

THE SUNDAY NEWS

February 4, 2018

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Resilient Faith: Sexual and Gender Diversity in the Church

Barb and Greg Smith-Young are leading this learning and conversation time. We are using a resource which features the voices of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Christians. This is an important follow-up from Elora UC's decision to celebrate same-sex marriages equally.

Sundays at Lunch (12:30-2:00) at Elora UC

Today's Topic: Integrating Scripture

Continues February 11: Recognizing Privilege

February 18: Hopes for the Church

(Can't come to all of them? Don't worry. Come when you can.)

"Thanks, Sorry, Please...Leading Our Children in Prayer". Sunday, Feb 11th during 11 am worship at Elora United. Parents, join us for a "faith at home" discussion time. Let's encourage each other as we nurture our children and youth spiritually. We will meet downstairs when the children/youth move from family worship to Children's Worship and YEF. The children and youth will watch a movie in the Bissell Room. Toddler Care will be provided while we meet. **All parents are encouraged to attend.**

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ELORA UCW SHAMROCK SUPPER Saturday March 3rd, from 5 – 7 pm.
Beef Stew and Ham Buffet. Adult Tickets \$12, Children (12 and Under) \$3.
Tickets available in the church office or at the door.

Elora 2017 Tax Receipts: All tax receipts will be available for pick up at the church on Sunday, February 11, Sunday February 18 and Sunday February 25. After February 25th, any tax receipts left will be mailed.



SAVE THE DATE: The EUC Fish Fry is coming up on **Good Friday, March 30, 2018.**

Elora's Finances and Property Congregational Meeting will be Sunday February 25th after worship. Please have your reports to the office by Sunday Feb 11th or earlier. Reports for this meeting will be: Finance, Property, Trustees, Solar, UCW financials.



Harassment and Misconduct

What the United Church says about Safety and Respect

A safe environment is one that fosters healthy relationships free from harassment of any kind. Harassment is any unwanted conduct that is known, or ought reasonably to be known, to be unwanted and is a form of discrimination. **The United Church of Canada will not tolerate harassment or sexual misconduct of any kind.**

You can find the Workplace Violence and Harassment Policy and the Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Policy and Procedures at www.united-church.ca/handbooks.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

If you are at risk and in need of immediate assistance to ensure your personal safety, **call 911** for police services.

If you are aware of behaviour that is inappropriate, but you are not in immediate danger, please call **1-800-268-3781 ext. 7788** or email complaintresponse@united-church.ca for information about how to bring a complaint.

Looking Ahead

Sun	12:30-2:00pm	Resilient Faith – BR
Sun	5:00-6:30pm	Grade 8-12 Sports Themed Dinner – EUC
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Thu Feb 15	1:30pm	Elora UCW- BR
Tue Feb 20	7:30pm	Bethany Board Meeting
Sun Feb 25	12:30pm	Elora Annual Congregational Meeting – FH
Sun Feb 25	6:30-7:30pm	Grade 3-7 Youth Group Meeting – at Melville UC
Sat Mar 3	5:00-7:00pm	UCW Shamrock Supper

In the Community

Chilifest Friday February 9th, 11:30-1:30pm at the Fergus Legion. Take out dinner available 4:30-6:30pm. \$10 meal includes Meat/Veggie Chili, Coleslaw, Roll, Drink and Dessert. For Take Out & Delivery, or more information call **519-843-7000** and press 6, or email Chilifest@communityresourcecentre.org