

THE SUNDAY NEWS

January 29, 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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Women's Spiritual Potluck is Friday, February 10th at 7 pm at the home of Laura Alessio, **117 Keating Drive, Elora**. All women are invited. Come join us as we share and encourage each other in our faith journeys with God. This is not a food potluck, but an opportunity to bring something spiritual to share (eg. a Bible verse, a song, a poem, an experience). Don't have something to share? Come anyway and enjoy the company and discussion. For more information or if you need a ride, contact Barb (519-846-2542).



TOUCHSTONES in FEBRUARY

Another chance to get together with friends!

There will be a **CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH on February 12th**

Everyone is welcome to come, enjoy quiche and salads and support our **Two Countries, One World (TCOW)** youth representatives who will be travelling to Columbia in the March Break.



The Toronto Team, a team of 10 youth and adults, is preparing for their urban poverty learning experience March 10 – 13. During their time in Toronto they will be meeting and talking with many people in need. You can help the team by donating these items: **socks & underwear (mostly for men), gift cards in small amounts (\$ 5 – 10) for Tim's, Subway, McDonalds**. There will be a collection box for these items in the Welcome Centre from Feb. 5 – Mar. 5. Thank You! Follow the team's thoughts and questions on www.TechForGod.ca. Please continue to pray for the team.



Planet Bean Coffee Beans/Grounds, Tea and Chocolate Bar orders Feb. 5 and 12. This is a fundraiser for Melanie Weinstein and Arden Irish who are on the **TCOW** (Two Countries One World) team of Waterloo Presbytery. Orders will be ready for pick up on Feb. 26. Payment at time of order (Feb. 5 and 12) is preferred, in cash or cheque.





Mark your calendars for **Hero Central Kids Camp!** Tuesday, July 4 – Friday, July 7 in the mornings. Come discover your strength in God!

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.



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.



Looking Ahead

Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Tue	7:30-9:00pm	Elora/Bethany Board Budget Meeting
Wed	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	12:15pm	Congregational Lunch for Touchstones and TCOW
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.

Charity/fundraising event Sat. Feb 18th 2017 from 7:00pm to 1:00am at the Elora Legion, 110 Metcalfe St. The evening is to help raise awareness and funds for **“International Animal Rescue's Orangutan Project”**. A great night of music, dancing, raffles and a light buffet. Tickets \$25.00. For tickets contact Patty Cuthbert at 519-821-8064 or patricialeecuthbert@hotmail.com.



Community Resource Centre of North and Centre Wellington presents the 20th Anniversary of Chilifest. Friday, February 10th from 11:30am - 1:30pm at the Fergus Legion. Meals cost \$10 and include meat or veggie chili, coleslaw, roll, drink and dessert. There will be a 50/50 cash draw, toonie table, silent auction or raffle prize draw for a new Tablet. For take-out & delivery, or more information call 519-843-7000, press 6 or email chilifest@communityresourcecentre.org.