

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

February 19, 2017

## Discovering Jesus on the Roads through Lent

with Rev. Donna Mann

*You never know around what corner you'll find Jesus. He might be sitting on the edge of a well in a forbidden country, climbing through the thicket on his way up the hill, or walking a well known road. Come and join me in a walk through Lent.*

Two groups for you to choose from:

**Wednesday Mornings (10-11:30)**

**Wednesday Evenings (7-8:30)**

**March 8 to April 12**

Contact Donna for more info ([ddmann@bell.net](mailto:ddmann@bell.net) or 519-846-5204) to confirm your interest for sufficient resources. (No study book to buy). There will be opportunity for a collaborative study, where participants can contribute to the content.



## Join Us At the Congregational Meeting next SUNDAY.

We have accomplished much in 2016. Together we are seeing God work through the important we do. Gathering for weekly worship; joining in prayer, conversation and learning; supporting the Al Housarya family as refugees from Syria and nurturing the discipleship of children, youth and adults. All ways we have served God and our community. And while this work is good and needs to be celebrated, we must be aware of our worsening financial position.

In 2016 we fell short of our giving goal by \$14,000; our largest gap ever. And while we started 2016 with an accumulated surplus of \$9,200 that was down to a mere \$1,800 by the end of the year. What this means is that we have eroded our financial cushion and we are left without any buffer for budget shortfalls. Simply put, we are out of wiggle room and have some big decisions ahead of us in 2017.

Our Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> is going to be the start of those bold and hopefully invigorating conversations about what changes we need to make to live within our means. We'll also be electing a new member to the Trustees. We hope you will join us downstairs after the service for a free will offering lunch and a detailed update on the financial crisis we are expecting in 2017.

**Melanie and Arden would like to thank everyone** who came to support them at their quiche lunch last Sunday. It turned out very well and they appreciate everyone's donations towards their trip! Huge thank you to Arlene Callaghan for helping them organize and preparing the delicious quiches!



**World Day of Prayer 2017, “Am I Being Unfair to You?”,  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm at Melville United Church.**



**Elora UCW ♣ Shamrock Supper ♣** will be Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm! This is our famous Beef Stew and Ham buffet. Adults \$12 and children (under 12) \$3. Tickets available at the church office or at the door.



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



**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](http://www.TechForGod.ca). Please continue to pray for the team.



**Bethany’s Annual Congregational Meeting** will be Sunday Mar 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. Pot luck lunch will be just beforehand – at noon. We’ll be choosing new members for our Board and Trustees. Please have your reports to the office by Sunday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> (or earlier!) so that completed Annual Reports can be distributed on Sunday Mar 5<sup>th</sup>.





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

## Looking Ahead

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| Sun        | 5:30-7:30pm   | Potluck and Games for Grade 3 – 6 Youth and Families at Melville United |
| Mon        | 1:00pm        | Quilters  |
| Sun Feb 26 | 12:45pm       | Elora Annual Congregational Meeting                                     |
| Wed Mar 1  | 7:00-9:00pm   | Love Your Muslim Neighbour (Evening Group)                              |
| Fri Mar 3  | 2:00pm        | World Day of Prayer at Melville UC                                      |
| Sun Mar 5  | 7:00-9:00pm   | Toronto Team Meeting  |
| Wed Mar 8  | 10:00-11:30am | Discovering Jesus on the Roads through Lent (afternoon)                 |
| Wed Mar 8  | 7:00-8:30pm   | Discovering Jesus on the Roads through Lent (evening)                   |
| Fri Mar 10 | 2:00-4:00pm   | Love Your Muslim Neighbour (Afternoon Group)                            |
| Sun Mar 12 | 12:30pm       | Bethany Annual Congregational Meeting                                   |
| Sat Mar 18 | 5:00-7:00pm   | Elora UCW's Shamrock Supper   |

## In the Community

**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](http://www.guidedprayer.webs.com) and will be accepted until Feb. 19.

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



**Elora Co-operative Pre-school** will be celebrating their **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Supper** on **Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://elorapreschool.ca)



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Waterloo Presbyterial Annual Gathering will be celebrating 55 years of UCW on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 9:00am – 3:30pm at the Guelph Country Club, 133 Woodlawn Rd. E., Guelph. Tickets are \$25 and include a continental breakfast at 8:00am and lunch. Please send a cheque made payable to Elizabeth Kocher, noting any dietary allergies, your phone number and email to, Elizabeth Kocher 140 Dinison Cr., Kitchener, ON, N2E 2V2. For further information call 519-578-8248 or email [bettykocher@yahoo.ca](mailto:bettykocher@yahoo.ca).



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

- 1) servers in the dining room on Wed Apr 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:45am – 2:15pm.
- 2) donations of pies delivered the day before or by 9:00am on Apr 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 20<sup>th</sup>.