemmingway for offering this prayer.

### **THANK YOU FOR EACH OTHER.**

O God of Life who has created us with hearts capable of love,  
May your people cherish each other as gifts from You.  
May we encourage each other, believe in each other, rejoice with each other  
And wipe the tears from each other's eyes.  
May we believe in miracles,  
May we dare to dream dreams  
May we find rainbows in our paths.  
O God of Love, hold us all our days.  
In Jesus' name, we ask this blessing.



**“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.**



**This 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.

**Belonging Together** Are you part of Elora UC, but have never formally become a member? This is a great opportunity to learn what membership means. We'll be celebrating each of our stories, learning some of the stories of Elora UC and the United Church of Canada, and seeing how these stories might fit together. *This is an exploration time. Coming does not commit you to anything.* **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, After worship (1:00-2:30). Please bring your lunch.**

Faith Lutheran Church has invited Jessica Hutchison, **Advanced Care Planning** Community Engagement Lead, to help us to start those difficult conversations and decision making with our loved-ones and families most of us hesitate to bring up. She will talk to us about planning ahead, she will help us to understand what is a substitute decision maker, and what we need to understand about a power of attorney for personal care and property! She will encourage us to speak with our loved ones about our wishes, values and beliefs while we can! All are welcome! You are invited to join us on **Thursday November 3rd 7pm at Faith Lutheran Church** (290 Belsyde Ave East, Fergus). If possible, let us know prior to Sun Oct 30th, so that Jessica will know to bring enough handouts!



**Bethany Ham Supper** is Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> with continuous seatings from 5 pm to 7 pm. Adults \$15, Children (5-12) \$7 and children under 5 free. Call Pat Davies (519-846-0247) for tickets. Wheelchair accessible.

# 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	12:15pm	Soup and Sandwich Lunch hosted by "Two Countries One World" (TCOW) participants
Sun	1:00pm	Tis the Season practice – Full Cast - Chancel
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Thu	6:30pm	Evening Prayer Service at St. John's the Evangelist
Thu	7:00pm	Elora UC Adult Choir practice
Thu	8:15pm	Elora UC Praise Team practice
Sat Oct 29	1:30pm	Tis the Season practice – Full Cast - Chancel
Sun Oct 30	12:30-2:00pm	Toronto Team Meeting for participants
Thu Nov 3	7:00pm	Advanced Care Planning at Faith Lutheran Church
Sat Nov 5	1:30pm	Tis the Season practice – Full Cast – Chancel
Sun Nov 6	1:00pm	Tis the Season practice – Full Cast - Chancel
Sun Nov 6	6:30-9:30pm	Grade 7-High School Youth Group at Exitus Escape Rooms
Mon Nov 7	7:30pm	Bethany UCW
Thu Nov 10	1:30pm	Elora UCW
Fri Nov 11	7:00pm	Women's Spiritual Potluck (location TBA)
Sat Nov 12	5:00-7:00pm	Bethany Fall Supper
Sat Nov 12	1:30pm	Tis the Season practice – Full Cast – Chancel
Sun Nov 13	1:00pm	Tis the Season practice – Full Cast - Chancel
Sun Nov 13	1:00-2:30pm	Belonging Together, what membership means
Sun Nov 20	6:30-7:30pm	Grade 3 - 6 Youth Group (at Elora United Church)

## In the Community

**"The Common Cup Company" in concert** Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Road, Guelph. Performing songs of "faith and life." Tickets \$15/person available at the Door or by calling (519) 822-7690.

**Elora Co-Op Preschool Halloween Open House & Bake Sale**, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 12pm. Games, Crafts, Costumes, Decorations, Baked Goods & More.

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