

THE SUNDAY NEWS

December 24, 2017

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

TODAY at Elora UC

All-Ages Improv Christmas Pageant!

No practices required.

No lines to learn.

People who like to ham it up are especially welcome.

Join us to tell the Christmas Story



Christmas Season Worship

December 24th Christmas Eve Celebration

5:00pm Elora UC

7:00pm Bethany UC

Communion Service

11:00pm hosted by Elora United Church

December 31st

No Service at Bethany UC

11:00am Elora UC



THANK YOU



Thank you Elora UC Children & Leaders of Children's Worship and Youth Exploring Faith for sharing in worship last week. **December 31st** all the leaders will be taking a well-deserved break. **January 7th** toddler care, children's worship and youth exploring faith will resume.



Centre Wellington Food Bank Christmas Collection

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO THE CW FOOD BANK. We are delighted to let you know that between Elora UC and Bethany UC we raised **\$1,794.10**.



Special Gifts

The Elora UC Mission Board is proposing the following grants from the Special Gifts Fund:

- a) Lay Pastoral Care workshop – \$494 (Education)
- b) Monthly Music Nights – \$494 (Community Outreach)
- c) Ecumenical Campus Ministry at the University of Guelph – \$494 (United Church Projects)

More information is posted in the Welcome Centre. If you have any questions or concerns about these grants, please speak with Carole Kennedy, Greg Smith-Young or Beverly Bond before Jan 8th.



Greg and Barb Smith-Young will be on holidays from Monday, Dec 25th through to Tuesday, Jan 2nd. The Church office will close at 3:00pm on Dec 22nd and re-open on Thursday, Jan 4th at 9:30am. ***In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact:***
Rev. Susan Clarke – Knox Presbyterian, Elora 519.846.0680
Rev. Lynn Hamilton – Barrie Hill UC 519.829.9024 (cell)

Coming in January

Anxiety and Depression Seminar

Twenty-three years ago, Michael Glugosh was a hostage to his fears and depression. He felt full of despair and filled with anxiety. In time, Michael found cognitive behavioural therapy and completely recovered from his anxiety and depression. Since 1993 Michael has given over 1800 seminars and counselled hundreds of people with stress, anxiety and depression-related issues. Michael encourages those struggling with stress, anxiety and depression to attend his free seminar to learn the skills to better manage their thoughts and emotions. If you or someone you know struggles with stress, anxiety or depression, Michael encourages you to attend his free seminar.

Monday, January 22

7:00pm

Elora United Church

Resilient Faith: Hearing and Learning about Sexual and Gender Diversity in the Church

Barb and Greg Smith-Young will be leading a 5-part learning and conversation time. We'll be using a resource called *Resilient Faith*. It features the voices of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Christians. Each segment unpacks important aspects of the faith conversation including: engaging scripture, navigating disagreement, understanding privilege, and hopes for the church. This is an important follow-up from Elora UC's decision to celebrate same-sex marriages equally.

Sundays in January-February (dates to be determined)

12:30-2:00

Elora United Church

Looking Ahead

Sun Jan 7	6:30-8:00pm	Grade 8 – 12 Youth Group Epiphany Party – EUC
Mon Jan 8	1:00pm	Quilters
Tue Jan 9	6:30-9:00pm	Elora MR Board Meeting – BR
Tue Jan 16	7:30pm	Bethany Board Meeting
Thu Jan 18	1:30pm	Elora UCW- BR
Sun Jan 21	6:30-7:30pm	Grades 3 – 7 Youth Group Epiphany Party
Tue Jan 30	7:30-9:00pm	Joint Official Board Meeting at Elora UC