

THE SUNDAY NEWS

December 25, 2016

Muslim Love Your Neighbour

Jesus tells us to act with love toward our neighbours. To love them well, we need to learn about them. This includes the more than 1 billion Muslims in the world, and the increasing number of Muslims within our local communities. Who are they? What do they believe? How do they live their faith? What do we have in common? What are our differences? How can we live together, acting with love? We'll be exploring these questions from a Christian perspective, yet all are welcome.

What to bring?
Your questions. Your open mind. Your open heart.

**We'll be hosting 2 separate learning groups.
Each will meet monthly.**

You are welcome to come to whichever works best for you.

Wednesdays

7:00-9:00

Continuing on the
1st Wednesday of each month.
Starting January 4

Fridays

2:00-4:00

Continuing on the
2nd Friday of each month.
Starting January 13

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, 519-846-2542) **TODAY** to sign up for the course.



Greg and Barb Smith-Young will be on holidays from Monday, Dec 26th through to Monday, Jan 2nd. **The Church office will close** at 3:30pm on Dec 23rd and re-open on Thursday, Jan 5th at 9:00am.

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact;
Rev. Lynn Hamilton (519) 829-9024 (cell)
Rev. Donna Mann (519) 846-5204



We have lots of **Gifts With Vision** giving catalogues available or you can choose gifts online at giftswithvision.ca They have great Christmas gift options.

Music Leadership at Elora UC



Betty Weinstein will be leaving her role as Elora UC's music director at the end of this month. We are saddened by this, and supportive of Betty as she balances her various commitments to family and work. In January we will be having a "farewell" time for Betty . . . and we are very glad that she and her family will continue to be part of our congregation's life.

The Mission Board will lead us in thinking about the sort of music leadership that will best serve us. We need to take into account the availability of people with the range of gifts that Betty has; we wonder if there are many like Betty out there! We also need to be mindful of our financial limits. Rather than rush into things, we want to take the time to find out more and talk together. Look for opportunities to be part of these conversations in the new year.

For the next few months, we plan to use different accompanists to support our singing in worship. We already have some people lined up, including Betty, Brad Halls, and Inkyoung Lee. Do you know of others who might be able to accompany our singing? Please speak with Greg asap. We'll also be working with our Adult Choir and Praise Team to see how they may continue to help with our worship.

Elora 2016 Tax Receipts: All tax receipts will be available for pick up at the church on Sunday, February 19 and Sunday February 26. After February 26th, any tax receipts left will be mailed.



Christmas Season Worship

December 24th Christmas Eve Celebration

5:00pm Bethany UC
7:00pm Elora UC

Communion Service

11:00pm hosted by Elora United Church

December 25th Christmas Day

11:00am hosted by Elora United Church

January 1st New Years' Day

No Services



Looking Ahead

Mon Jan 2	1:00pm	Quilters
Mon Jan 2	5:00-9:00pm	Toronto Team Meeting
Wed Jan 4	7:00-9:00pm	Love Your Muslim Neighbour
Thu Jan 5	1:30pm	NW Cluster meets at 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)
Tue Jan 10	7:00 pm	Elora Mission & Resources Boards
Fri Jan 13	2:00-4:00pm	Love Your Muslim Neighbour
Sun Jan 15	6:30-7:30pm	Grade 3-6 Youth Epiphany Party (EUC)
Thu Jan 19	1:30pm	Elora UCW