

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

May 27, 2018

**TODAY**, Greg Smith-Young is at the annual meeting of Hamilton Conference. This is the larger area of the United Church to which we belong. It stretches from the Niagara River up to the Bruce Peninsula. This is the Conference's 93<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting, and likely the last as the United Church moves to a new leadership structure.

## EDGE Report

At our congregational meeting last Sunday, we heard a presentation about the work done by EDGE, a consultant network within the United Church. EDGE's report includes some important analysis of our congregation and recommendations for our work ahead. **Over the summer, please read over the report. Have conversations about it. Pray for our congregation. In the fall, we will have opportunities for us to engage together with this important work.** You can download the report from our website: [elorauc.org/aboutus/congregational-meetings](http://elorauc.org/aboutus/congregational-meetings)

## Special Gifts Grants

The Elora UC Mission Board will be considering mid-year grants from our Special Gifts Fund at its meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>. It invites proposals under the following areas:

Education (\$320 available)

Community Outreach (\$320 available)

Projects of the United Church of Canada (\$320 available)

Copies of the fund policy and application forms are available at the back of the sanctuary, as well as from the church office. ***We can only consider proposals that use the application form.***

## Registration is now OPEN for Kids Camp!

New ONLINE registration at [www.elorauc.org](http://www.elorauc.org)

**Tuesday, July 3 - Friday, July 6 (9am – noon), at Elora United Church.**

Loads of fun for kids finished JK - Grade 5. Youth volunteers (Gr. 6 and up) sign-up with Barb. Lots of opportunities for adults to serve. For more info: Barb Smith-Young (519) 846-2542 ([barbsmithyoung@gmail.com](mailto:barbsmithyoung@gmail.com)) **Donations to Kids Camp help fund this wonderful outreach ministry.** Donations can be placed in the pink sand pail on the table in the Welcome Centre at EUC or designating "Kids Camp" on a cheque to EUC. Thank you!



## Elora-Bethany Outdoor Worship and Picnic

**At Elora United Church (in the garden area beside the building) NEXT SUNDAY, June 3<sup>rd</sup> (rain or shine) Worship begins at 11:00am.** Potluck Picnic lunch after service. Games for children and adults. Pie Baking Contest: Bake your best pie and bring it in to be judged. All pies will be auctioned after the winners are announced and all money raised will go to the United Church of Canada's Mission & Service. **Bring: Lawn chairs or blankets, sun screen, hats, food to share, plates, cutlery, cups (drinks provided), pie for the contest (if you wish) or money for the auction.**



**Connecting with God. Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-3:30 (with potluck lunch) at Camp Bimini near Stratford.** Barb is speaking at a gathering of the Huron/Perth Presbytery UCW (United Church Women). The theme is "Connecting with God". If this event interests you, **contact Barb for more info and directions (519-846-2542).**

Profession of Faith Sunday, **June 10 at Elora United**. Come worship God with us and support the youth. The youth from "Youth Breakfast Club" will be helping to lead worship. We will celebrate baptism and profession of faith with them, welcoming them as full members of our church family.

### Addressing the Challenge of Poverty

**Building Bridges Out of Poverty, Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 – 4:00. Public Health Unit (in the Wellington Terrace building) What impact can we make?** The Bridges Out of Poverty workshop provides key strategies when working with individuals living in poverty. Gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and strengths of people living in poverty. **For more info, see the poster in the Welcome Centre at Elora UC or ask Greg.**



### Foodgrains Bank Field Dedication

**Corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Line East and Wellington County Road 21, Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.** Afterwards there will be strawberries and ice cream at Jean Goodwin's (7219 Wellington County Road 21). *The Inverhaugh Foodgrains project is a partnership of Bethany United, Gale Presbyterian and Bethel Mennonite Churches.*



### Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner?

**You are!!**

#### Saturday, June 23

Enjoy an evening together with others from Elora United.

Everyone is welcome, singles or pairs.

Sign up to be a host home or sign up to be guest.

Everyone brings food.

Your dinner companions will be a surprise!

Need childcare? Connect with Barb who can connect you with sitters.

**Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Centre.**

For more info call Bonnie Young 226-820-5612

**Lawn mowing help needed!** Can you help out by mowing the lawn at the church every few weeks? You would be part of a team of volunteers. We have the mower. We hope to have 6 helpers who would each mow once every six weeks. For more info, please contact Mike Alessio (519-804-3957) or the church office.



## Looking Ahead

Sun	6:30-7:30pm	Gr 3 - 7 Youth (at Melville UC)
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Sun Jun 3	11:00am	Outdoor Worship & Picnic at Elora UC
Sun Jun 3	6:00-8:00pm	Gr. 8 - 12 Youth Group outdoor volleyball and campfire (Elora Public School and Weavers' home)
Sat Jun 9	7:00-8:30pm	Saturday Night Live @ EUC (Campfire Worship)
Sun Jun 10	6:30-7:30pm	Gr. 3 - 7 Youth Group outdoor volleyball and games (Elora Public School)
Wed Jun 20	7:30pm	Foodgrains Field Dedication
Sat Jun 23	evening	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

## In the Community

**Habitat for Humanity Community Yard Sale. Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8am to 12pm at 104 Dawson Road Unit 300 in Guelph.** Donations of indoor and outdoor furniture, tools, garden and home décor and artwork are greatly appreciated. In addition to fantastic finds the yard sale will have food trucks and entertainment. Further information can be found at [habitatwdg.ca/news/community-sale](http://habitatwdg.ca/news/community-sale).