

THE SUNDAY NEWS

September 24, 2017



Today, after worship at Elora UC, **Donna and Doug Mann** invite everyone to celebrate their **60th Wedding Anniversary** with **cake** in the fellowship hall.



The Blanket Exercise, Saturday Oct 14th 1:00-4:00pm at St. James Church 171 Queen St. E., Fergus. "The Blanket Exercise is an experiential way to hear and enter the history of indigenous peoples and settlers in Canada. It provides a starting point for doing the work the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has asked of all Canadians". All are welcome! For more information ask Greg, call 519-843-2141 or www.kairosblanketexercise.org



Caribbean Hurricanes 2017 Appeal: The United Church of Canada is accepting donations to help Mission & Service partners provide relief to those affected by hurricanes in the Caribbean.



This fall, a series of hurricanes has struck several countries and territories in the Caribbean. And two major earthquakes have shaken Mexico. The United Church of Canada is supporting efforts of global partners to assist people affected by these events. Our membership in the global ACT Alliance provides more ways to help those affected communities. ACT members, organized in various regional and national forums (including the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Cuba), work quickly to assist with evacuations and emergency shelter where necessary, and to help communities rebuild. The United Church is already contributing to those efforts. Please pray for those affected by emergencies.

Donations can be made online at www.united-church.ca/caribbean-hurricanes-2017 via the secure donation page, by phone: 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 using your Visa or MasterCard, or by cheque, money order to:

The United Church of Canada
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Caribbean Hurricanes" on the face of your cheque.

**“Let us sing of greater things” An Exploration of *Messiah*
Join us this fall for lively learning and conversation about Handel’s
masterpiece**



Some said it was too sacred to perform in a theatre! Others, that it was too theatrical to perform in a church! Perhaps neither were correct. Handel’s great composition will not be confined to the sacred or the secular, nor will it be barred from either space. Maybe that’s why *Messiah* continues to stir so many souls. Its subject is the Messiah Jesus, though his name is never mentioned nor his words quoted in the text. *Messiah* explores the profound and world reshaping meaning of Jesus, using only words from sacred Scripture. It does so with music that enlivens us, pouring out emotions of sorrow and delight.

**Thursday evenings (every 2nd week)
7:00pm to 8:30pm
6 sessions: Sep 28; Oct 12, Oct 26, Nov 9, Nov 23, Dec 7
Elora United Church’s Bissell Room**

Questions? Please speak with Greg Smith-Young.

God is continually calling the church to practices of faithful discernment. As part of living out that call, **Elora UC’s Mission Board will be reviewing the congregation’s marriage policy.** The current policy (from 2006) has an understanding of marriage that includes only opposite-gender couples. We will be prayerfully considering whether this should be changed to include same-gendered couples too. If you have thoughts you’d like the Mission Board to consider in its discernment, please send them to the church office, by mail or email, **no later than October 1** (elorabethanyuc@bellnet.ca or 75Geddes Street, Elora ON, N0B 1S0)

Elora UC: A budgeting and task group update

The Mission and Resources boards have been hard at work exploring ways we can deal with our budget short fall this year. Since our last update in May we have

- Been monitoring our finances monthly and ensuring that our spending is at or below budget
- Supported and received reports from our four task groups: Property, staffing, income and partnerships
- Held a retreat in early July to reflect and think about the suggestions from the four task groups
- Took immediate action on a number of recommendations (details to follow later this fall)
- Under the guidance of our property Task Group, we have started to work with EDGE from the United Church to better understand the opportunities around our building and property
- Will be looking at more specific and actionable recommendations at our September 12 meeting to formalize a tactical plan for a fall that we hope will bring us closer to a break-even point and then focus our efforts in 2018 on larger more strategic conversations.

We are grateful for the support, prayers and encouragement we have received from the congregation. Look for a more robust update in early October.

With many thanks,

The Mission and Resources Board

Homecoming Weekend At Knox Presbyterian Church Sun. Sept. 24th, 2017

HOME COMING WEEKEND! This year, Knox-Elora is celebrating our 180th Anniversary! **TODAY** Knox will host a **Homecoming Lunch**, (after Service), where we look forward to welcoming back former and current members with great food and wonderful fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Looking Ahead

Sun	12:00pm	Celebration of Donna & Doug Mann's 60 th Anniversary with cake - FH
Sun	12:00pm	Knox Presbyterian Homecoming Lunch
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Thu Sep 28	7:00-8:30pm	Handel's Messiah Group - BR
Sat Sep 30	1:00-3:00pm	Praise Team meeting - SANC
Sun Oct 1	6:30-8:00pm	Grade 7 - High School Youth Group at Melville UC
Tue Oct 10	7:30pm	Bethany UCW
Wed Oct 11	6:30-9:00pm	Elora MR Board Meeting
Sun Oct 15	6:30-7:30pm	Grade 3 - 7 Youth Group at Melville United Church
Tue Oct 17	7:30pm	Bethany Board Meeting
Sat Nov 11	2:00-3:30pm	Remember and honour our veterans and fallen in drama and song

In the Community

October 5th at 6:30pm at Drew House, Elora a Fundraising Evening for the cast and musicians of “Riding Off In All Directions” (see below). Meet the author, composer and musicians, Tilly Kooyman (clarinet), Jason White (piano), Emmet Glancie (double bass) and hear a sampling of music from the Musical. There will be a raffle and live auction, and complimentary food and drinks. For more information call 519-846-2551.

*Trinity United Church and Hospice Wellington are sponsoring **An Evening with Rev David Maginley**. David will speak on *Compassion and the Power of Dying Well*. He is a spiritual counsellor/chaplain for a Halifax hospital, has survived cancer four times and offers his wisdom regarding illness and death from "both sides of the hospital bed" as he says. Come to hear this wise and engaging speaker at **7 pm on Monday October 16 at Trinity United Church 400 Stevenson St N, Guelph**. Tickets are \$20, and are available from Trinity, Hospice Wellington or Therapeutic Touch Practitioners.*

Sunday, October 29th at 3:00pm, Esprit Chamber Choir offers a concert in support of Hospice Wellington and the Start2Finish running and reading program at the newly re-formed All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, 210 Silvercreek Parkway in Guelph. The concert celebrates the “reformation” of two congregations and the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation begun by Martin Luther. Esprit Chamber Choir, under the direction of Mervin William Fick, will present a cappella repertoire, including works by Bach, Sweelinck, Mendelssohn, as well as a Suite of Canadian Composers. Tickets: \$30 (\$15 for youth 12 – 21, and those physically disabled); call 519.821.7710 or email: allsaints@allsaintsguelph.ca



Nov 10, 11, 16, 17 & 18th at 7:30pm Nov 12th at 2:00pm “Riding Off In All Directions” at the Maja Prentice Theatre, 3650 Dixie Rd., Mississauga. This musical written by Daniel Bratton, directed by Colin Fox, with music by Peter Skoggard is based on a speech

given by Timothy Findley about Stephen Leacock & Mazo de la Roche and takes you on a whimsical journey into the past. **Bus transportation and a lunch at Benares Museum is available for the Nov 12th matinee.** Admission is \$30 or \$25 for Seniors and \$5 for Students (at the door) Call 519-846-2551 or go to <http://bit.ly/TellingLies> for more information.

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Administrator Beverly Bond is in the office Thurs 9-3 & Fri 9:30-3:30 from Sept to June