

THE SUNDAY NEWS

April 9, 2017



Good Friday Fish Fry and Silent Auction This Friday 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



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)

Elora UC Annual Mission & Leadership Meeting

Sunday, April 30 after worship

Important conversations about our future directions

Recommendations from your Mission & Resources Boards

Celebrate the vital mission of our congregation in 2016

We'll be selecting people to serve on these important leadership teams:

- 3 for Mission Board (2 for 3-year terms, 1 for a 2-year term)
- 1 Presbytery Rep and Mission Board member (4-year term)
- 3 for Resources Board (2 for 3-year terms, 1 for a 2-year term)
 - 1 Trustee (4-year term)
- 1 Ministry & Personnel committee member and chairperson (4-year term)

Reports due by Sunday, April 16

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



Come join **Arden Irish and Melanie Weinstein** to worship God on **Sunday, April 23 at 11 am** at Elora United Church. Melanie and Arden are part of the Waterloo Presbytery youth learning and service experience called TCOW (Two Countries One World). TCOW went to Columbia in March for 10 days. Come hear their stories about how God is transforming them and challenging them.

The church office will be open on Thursday April 13th **and closed on Good Friday, April 14th.**



TOUCHSTONES IN THE SPRING

“How are things with you?”

This weekend will be great for getting out to lots of places. You could meet your Touchstone partners at church, walking outdoors, for a coffee.

Consider all of the Easter activities – Good Friday service, the Fish Dinner at the Community Centre, Easter Celebration on the 16th.

Maybe you are teaming up to help at the dinner or want to meet at an agreed-upon time to enjoy the wonderful cuisine.



Remember our goal of “No one left behind.”

Hero Central Kids Camp at Elora United Church. **Tuesday, July 4 – Friday, July 7** (9 am – 12 noon). For children who have completed JK – Grade 5. Youth Grade 6 through high school can be youth leaders. We will also need lots of adult leaders! Come be part of this super fun week, as we discover our strength in God! Registration available in May. For more info, connect with Barb (barb_sy@sympatico.ca, 519-846-2542)



Elora UC Music Director Update

Since January, we’ve had a team of excellent accompanists leading our music in worship. We are very thankful for Brad Halls, Inkyoung Lee, Betty Weinstein, the Praise Team, Adult Choir and Exploding Church Fury.

For the time being, we will be continuing with this arrangement.

When we knew Betty was leaving the music director position, we knew she would be hard to replace. We also knew that in 2017 our congregation will be making important decisions about our future directions. These will include how much staffing we will have in the future. This is not just about the music director. All staff positions (including ministers) will need to be part of this conversation. The board decided to delay searching for a new music leader until some of these decisions could be made. It seems unfair to hire a new music leader unless we can offer them some stability. If you have questions or would like to talk about this more, please connect with Carole Kennedy who chairs your Mission Board.

Looking Ahead

Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Mon	7:30pm	Bethany UCW
Tue	7:00-9:00pm	Elora Mission & Resources Board
Wed	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
Wed Apr 19	2:00-4:00pm	The Reconciliation Journey: A Learning Circle
Thu Apr 20	1:30pm	Elora UCW – Guest speaker Chris Gross
Fri Apr 21		Wii Bowling Tournament for Big Brothers/Sisters for youth and families at Melville UC (more info to come)
Fri Apr 28	7:00-9:00pm	Women’s Spiritual Potluck at Beverly Bond’s home
Sun Apr 30	12:15pm	Elora UC Mission & Leadership Congregational Meeting

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.

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