

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

November 27, 2016

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

Parents of children and youth, **please join us TODAY!** 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.



**TODAY!** After worship **Planet Bean ground or whole bean coffee orders** will be taken downstairs by Melanie Weinstein and Arden Irish to support their trip to Columbia in March 2017 for “**Two Countries One World**”. Planet Bean is a Guelph Worker Co-operative which sells Fair Trade Organic coffee. **Get your supply for Christmas!**

## 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.

**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>.



***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.***

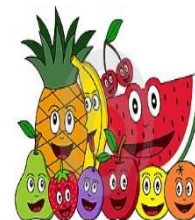
For further information contact Barb Smith-Young 519-846-2542



Another Christmas gift alternative is the **Gifts With Vision** giving catalogues arriving soon at both Bethany and Elora churches or choose gifts online at [giftswithvision.ca](http://giftswithvision.ca)



**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>.





**Carols and Cider** an event for all ages, **Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**. Come for potluck supper at 6 pm and/or Carols and Cider at 7 pm. Invite your friends and neighbours to this fun, informal evening. This is a family friendly event. Location to be decided.



**Christmas Tree Decorating** after worship **Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks to those who helped decorate early for “Tis the Season”. We still need to put up the big Christmas tree. If you would like to help decorate the tree, please join us upstairs after you grab a drink and snack.



### ***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 *Benedictus* and the Candle of Hope Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

Dec 4 Elizabeth’s *Ave Maria* and the Candle of Peace Luke 1:26-45

Dec 11 Mary’s *Magnificat* and the Candle of Joy Luke 1:26-56

Dec 17 Simeon’s *Nunc Dimittis* and the Candle of Love 2:25-40

**Special Baptism Service at Bethany UC. Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.**

All are welcome to this half-hour long service.

## Christmas Season Worship

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

5:00pm Bethany UC

7:00pm Elora 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	11:00am	Parents gather downstairs to discuss Faith at Home
Sun	12:30pm	Planet Bean Coffee sales to support TCOW
Sun	2:00pm	Refugee Benefit Concert 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 Dec 3	9am-1pm	Elora UCW Craft and Bake Sale
Sun Dec 4	12:30pm	Christmas Tree Decorating
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
Sun Dec 11	6pm/7pm	Potluck supper / Carols & Cider – location TBA
Sun Dec 18	6:30 – 7:30pm	Grade 3 – 6 Youth Group (at Melville United Church)
Sat Jan 7	9am – 4:30pm	Emergency First Aid and CPR (sign up with Barb)
Sun Jan 8	6:30 – 8pm	Grade 7 – High School Youth Epiphany Party (EUC)

## In the Community

**Centre Wellington Refugee Network invites you to a holiday  
“Musical Potpourri”.**

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

Refreshments available. Admission is by donation.

