

THE SUNDAY NEWS

April 16, 2017



Thank you to everyone for making the Fish Fry and Silent Auction a success.

Special thanks to all those who volunteered their time and provided donations for the silent auction.

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 TODAY!



Come join **Arden Irish and Melanie Weinstein** to worship God **Next 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 Elora UCW will be meeting **this Thursday April 20th at 1:30pm** at Elora United Church. **Guest speaker is Chris Gross** the title to be: *'Five Oaks heartbeat: strong and steady'*.



Wednesday April 19th: The Emmaus Road Reflection with Rev. Donna Mann

Bissell Room at 10:00am (Bring your lunch) and watch the video "One who was there".

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

Bethany United Church Annual Men's Breakfast Sunday, May 7th 7:30-9:00am

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, toast, coffee, juice, real syrup, homemade jams.
Freewill offering.

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.

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)



Looking Ahead

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| Mon | 1:00pm | Quilters |
| Tue | 7:30pm | Bethany Board Meeting |
| Wed | 10:00am | The Emmaus Road Reflection with Rev. Donna Mann |
| Wed | 2:00-4:00pm | The Reconciliation Journey: A Learning Circle |
| Thu | 1:30pm | Elora UCW – Guest speaker Chris Gross |
| Fri | 6:00-8:00pm | Wii Bowling Tournament for Big Brothers/Sisters for youth and families at Melville UC |
| 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 |
| Sun May 7 | 7:30-9:00am | Bethany UC Annual Men's Breakfast |
| Mon May 8 | 7:30pm | Bethany UCW |