

THE SUNDAY NEWS

January 22, 2017

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? While we'll be exploring these questions from a Christian perspective, all are welcome.

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

We're hosting 2 learning groups
Come to whichever works best for you

1st Wednesdays
of each month
7:00-9:00

Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1
Apr 5, May 10, Jun 7

2nd Fridays
of each month
2:00-4:00

Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10
Apr 7, May 12, Jun 9

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Elora's Finances and Property Congregational Meeting will be Sunday February 26th after worship. Please have your reports to the office by Sunday Feb 12th or earlier. Reports for this meeting will be: Finance, Property, Trustees, Solar, UCW financials.

Bethany's Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday Mar 12th at 12:30 pm. Pot luck lunch will be just beforehand – at noon. Please have your reports to the office by Sunday Feb 26th (or earlier!) so that completed Annual Reports can be distributed on Sunday Mar 5th.



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.



The Toronto Team continues to prepare for the urban poverty learning experience March 10 – 13. This team of youth and adults is blogging about some of their thoughts and questions. You can follow this at www.TechForGod.ca. Please continue to pray for the team.

Looking Ahead

Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Tue Jan 31	7:30-9:00pm	Elora/Bethany Board Budget Meeting
Wed Feb 1	7:00-9:00pm	Love Your Muslim Neighbour (Evening Group)
Sun Feb 5	12:30-3:00pm	Grade 7- High School Youth Group in Elmira
Fri Feb 10	2:00-4:00pm	Love Your Muslim Neighbour (Afternoon Group)
Fri Feb 10	7:00-9:00pm	Women's Spiritual Potluck at Laura Alessio's Home
Sun Feb 12	7:00-9:00pm	Toronto Team Meeting
Sun Feb 19	(TBD)	Potluck and Games for Grade 3 – 6 Youth and Families
Sun Feb 26	12:45pm	Elora Annual Congregational Meeting
Sun Mar 12	12:30pm	Bethany Annual Congregational Meeting

In the Community



Naomi Bristow in Concert. Friday, February 10th at 7:00pm at Knox-Elora Presbyterian Church. Naomi sings country, western and gospel music. Adults \$10, Children 12 and under \$5. Call the church office at 519-846-0680 to order tickets.

2017 Ecumenical Week of Guided Prayer and Spiritual Exploration, Feb. 26 to March 4. Presented by the Guelph Ecumenical Guild of Ignatian Spiritual Direction this is an opportunity to develop, deepen and explore your relationship with God, and learn ways to meet God meaningfully. Registration forms are available in your church office and at www.guidedprayer.webs.com and will be accepted until Feb. 19.

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Administrator Beverly Bond is in the office Thurs 9-3 & Fri 9:30-3:30 from Sept to June