

THE SUNDAY NEWS

September 16, 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. 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)

Gr. 7 - 12 (Bananas Group) - next Youth Night Oct. 14 (time and location tba)



The Elora UCW will be meeting **this Thursday Sep 20th at 12:00pm** at Norma Wallace's Home, 8 Graham St, Elora. **Guest speaker will be Deb Stanton from the Habitat for Humanity ReStore.** All women are welcome.

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/>

Childcare will be provided. There will be a make-your-own sandwich lunch and a donation basket will be provided to cover the costs.

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

Do You Enjoy Music?

Music is an important way that we worship God together. At Elora United Church, everyone is welcome to share their musical gifts. Here are some ways you can join in:

Adult Choir (voices)

- help lead the songs on Sunday morning and present a song for reflection
- practice every other Thursday evening from 7 - 8 pm, lead the Sunday of that week

Next Practices: Thursday, Sept. 20, Oct. 4 at 7 pm (use side entrance)

For more info: Betty Weinstein (519-787-2089, betty@weinstein.ca)

Praise Team (voices and instruments)

- work collaboratively to select and lead contemporary music selections
- lead music in Sunday morning worship about once a month
- practice about 2 Thursdays/ month 8:15 - 9:30 pm, plus early the morning we are leading

Next Practice: Thursday, September 27, 8:15 pm (use side entrance)

For more info: Amy Weaver (519-846-0598, weaver4@sympatico.ca)

Saturday Night Live Worship (voices and instruments)

- work collaboratively with the team to plan and lead casual worship evenings
- join in every month or as often as you wish

For more info: Amy Weaver (519-846-0598, weaver4@sympatico.ca)

Other ideas to share your musical gifts? Talk with Betty Weinstein

Looking Ahead

Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
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
Tue Oct 9	7:30pm	Bethany UCW Meeting – at Christine Anderson’s Home
Sun Oct 14	TBD	Gr. 7-12 (Bananas Group) Youth Group Meet
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