

THE SUNDAY NEWS

April 2, 2017

From the Toronto Team: Thank you for worshipping God with us this morning. It is a joy to share some of our stories and reflections with you (you can see more at [www.TechFor God.ca](http://www.TechForGod.ca)) Our Toronto experience really challenged us as followers of Jesus. Now we wrestle with the question of “How is God calling us to be servants here?”. We invite you to ask that question too. “How is God calling you to serve in our community around us?” “How is God calling you to step out of your comfort zone and love others with Christ’s love?”



Good Friday Fish Fry and Silent Auction 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



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. **This Friday, 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.

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.



Holy Week Services

April 9 Palm Sunday
Worship at Bethany (9:20am) and Elora (11:00am)

April 14 Good Friday
Worship at Elora (11:00am)

April 16 Easter Sunday
Sunrise Worship in Bissell Park (7:00am)
Worship at Bethany (9:20am) and Elora (11:00am)

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



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**.

Hero Central Kids Camp at Elora United Church, Tuesday, July 4 – Friday, July 7 in the mornings. Mark it on your calendar. Watch for more news soon!



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	6:30-8:00pm	Grade 7 – High School Youth at EUC
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Wed	10:00-11:30am	Discovering Jesus on the Roads through Lent
Wed	7:00-9:00pm	Love Your Muslim Neighbour (Evening Group)
Fri	2:00-4:00pm	Love Your Muslim Neighbour (Afternoon Group)
Fri	6:00pm	Community dinner at Knox Presbyterian – EUC hosting
Mon Apr 10	7:30pm	Bethany UCW
Tue Apr 11	7:00-9:00pm	Elora Mission & Resources Board
Wed Apr 12	10:00-11:30am	Discovering Jesus on the Roads through Lent
Good Friday	11:00am	Good Friday Service hosted by Elora UC
	4:30-7:00pm	Good Friday Fish Fry and Silent Auction
Easter Sunday	7:00am	Sunrise Worship in Bissell Park
	9:20am	Easter Celebration at Bethany United Church
	11:00am	Easter Celebration at Elora United Church
Tue Apr 18	7:30pm	Bethany Board Meeting
Fri Apr 21		Wii Bowling Tournament for Big Brothers/Sisters for youth and families at Melville UC (more info to come)
Thu Apr 20	1:30pm	Elora UCW
Fri Apr 28	7:00-9:00pm	Women’s Spiritual Potluck at Beverly Bond’s home

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