

THE SUNDAY NEWS

November 19, 2017



ADVENT EARLY – Starting Nov 26th!



When have you 'stepped out' of your comfort zone? Was it taking a new job? Moving? A change in life circumstances? Helping someone? Was it by choice, or were you forced to? At the time, could you see God in it? Thinking back, can you see how God was in it? This December, our Advent theme is "stepping into the waves." We'd love to include your "snapshots" of these experiences in the service, something you could share for about 2 minutes. Please tell Greg your stories.

The Elora United Church Women's Annual Bake and Craft Sale

will be **Saturday November 25th from 9 am to 1 pm**. Come and search through the treasures in **Grandma's Attic**. Handmade **crafts** make thoughtful gifts for your loved ones. Special treasures will be in the **Silent Auction**. Take a break with a **muffin** and coffee or have a full **soup and sandwich** lunch. Finish up by taking home baked **goodies**.



BAKE

SALE

☞ The UCW is collecting items for the **Grandma's Attic** sale. Items for the Grandma's Attic Sale may be left in containers in the Welcome Centre or dropped off at the church on **Friday Fri Nov 24th between 4:00 and 6:30 pm**. Please no Grandma's attic items on Saturday morning during the sale.

☞ We also need **donations of baking** and we appreciate **crafts**, as well. Please bring baking in on Saturday morning.

☞ We are also looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help with **setup on Friday** and **VOLUNTEERS** to **help on Saturday** and **Sunday**. Please contact Phyllis Waind (519-846-9936) if you can lend a hand.



Centre Wellington Food Bank Christmas Collection

This Christmas, the Centre Wellington Food Bank has asked that we collect financial donations to allow the Food Bank to purchase food vouchers from Freshco. This will allow families the dignity of

selecting those food items which best suit their family's needs. Freshco will also donate an additional 10% of all donations to the Food Bank. **Our Elora-Bethany Pastoral Charge target is \$500.00**. Donations can be either cash or cheque made out to Elora United Church. Please note on the cheque "CWFB donation". **The deadline for donations will be December 10th**. A collection box can be found at Bethany UC and at the back of the Sanctuary at Elora UC.



Come enjoy an evening of Carols & Cider on Sunday, Dec 10th at 7:00 pm at the home of Amy, Ryan, Jamie and Emily Weaver (31 Emily St. N., Elora). Everyone welcome. Invite your friends and neighbours to this fun, informal evening. Come and sing!



Do you like decorating for Christmas? Come join the team and decorate the Elora United Church Sanctuary, **Sunday, Dec 10th from 2 – 4 pm**. Cider and snacks provided. Sign-up sheet in the Welcome Centre.



Sunday, Dec 17th the children of Children's Worship will be sharing with us in worship. More details will be emailed to parents soon.



Come and celebrate St. Andrew's Day, Friday Nov 24th at 7:00pm at Knox Presbyterian Church. An evening of Scottish entertainment (piping, dancing, singing) followed by an array of Scottish Desserts. Tickets: Adults \$15, Children 8 & under \$7. For more info call 519-846-0680.



Responding to the Rohingya Crisis



The United Church is accepting donations to help Mission & Service partners provide relief to the Rohingya people fleeing Myanmar. The Canadian government is matching eligible donations designated for responding to needs of the Rohingya people until November 28. Please include the displaced Rohingya people in your prayers. **Donations can be made:**

Online: at www.united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/rohingya-crisis

Phone: 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

Send a cheque, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount 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—Rohingya" on the face of your cheque.

Looking Ahead

Sun	6:30-7:30pm	Grade 3-6 Youth Group meeting at Elora UC
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Tue Nov 21	7:30pm	Bethany Board Meeting
Thu Nov 23	7:00-8:30pm	Handel's Messiah Group – BR 7:00pm
Sat Nov 25	9:00-1:00pm	Elora UCW Craft and Bake Sale – FH
Sat Nov 25	6:00pm	Elora Santa Claus Parade - EUC/MUC Youth partner with Centre Wellington Food Bank to collect food in the parade

In the Community

Christmas Book Sale, Nov 17th 3pm to 8pm & Nov 18th 10am to 2pm at the **Elora Festival Singers Book Depot** 380 St. Andrews St. W., Fergus, Side Entrance. Gently used and reasonably priced fiction for adults and children.



A message from Big Brothers Big Sisters

With the recent community losses that we have experienced over the last few months we are hearing people asking what they can do to help. **Right now we have almost 25 children on the waitlist, waiting for that special Big Sister or Big Brother.** If you can spare 2-4 hours weekly or bi-weekly to spend time with a little boy or girl to make a difference in their lives, please contact us. If you would like to be involved but don't have that much free time, that is ok too! If you are available during the school day from September-June, you can become an in-school mentor, working with a child for 1 hour/wk. Does this sound like too much of a commitment? Are you between the ages of 18-30 and still want to be involved? Contact us for more information about our Go Girls and Game on program for boys and girls in grade 7 and 8. This is a time commitment of only 7 weeks for one hour per week during the school day! If you still cannot commit to that then that is ok too. There are still plenty of opportunities to volunteer within our organization so please contact us. **Our posters will be posted on the community board with all of our contact information.** We look forward to hearing from you!!