

THE SUNDAY NEWS

December 16, 2018

Children's Worship and Youth Exploring Faith will be sharing a Christmas skit with us in worship **TODAY**. Children and youth will meet downstairs at 11 am. They will join us at the end of worship. Come and celebrate with our children and youth

Two Countries One World (TCOW) is a United Church service and learning initiative, challenging and changing the lives of youth in Waterloo Presbytery. The TCOW 2019 Team is working towards an experience in Columbia in March 2019. **Caleb Smith-Young** (Elora United) and **Sarah Schmidt-McQuillan** (Melville United) are on the team.

Here are some ways you can support **Caleb Smith-Young** from **Elora United**;



Mix & Match Cookie Sale. TODAY after worship.

Lots of different cookies - all homemade!

Pick a container. Fill it with the number and variety you choose.

Cost? By donation.



Colombian EcoCafe Coffee Sales Starting TODAY, Dec 23rd, Jan 6th and Jan 13th after worship. \$17 per pound for ground or beans. Please pay when you place your order. Delivery in February 2019.



Two Countries One World (TCOW) Fundraising Concert Saturday, Jan 12 at 3 pm at Melville United Church

with Caleb Smith-Young and Sarah Schmidt-McQuillan

No ticket fee. Cash donations will be shared between Caleb and Sarah.



Donations for Caleb can also be made at any time through Elora United Church. Please mark TCOW - Caleb Smith-Young in the memo line.

Centre Wellington Food Bank Christmas Collection



THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO THE CW FOOD BANK. We are delighted to let you know that between Elora UC and Bethany UC we raised **\$1,099.25**.



Christmas Eve Worship

December 24th Christmas Eve Celebration

5:00pm Bethany UC

7:00pm Elora UC

Communion Service

11:00pm hosted by Elora United Church



Special Gifts Grants. Our congregation set up the Special Gifts Fund in 1989. It receives donations, usually from estate bequests and memorial gifts. We invest these, and then grant a large proportion (90% of the gifts and growth) to projects.

These projects can be in four areas:

- 1) Capital Improvements: Building/renovation programs for Elora United Church property.
- 2) Education: Lay training to enable members of the congregation to grow in Christian service.
- 3) Community Outreach: Support for projects in our area that help people with spiritual and/or economic needs.
- 4) Projects of the United Church of Canada. These may be projects in Canada or elsewhere, including special appeals. It is over and above regular offerings to Mission and Service.

Funds will be equally disbursed to each project area over a three-year period. (Extra money was given for “capital improvements” a while ago, so no grants can be made to that area until the areas are back in balance.)

Each of these 3 areas has \$644 to grant in 2018. Grants can be made at springtime and the year’s end. So our Mission Board is proposing these grants.

- a) **Revitalize our Church Library – \$644 (Education)**
- b) **Two Countries One World – \$324 (UCC projects)**
– \$320 was already given in the spring.
- c) **Centre Wellington Mission Network – \$500 (Outreach)**

You’ll find information about these posted in the Welcome Centre. If you have any questions or concerns about these grants, please speak with Carole Kennedy, Beverly Bond or Greg Smith-Young. The Mission Board is meeting on January 8, when it will make final decisions.



Greg and Barb Smith-Young will be on holidays from Tuesday, Dec 25th through to Thursday, Jan 3rd. The Church office will close at 3:00pm on Friday, Dec 21st and re-open on Thursday, Jan 3rd at 9:30am.

Looking Ahead

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| Mon | 1:00pm | Quilters |
| Thu | 7:00pm | EUC Adult Choir Rehearsal – BR |
| Mon Dec 24 | 5:00pm | Bethany UC Christmas Eve Celebration |
| Mon Dec 24 | 7:00pm | Elora UC Christmas Eve Celebration |
| Mon Dec 24 | 11:00pm | Christmas Eve Communion – at Elora UC |
| Sun Jan 6 | 6:30 – 8:00pm | Gr. 7 - 12 Youth Group Epiphany Party at Elora United |
| Sun Jan 20 | 6:30 – 7:30pm | Gr 3 - 8 Youth Group Epiphany Party at Elora UC |

In the Community

Annual Christmas Musical. Knox Presbyterian Church Sunday Dec 16th at 7:00pm.
Featuring John Solberg & Friends and The No-Name Band. Freewill Offering.