

THE SUNDAY NEWS

March 26, 2017



Fish Fry and Silent Auction Good Friday, April 14th 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

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 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.

Next Sunday, April 2nd at Elora UC the Toronto Team will be leading us as we worship God. They will share some of their stories and how God is calling us to “love our neighbour”. You can also read about some of their thoughts and experiences at www.TechForGod.ca. The team is asking everyone to **bring a food item** for the Centre Wellington Food bank on April 2nd. We will collect these along with our regular offerings to God during the service.



The **monthly Community Dinner in Elora** is held the first Friday of the month at 6 pm at Knox Presbyterian. This is a time for anyone in our community to come and share a meal together with others. Folks come for many different reasons and have many different life stories. **Everyone is welcome!** Each month the food preparation and serving is hosted by a different church or business. **April 7th is Elora United Church’s opportunity to serve our community.** Barb

Smith-Young is coordinating this outreach along with The Toronto Team, Bonnie Norris, Carole Kennedy, Eleanor and Eoin Hall and others. If you would like to know more about this outreach opportunity please speak with Barb.

Melanie Weinstein and Arden Irish have returned with their TCOW team (Two Countries One World) from Columbia. They are still working through all that they have experienced and the ways in which God is challenging them. They are looking forward to sharing some of this with Elora UC in worship on **Sunday, April 23rd.**

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 19th

2pm-4pm

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

Hosted at Elora United Church

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.



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

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.

Looking Ahead

Sun	6:30-7:30pm	Grade 3 – 6 Youth
Sun	7:30-9:00pm	Toronto Team Meeting
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Wed	10:00-11:30am	Discovering Jesus on the Roads through Lent
Sun Apr 2	6:30-8:00pm	Grade 7 – High School Youth at EUC
Wed Apr 5	10:00-11:30am	Discovering Jesus on the Roads through Lent
Wed Apr 5	7:00-9:00pm	Love Your Muslim Neighbour (Evening Group)
Fri Apr 7	2:00-4:00pm	Love Your Muslim Neighbour (Afternoon 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	11:00am	Good Friday Service hosted by Elora UC
Fri Apr 14	4:30-7:00pm	Good Friday Fish Fry and Silent Auction

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.

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.



Spring Fling Saturday, April 8th 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

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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