

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

November 20, 2016

## **Cheer Box Time Is Here Again**

This is the time of year when Elora United sends the post-secondary students connected with our congregation some 'studying love.' Our Cheers Boxes are an annual tradition that we know the students really appreciate. This year we will be sending **8 Cheers Boxes** to students at the beginning of December. You can help by donating lightweight items that will fill a small shoe box such as microwave popcorn, cup a soup, hot chocolate, tea, throat lozenges and gum. Cash donations are also welcome. You'll find a donation box at the back of the sanctuary. **We are collecting until November 26<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for supporting this important way for us to continue *drawing closer as a community.* Melanie Anderson [melrvanderson@hotmail.com](mailto:melrvanderson@hotmail.com)



**Emergency First Aid and CPR Course** at Elora United Church on **Saturday, January 7, 9 am – 4:30 pm.** Cost \$ 85. A great course for any youth or adult to take. Do you know what to do if a child is choking, an adult has chest pain, or someone has fallen and is badly hurt? After taking this course, you will receive a certificate from St. John Ambulance that is valid for 3 years. **Please contact Barb** ([barb\\_sy@sympatico.ca](mailto:barb_sy@sympatico.ca), 519-846-2542) to sign up for the course. Space is limited.

## **“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 is proposing the following grants from the Special Gifts Fund.**

- a)** Two Countries One World (Waterloo Presbytery Youth Educational Experience) – \$336 (United Church Projects)
- b)** Elora Youth Toronto Team Urban Poverty Learning Experience – \$336 (Education)
- c)** Financial support for a family in need – \$336 (Community Outreach)

If you have any questions or concerns about these grants, please speak with Carole Kennedy, Greg Smith-Young or Beverly Bond before December 11<sup>th</sup>.



**The Elora United Church Women's Annual Bake and Craft Sale** will be **Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm**. Come and search through the treasures in **Grandma's Attic**. Handmade **crafts** make thoughtful gifts for your loved ones. Special treasures will be in the **Silent Auction**. Take a break with a **muffin** and coffee or have a full **soup and sandwich** lunch. Finish up by taking home baked **goodies**.



☞ The UCW is collecting items for the **Grandma's Attic** sale. Items for the Grandma's Attic Sale may be left in containers in the Welcome Centre or dropped off at the church on Friday Fri Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> between 4:00 and 6:30 pm. Please no Grandma's attic items on Saturday morning during the sale.

☞ We also need **donations of baking** and we appreciate **crafts**, as well. Please bring baking in on Saturday morning.

☞ We are also looking for VOLUNTEERS to help with **setup on Friday** and VOLUNTEERS to **help on Saturday** and **Sunday**. Please contact Phyllis Waind (519-846-9936) if you can lend a hand.



**CW Food Bank Christmas Hampers.** Elora-Bethany Pastoral Charge has been asked to contribute **100 containers of canned fruit**. All donations will be brought to the Food Bank on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

☞ We are looking for a volunteer, from either Bethany or Elora, to bring the canned fruit to the Fergus Sportsplex on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> between 1-3pm. Please let the office know if you can help.



**Looking for an alternative Christmas gift option for someone?**

**Make a donation to Elora United Church's Toronto Team.** *Your donation will help the youth and adults on the team learn about issues faced by those living in poverty, hear their stories, and learn what it means to serve and be served. The team will be in Toronto from March 10 – 13, 2017. Help us "reach wider and share blessings with our neighbourhoods and beyond."*

For your donation, you will receive a card that you can then give as a gift to someone else. *You can receive a tax receipt from Elora United Church, for your donation.*

**Toronto Team members will have this alternative gift option available Sunday, Nov. 27 and throughout December.**

For further information contact Barb Smith-Young 519-846-2542

# 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.

## **Getting Ready for Jesus: Spending Advent with the Canticles**

A canticle is a song found in the Bible. Canticles have often been given a title that is their first word in Latin. Luke's account of Jesus' arrival includes some well-known canticles. This advent season, we'll be listening as these canticles draw us closer to the Saviour.

Nov 27	Zechariah's <i>Benedictus</i> and the Candle of Hope	Luke 1.5-25, 57-80
Dec 4	Elizabeth's <i>Ave Maria</i> and the Candle of Peace	Luke 1:26-45
Dec 11	Mary's <i>Magnificat</i> and the Candle of Joy	Luke 1:26-56
Dec 17	Simeon's <i>Nunc Dimittis</i> and the Candle of Love	2:25-40

## Christmas Season Worship

### December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Celebration

5:00pm Elora UC

7:00pm Bethany UC

### Communion Service

11:00pm hosted by Elora United Church

### December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

11:00am hosted by Elora United Church

### January 1<sup>st</sup> New Years' Day

Services to be decided



## Looking Ahead

Sun	6:30-7:30pm	Grade 3 - 6 Youth Group (at Elora United Church)
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Thu	7:00pm	Elora UC Adult Choir practice
Thu	8:15pm	Elora UC Praise Team practice
Sat Nov 26	3:00pm	Centre Wellington Singers Christmas Concert (at EUC)
Sat Nov 26	6:00pm	Elora Santa Claus Parade (EUC youth will be collecting food for CW Food Bank)
Sun Nov 27	11:00am	Parents gather downstairs to discuss Faith at Home
Sun Nov 27	2:00pm	Refugee Benefit Concert at Elora United Church
Sat Dec 3	9am-1pm	Elora UCW Craft and Bake Sale
Wed Dec 7	7:00pm	<i>Wesley for Armchair Theologians Book Group</i>
Thu Dec 8	1:00pm	Elora UCW Christmas Tea at the home of Norma Wallace: bring a gift for Shut-ins

## In the Community



### Centre Wellington Singers present their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert: Candles and Carols at Christmas.

**Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at Elora United Church.**

Adults \$15, Children 12 and under \$5. Tickets available from choir members or all David, 519-946-1049.



### Centre Wellington Refugee Network invites you to a holiday "Musical Potpourri".

**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at Elora United Church.**

Refreshments available. Admission is by donation.

