

THE SUNDAY NEWS

October 30, 2016

Thank you to all of you who supported “Two Countries One World” (TCOW) through your financial donations at the soup lunch last Sunday. Melanie Weinstein and Arden Irish are the 2 youth from our congregation who are participating in this Waterloo Presbytery learning and service opportunity this year. The 2016/17 team will be learning about social justice issues here in Canada and in our world and will travel to Columbia in March 2017. Arden and Melanie would like to thank you all for your support and prayers. Watch for more fundraising opportunities in the next few months. You are welcome to make a donation at any time to help them with the cost of this experience (simply write a cheque to Elora United Church and write TCOW in the memo line - you will receive a charitable tax receipt for your donation).

“Tis the Season”: November 18th, 7:00 pm and 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.**



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 13th, After worship (1:00-2:30). Please bring your lunch.**



Bethany Ham Supper is Saturday November 12th 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.

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!

“Reaching Wider...Helping Our Children Have Generous Hearts for Others”.

Parents of children and youth, please join us **Sunday, November 27** for a “Faith at Home” discussion during 11 am worship. We will gather together, downstairs, during Children's Worship time. The children will be upstairs in the Bissell Room with a movie. This is a great opportunity for Dads and Moms to share ideas, gather resources, and encourage each other as we strive to nurture our children in the Christian faith.



The Elora UC Mission Board will be considering grants from our **Special Gifts Fund** at its meeting on November 8. **It invites proposals under the following areas:**

Education (\$336 available),

Community Outreach (\$336)

and Projects of the United Church of Canada (\$336).

Copies of the fund policy and application forms are available at the back of the sanctuary, as well as from the church office.



The Elora UCW will be meeting **Thursday November 10th at 1:30pm** at Elora United Church.

Inviting women of all ages to join us for **Women's Spiritual Potluck on Friday, November 11th at 7 pm.** We will be gathering at Barb Smith-Young's Home (246 North Queen St.) 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).



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 *Celebrating EloraUC's 181st Anniversary*
- October 30 *All-Saints Memorial Service*
- 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 and click on the *Called to Be EloraUC* logo.

Looking Ahead

Sun	12:30-2:00pm	Toronto Team Meeting for participants
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Wed	7:00pm	<i>Wesley for Armchair Theologians Book Group</i>
Thu	7:00pm	Advanced Care Planning at Faith Lutheran Church
Thu	7:00pm	Elora UC Adult Choir practice
Thu	8:15pm	Elora UC Praise Team practice
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	5:00pm	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
Fri Nov 18	7:00pm	Christmas Play, Tis the Season
Sat Nov 19	2:00pm	Christmas Play, Tis the Season
Sun Nov 20	6:30-7:30pm	Grade 3 - 6 Youth Group (at Elora United Church)
Sun Nov 27	11:00am	Parents gather downstairs to discuss Faith at Home
Sat Dec 2	9am-1pm	Elora UCW Craft and Bake Sale

In the Community

Snowflake Craft Sale, Saturday, Nov. 12, 9 am - 1 pm.

Knox – Elora Presbyterian Church, 51 Church St. Elora
Handmade Crafts (jewellery, knitted items, candles, & much, much more)
Homemade baked goods, Centre Wellington Rotary Club, **Silent Auction**
Lunch available. Come, shop for Christmas. Still room for more Vendors.
 Please call: 519-846-8061/519-846-0680

