

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

March 19, 2017

**Our guest worship leader today is Andrew Hyde.** He is the full-time chaplain with the Ecumenical Campus Ministry at the University of Guelph. The ECM is the on-campus home of the Anglican, Presbyterian, and United Church at the University of Guelph. It offers learning and discipleship programs consistent with the Mainline Protestant tradition to the over 27,000 young people who call UofG home. ECM provides pastoral counselling to staff and students, leadership development opportunities for church leaders both on and off-campus, and is an important link between the UofG campus and local faith communities. Andrew is a Designated Lay Minister in the United Church of Canada, with more than 15 years experience working with young people at various levels of the church. A graduate of Queen's University (BAH English Literature) in 2001, and McMaster Divinity College (Master of Theological Studies) in 2004, Andrew lives in Guelph with his wife and two children.

## **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.*

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

**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.

**Parents of toddlers and preschoolers at Elora UC:** There is no paid childcare available March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>. Melanie and Emily are away for the March Break. Please feel free to play with your child downstairs.

**Elora UC folks, please remember to complete the short survey** we announced at the congregational meeting a few weeks ago. It will help us engage in important conversations about our financial challenges. You can do the survey online (go to <http://elorauc.org/aboutus/congregational-meetings> and click on the survey image). Or, please use one of the printed copies you can get from one of the greeters.



**Melanie Weinstein and Arden Irish will be returning from Columbia with the Two Countries One World team (TCOW), today.** This Waterloo Presbytery learning and service experience has been keeping a blog at [www.waterlootcow.ca](http://www.waterlootcow.ca). They will be sharing with us in worship on April 23.

**The Toronto Team has returned and they are full!** Full of stories, full of passion, full from God shaping them into servants. Read about some of their thoughts and experiences at [www.TechForGod.ca](http://www.TechForGod.ca). Come hear more as they lead in worship on April 2.



**Women's Spiritual Potluck is This Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** at Barb Smith-Young's house, 246 North Queen St. 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 Reconciliation Journey: A Learning Circle**

*What happened in the Indian Residential Schools?*

*What role did our churches play?*

*What has this meant for survivors, families, communities, and our country?*

*Is reconciliation possible?*

*What can we do?*

### **Beginning Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup>**

2pm-4pm

We'll continue gathering monthly on the 3rd Wednesday.

Hosted at Elora United Church



**Fish Fry and Silent Auction Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:00pm** at the Elora Community Centre. This is a great event, with Silent Auction crafts and services donated by members of EUC, and a wonderful Georgian Bay fish fry dinner run by all of us as volunteers. Sign-up sheets for volunteers and donation forms for the Share Your Flair Silent Auction hand-crafts and services can be found in the Welcome Centre. Tickets are available at Santé, Wreckless Eric's, Roxanne's Reflections and in the church office. Help us make this event a success, please spread the word among family, friends and neighbours!

Silent auction  
for awesome  
hand-crafted items

"Church  
Lady" Pies

**African Drought Appeal:** People across Africa are facing extreme drought that is causing food and water shortages. Crops are drying up, soil is eroding, livestock are dying off, and communities are struggling. Almost one million children are in need of treatment for acute malnutrition. A principal cause of the drought is the recent powerful El Niño event. According to the World Food Programme, about 14 million people in southern African countries, including Zimbabwe, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia, Malawi, and Swaziland, will need food assistance this year. In Ethiopia, the United Nations is predicting about 10 million people will require food assistance.

The United Church is joining Mission & Service partners ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank to respond to this crisis. Please provide your support today.

Online at: [www.united-church.ca/africa-drought](http://www.united-church.ca/africa-drought)

By phone: 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738

By cheque: Made out to Elora or Bethany, with "Emergency Response—Africa Drought" written on the memo line.

**Greg will be taking some vacation and study leave over the March Break. He will be away from March 13<sup>th</sup> to March 20<sup>th</sup>.** 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
Fri	7:00-9:00pm	Women's Spiritual Potluck at Barb Smith-Young's home
Sun Mar 26	6:30-7:30pm	Grade 3 – 6 Youth
Sun Mar 26	7:30-9:00pm	Toronto Team Meeting
Wed Apr 5	7:00-9:00pm	Love Your Muslim Neighbour (Evening Group)
Fri Apr 7	6:00pm	Community dinner at Knox Presbyterian – EUC hosting
Tue Apr 11	7:00-9:00pm	Elora Mission & Resources Board
Fri Apr 14	4:30-7:00pm	Good Friday Fish Fry and Silent Auction
Fri Apr 14	11:00am	Good Friday Service hosted by Elora UC

## In the Community



**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.

**Canadian Bible Society Annual Dinner Gathering Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** at Alma Bible Church, 59 Peel St. East, Alma. Doors open at 5:30pm, Beef Dinner at 6:30pm, Fellowship, Praise and Worship at 8:00pm. Music by The Hilltop Singers. Tickets for dinner (advance only) \$20. Call John at 519-820-7964 for more info.

**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. **Cut-off date for tickets is March 20<sup>th</sup>.** Please speak with **Norma Wallace** for further information.



**Spring Fling Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Knox-Elora Presbyterian Church** from 11:30am – 1:00pm. Lunch with assorted sandwiches, soups and desserts. Handmade crafts and White Elephant Table. Adults \$10, children 8 and under \$5. For information 519-846-0680

**Wellington Terrace Long Term Care Home is currently seeking volunteer assistance on Tuesday mornings** to help residents to the chapel, sitting with them and helping them find hymns in the hymn books and then assisting them back to their rooms. This volunteer shift lasts from about 9:50am to 11:30pm every Tuesday. If you can help or for more information contact Mary Black, Coordinator of Volunteers, at 51-846-5359 x7266 or [maryb@wellington.ca](mailto:maryb@wellington.ca)