

THE SUNDAY NEWS

February 5, 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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NEXT SUNDAY ALL ARE WELCOME

**AFTER ELORA UC WORSHIP SERVICE THERE WILL BE
QUICHE AND SALAD**

DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF MELANIE AND ARDEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES, ONE WORLD DELEGATES TO COLUMBIA
Menu: quiches – ham, mushroom, broccoli, cheddar and onion

Salad choices, coffee tea and the usual goodies

Women's Spiritual Potluck is this 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).



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 at Elora UC 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 after Elora UC worship services on 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

Sun	12:30-3:00pm	Grade 7- High School Youth Group in Elmira
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Fri	2:00-4:00pm	Love Your Muslim Neighbour (Afternoon Group)
Fri	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	5:30-7:30pm	Potluck and Games for Grade 3 – 6 Youth and Families at Melville United
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.

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.

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.



Elora Co-operative Pre-school will be celebrating their **20th Annual Spaghetti Supper** on **Saturday, February 25th** from 4:00-8:00pm at the Centre Wellington District High School. Dinner prepared by Chef Derek of Fraberts Fresh Food. Gluten free and vegetarian options available. Fabulous silent auction and raffle draw prizes. **Special guests from Paw Patrol!** Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children and are available at Fraberts, Village Kids, or online at elorapreschool.ca

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.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 28th from 5:00 – 6:30pm at The Salvation Army Guelph Citadel, 1320 Gordon St, Guelph. A fundraiser to support Family Services programs and camps. Adults \$8, Children \$6 or Family of 4 (2 adults/2 children) \$25. Tickets available by calling (519) 836-9360 ext. 230.

VON Falls Prevention Series at Melville United Church. A **FREE** education series presented by Kinesiologist Rachel DeJonge. Tuesdays and Thursdays starting February 14th to March 23rd at 11:30am. Refreshments provided.



The Daffodil Lunch for the Cancer Society will be held at the Fergus Legion on Wed April 12th. Organizers are seeking help with

- 1) servers in the dining room on Wed Apr 12th from 11:45am – 2:15pm.
- 2) donations of pies delivered the day before or by 9:00am on Apr 12th.
- 3) monetary donations. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Elora UC Welcome Centre.** If you are able to help please add your name to the list by Feb 20th.



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Minister for Children and Youth: Barb Smith-Young

Office Hours: Rev. Greg Smith-Young is usually in the office Tues-Fri mornings.
Contact Barb Smith-Young via the office or at 519-846-2542
Administrator Beverly Bond is in the office Thurs 9-3 & Fri 9:30-3:30 from Sept to June