

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

December 4, 2016



**Elora UCW Bake and Craft Sale** – please check for more baked goodies for sale today, after worship! Grandma's Attic items are still available, too. **Silent Auction doesn't close until 1 pm today.** Check it out!



**TODAY! EloraUC Christmas Tree Decorating** after worship. 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.



**Elora UCW Annual Christmas Tea** and Shut-in Gifts meeting will be **Thurs Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm** at the home of Norma Wallace.

**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 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>.** At press time, we had approximately 43 cans of fruit collected.



**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.





**On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**, the children of Children’s Worship and the ECF band are going to lead a **Christmas song in worship**. We will be practicing the song during Children’s Worship today and on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. On December 18<sup>th</sup> the children will gather downstairs at 10:30 am for a final practice.

### **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	12:30pm	Christmas Tree Decorating
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Wed	7:00pm	<i>Wesley for Armchair Theologians Book Group</i>
Thu	1:00pm	Elora UCW Christmas Tea at the home of Norma Wallace: bring a gift for Shut-ins
Thu	7:00pm	Elora UC Adult Choir practice
Thu	8:15pm	Elora UC Praise Team practice
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)
Thu Dec 24	5:00 pm	Christmas Celebration at Bethany UC
	7:00 pm	Christmas Celebration at Elora UC
	11:00 pm	Communion Service hosted by Elora UC
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**



**Christmas Concert, Sunday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Alma.** Featuring Jeff Scott & friends. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. Freewill Offering.