

THE SUNDAY NEWS

March 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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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 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.



Elora UCW ♣ Shamrock Supper ♣ will be **Saturday March 18th** 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.



Melanie Weinstein and Arden Irish leave with the TCOW (Two Countries One World) team on Friday March 10th. TCOW is a Waterloo Presbytery learning and service opportunity for youth. This year's team will be in **Columbia March 10 – 19. Please pray** for Melanie and Arden and the team. We look forward to learning about their experience on April 23rd.

The Toronto Team will be in **Toronto March 10 – 13**. The team will be learning about issues faced by those living in poverty, hearing their stories and learning what it means to serve and be served. Follow the team thoughts and questions on www.TechForGod.ca. **Please pray** for this youth and adult team of 10. Come worship God and hear their stories on April 2nd.

Bethany's Annual Congregational Meeting will be **Sunday Mar 12th** 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 26th (or earlier!) so that completed Annual Reports can be distributed on Sunday Mar 5th.



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



Women's Spiritual Potluck is Friday, March 24th at 7 pm

Location TBD. 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).

Greg will be taking some vacation and study leave over the March Break. He will be away from March 13th to March 20th. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call the church office (519-846-0122) The message will direct you to a minister who is providing coverage.

Looking Ahead

Sun	7:00-9:00pm	Toronto Team Meeting
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Wed	10:00-11:30am	Discovering Jesus on the Roads through Lent (afternoon)
Wed	7:00-8:30pm	Discovering Jesus on the Roads through Lent (evening)
Fri		Toronto Team leaves for Toronto/TCOW Team leaves for Columbia
Fri	2:00-4:00pm	Love Your Muslim Neighbour (Afternoon Group)
Sun Mar 12	12:30pm	Bethany Annual Congregational Meeting
Mon Mar 13	7:30pm	Bethany UCW
Thu Mar 16	1:30pm	Elora UCW
Sat Mar 18	5:00-7:00pm	Elora UCW's Shamrock Supper
Sun Mar 19	7:00-9:00pm	Toronto Team Meeting
Fri Mar 24	7:00-9:00pm	Women's Spiritual Potluck (Location TBD)
Sun Mar 26	6:30-7:30pm	Grade 3 – 6 Youth
Sun Mar 26	7:30-9:00pm	Toronto Team Meeting

In the Community

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.

Joy in Motion at Melville United Church Wednesday's starting March 8th from 7:45 – 8:45pm. Combines faith and fitness, all levels and abilities. \$10 drop-in class or \$80 for 10 classes. For more information email info@joyinmotion.ca



Elora Legion is hosting a **Family Spaghetti Dinner Saturday March 11th** from 4:00 – 6:00pm. Freewill offering to **The Door Youth Centre**.

Lenten Lunches at Knox Elora Presbyterian Church 12 noon - 1:00 pm on March 21, March 28, April 4, & April 11. Cost \$10. Please call 519-846-0680 to reserve.



Waterloo Presbyterial Annual Gathering will be celebrating 55 years of UCW on Monday, April 3rd 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. **Cut-off date for tickets is March 20th**. Please speak with **Norma Wallace** for further information.

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