

THE SUNDAY NEWS

September 9, 2018

Welcome Children, Youth, and Parents!

We are excited about the year ahead. We begin worship together with our families in the sanctuary. Part way through our worship time, children and youth will be invited to come downstairs for **Children's Worship (JK - Gr. 4)** and **Youth Exploring Faith (Gr. 5 - 8)**. We have a committed team of screened volunteers that lead the children and youth each Sunday.

We also have **Toddler Care** for children not yet in school. Toddler Care is provided by senior youth who are employees of Elora United Church. Toddler/Preschoolers come downstairs at the same time as the other children.

Please check in with Barb Smith-Young after worship to make sure we have the correct info about your children/youth and receive our September Letter.

Youth Groups are ready to start again for the school year. Our Sunday evening groups are in partnership with Melville United Church in Fergus. Friends are always welcome!

Please connect with Barb Smith-Young to be on the list to receive the most up to date plans (barbsmithyoung@gmail.com, 519-846-2542, cell 226-384-9085).

Gr. 7 - 12 (Bananas Group) - TONIGHT! 6:30 - 8 pm

Outdoor Volleyball at Elora Public School 6:30 pm
Followed by Ice Cream Sundaes at Elora United Church
Bring toppings to share (no nuts please).
(Rain plan - games at Elora United Church)

Gr. 3 - 8 (Mangoes Group) - Sunday, Sept. 30 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Campfire and Games at the home of Sydney and Luke Parkin (Melville United youth)
51 Cherry Hill Place, Fergus
(Rain plan - games inside their house)

Remembering and Celebrating Ethel Hornsby's Life Visiting (Giddy Funeral Home, Elora)

Friday, September 14 2-4pm, 7-9pm

Funeral Service (Elora UC)

Saturday, September 15 3:00pm, reception afterwards

Saturday Night Live - Campfire Edition!

Saturday, September 15th at 7:30 p.m.

Come out for an end of summer campfire at the church (green space beside/behind church). Bring your friends and neighbours.

Join in singing some great praise and camp tunes. Share your faith. Eat s'mores!!

Bring lawn chairs with you.

If it rains, we will gather together downstairs in the Church. Don't worry we can make s'mores in the oven!

A Labyrinth Prayer Experience, Saturday, September 22

A labyrinth is a maze where you don't get lost! It's a pattern marked on a field or a floor, which helps you to meditate. The winding path helps us realize wholeness and health as we reflect on the life's meandering journey of changes and transitions.

In a few weeks, a group of us will be experiencing the outdoor labyrinth in Alma. This will include times for learning and personal reflection. More details to come!

Elora UC Congregational Meeting, Sunday, September 23 after worship

We'll be talking about 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. Please read over the report before the meeting. Reflect on it. Pray about it. Have conversations. You can download the report from our website: <http://elorauc.org/aboutus/congregational-meetings/>

Bethany's 175th Anniversary

Our friends and partners in Bethany United Church are celebrating this important milestone. They're planning some special events for all of us to share in.

Saturday, October 20: Music Night (details coming soon)

Sunday, October 21: Worship Celebration

Looking Ahead

Sun	6:30 – 8:00pm	Gr 7-12 Youth Group (Bananas Group) Volleyball – Elora Public School
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Tue	6:15 – 9:00pm	Elora UC Board Meeting
Sat Sep 15	7:30pm	Saturday Night Live Campfire Edition
Tue Sep 18	7:30pm	Bethany UC Board Meeting
Thu Sep 20	12:00pm	Elora UCW Meeting – at Norma's Home - Potluck
Thu Sep 20	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir Rehearsal – BR
Sat Sep 22	TBD	Alma Labyrinth Prayer Walk
Sun Sep 23	12:30pm	Elora UC Congregational Meeting
Sun Sep 30	11:00am	Invite-A-Friend Sunday
Sun Sep 30	6:30 – 7:30pm	Gr. 3-8 Youth Group Campfire & Games – at Sydney & Luke Parkin's Home
Thu Oct 4	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir Rehearsal – BR
Sun Oct 7	11:00am	Thanksgiving/World Communion
Sat Oct 20		Bethany UC 175 th Music Night
Sun Oct 21		Bethany UC 175 th Worship Celebration

In the Community

Harvest Tea at the Butterfly Garden, St. James Anglican Church, Fergus. Wednesday **September 19th 2:00 – 4:00 pm**. Tickets \$8, free for children under 5 years. All proceeds support Microcredit Loans for Indigenous Youth in Canada. For Tickets and info call 519-843-2141

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