

THE SUNDAY NEWS

September 23, 2018

Elora UC Congregational Meeting, TODAY 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.

Pastoral Care – Drawing Closer as a Community, Sat Oct 27th 9:00am – noon, Elora UC Fellowship Hall.

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)*

We are a caring church. Let's put feet on this statement! You are invited to this morning event. Together we'll explore the need for a Lay Pastoral Care Team, and how we can create one. This will build on our long-standing "Care Callers" group. Donna Mann will give leadership and share why she thinks this ministry is grounded in scripture and proven over the years to strengthen a caring church

Children and Youth: Next Sunday, Sept 30 is "Invite a Friend" Sunday. We will have some fun activities together during Children's Worship and YEF. If you missed decorating an invitation to give to a friend, you can pick up one today from your Leader.

Youth Groups are Starting Up! 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)

safeTALK: suicide alertness for everyone, Saturday October 13th 9:00am-12:30pm. Elora Public Library – Downstairs Community Room. safeTALK is a half-day training in suicide alertness. It helps participants recognize a person with thoughts of suicide and connect them with resources who can help them in choosing to live. Participants don't need any formal preparation to attend the training – anyone age 15 or older who wants to make a difference can learn the safeTALK steps. **To learn more or Register go to** <http://bit.ly/200tBL0> Offered by the Centre Wellington Community Foundation.

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

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

LGBTQ+ and Christian? If this describes you or someone you love, check out the **Fergus-Elora Generous Space Group**. This group provides support for anyone who identifies as LGBTQ+, for parents, and for allies. Generous Space is a Canadian non-profit ministry (www.generousspace.ca). The Fergus-Elora group meets locally twice a month.

For more info: contact Beth (beth@generousspace.ca)

Or chat with Barb or Greg Smith-Young (barbsmithyoung@gmail.com, revgreg@bellnet.ca, home 519-846-2542)

Looking Ahead

Sun Sep 23	12:30pm	Elora UC Congregational Meeting
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
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