

THE SUNDAY NEWS

February 18, 2018

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 18: Hopes for the Church

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

Elora's Finances & Property Congregational Meeting will be **NEXT SUNDAY, February 25th** after worship. **Please pick up your copy of the Annual Report (part 1) today.** Childcare will be provided. There will be a make-your-own sandwich lunch and a donation basket will be provided to cover the costs and help a family in our congregation in need. If you'd like a digital copy, you can email the church office.

At this meeting, we will be looking how our congregation did last year, financially, and making plans for 2018. We'll hear reports from the Trustees, UCW financials, our solar panels. And we'll look at property matters too.

Is there something you would like to be on the agenda?

We'd like to know before the meeting, so we can plan enough time for everything. Please submit your request in writing or by email, and say something about:

- what it is you'd like discussed.
- a proposal for the congregation to consider.
- why this matter is best decided by the whole congregation



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.



Lent, Easter, and Prayer resources for parents and grandparents are available on a table downstairs. Please have a look and take what is helpful for your family. Did you miss our "faith at home" parent discussion on Feb. 11? Please feel welcome to talk with Barb about some of the discussion we had about prayer and the resources available.

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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.**

Looking Ahead

Sun	12:30-2:00pm	Resilient Faith – BR
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Tue	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
Sun Mar 11	12:30pm	Bethany Congregational Annual Meeting
Fri Mar 30	4:30 – 7:00pm	Good Friday Fish Fry and Silent Auction

In the Community

Taizé Service: Wednesday, February 28th, 7pm at St James Church, 171 Queen St E, Fergus. Join us for a quiet ecumenical service of music, prayer and meditation. Our theme this month is Love In Action. All are welcome.

World Day of Prayer. March 2nd at 2:00pm at St. James Anglican Church, Fergus.



Lenten Lunches at Knox-Elora Presbyterian Church, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27 12:00-1:00pm. Cost \$10. Please call 519-846-0680 to reserve.

Bluegrass Inspired Music Performance at Knox-Elora Presbyterian Church, March 10th at 7:00pm. \$15 advance tickets available at the office or call 519-846-0680.

