

THE SUNDAY NEWS

September 30, 2018

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

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) – TONIGHT 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Campfire and Games at the home of Sydney and Luke Parkin (Melville United youth)
51 Cherry Hill Place, Fergus. **Please dress to play outside.** (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/2OotBLo>** Offered by the Centre Wellington Community Foundation.

Sunday Breakfast Club Oct. 14 9:30 - 10:30 am. Adults and Youth discussing a variety of topics related to our faith. All while we enjoy a light breakfast! Come and join us! Breakfast Club will be offered about once a month. Want to know more? Connect with Barb Smith-Young (barbsmithyoung@gmail.com, 519-846-2542)



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)

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 Oct 11th, 8:15pm (use the side entrance)
- Info: Amy Weaver (519-846-0598, weaver4@sympatico.ca)

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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

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

Looking Ahead

Sun	6:30 – 7:30pm	Gr. 3-8 Youth Group Campfire & Games – at Sydney & Luke Parkin’s Home
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Thu	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir Rehearsal – BR
Fri	6:00pm	Community Dinner at Knox Presbyterian - Free
Sun Oct 7	11:00am	Thanksgiving/World Communion
Tue Oct 9	7:30pm	Bethany UCW Meeting – at Christine Anderson’s Home
Thu Oct 11	8:15 – 9:00pm	EUC Praise Team Meet
Sun Oct 14	6:30 - 8:30pm	Gr. 7-12 (Bananas Group) Youth Group Meet – at Melville UC
Thu Oct 18	1:30pm	UCW Meeting - BR – Speaker Bonnie Norris
Sat Oct 20		Bethany UC 175 th Music Night
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