

THE SUNDAY NEWS

January 27, 2019

February 2 - Saturday Night Live!



Join us in the downstairs hall for a casual time of fun, friendship and worship. We will be serving **pizza at 5:30** - feel free to bring something to add to the meal. **Service starts at 6:30 p.m.** This is a super casual and relaxed service filled with lots of music. Sit in chairs, on the floor, couch or bean bag chair. Get up and dance and sing or whatever you choose!

Thank you for your incredible support for my participation in **Two Countries One World (TCOW)**. Thanks to your generosity I have reached my fundraising goal! Our team has already learned so much and we are excited about continuing our learning when we go to Colombia in March. I look forward to sharing about this experience with our church family sometime this spring.

Caleb Smith-Young

TCOW is a United Church service and learning initiative, challenging and changing the lives of youth in our area. See the display downstairs for more information about the present TCOW team and past teams. Elora United Church has been a strong supporter of TCOW through youth in our church family for many years.

HELP?! How do I explore the Bible with my kids?

Are any of these statements true for you? "I don't know how to read the Bible myself, how can I teach my kids about it?", "My kids are too young to read the Bible." "My kids are too old, they will think it is boring.", "I don't know enough to answer my kids' questions."

Come join us our **Faith at Home Parent Discussion time on Sunday, Feb. 10 during 11 am** worship. Come hear ideas, share your ideas, browse resources from toddlers to teens. Come and be encouraged. We will go out from family worship when the children/youth go out. We will meet downstairs while the children/youth have a movie upstairs.

Week of Guided Prayer & Spiritual Exploration, Feb 24th to Mar 2nd.

Develop, deepen and explore a relationship with God. Experiment with specific ways to meet God meaningfully. Listening, reflection and awareness are at the heart of this week.

You will be paired with an experienced guide who will suggest specific ways to meet God meaningfully, and guide you in various spiritual practices. During the week you will meet daily for about 30 minutes. Your guide will provide you with scripture passages, poems or stories, art activities and/or meditations for you to explore or pray with at home between meetings. Your confidential meetings with your guide are held in sacred trust.



It costs \$35.00 to participate in the Week of Guided Prayer and Spiritual Exploration.

Registration forms are available from Greg and at www.guidedprayer.webs.com, and will be accepted until Feb 15th.

Collecting funds for Observer Magazine subscriptions

Renew your subscription or begin a subscription to the United Church of Canada's award-winning magazine. Regularly \$30/year. Those in Elora United's group subscription pay **only \$25**. Look for Observer envelopes on the table in the upper lobby or simply mark "OBSERVER" on any envelope from the pews; then place your envelope on the collection plate. For more info, call Beverly in the office. *Bethany's Observer subscriptions are renewed in June.*



LGBTQ+ and Christian

Does this describe you or someone you love? The Fergus-Elora Generous Space Group provides support for anyone who identifies as LGBTQ+, parents and allies. Our group meets twice a month. For more information, contact Beth (beth@generousspace.ca), or chat with Barb or Greg Smith-Young, (barbsmithyoung@gmail.com revgreg@bellnet.ca , office 519-846-0122 or home 519-846-2542).

Generous Space is a Canadian Ministry (www.generousspace.ca)

Looking Ahead

Mon	1:00pm	Quilters - BR
Thu	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir Practice – BR
Thu	8:15pm	EUC Praise Team Practice – BR
Fri	6:00pm	Community Dinner at Knox Presbyterian
Sat	5:30pm	Saturday Night Live at Elora UC – FH
Thu Feb 7	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir Practice – BR
Sun Feb 10	11:00am	Exploring the Bible with Your Kids
Sun Feb 10	6:00–8:00pm	Grade 7-12 Youth Sports Themed Dinner at Melville UC
Thu Feb 14	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir Practice – BR
Sun Feb 17	6:00-8:00pm	Grade 3-8 Youth and their families Potluck and Games at Melville UC
Thu Feb 21	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir Practice – BR
Thu Feb 21	8:15pm	EUC Praise Team Practice – BR
Sun Feb 24	1:00pm	Bethany UC Annual Congregational Meeting
Thu Feb 28	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir Practice – BR
Thu Feb 28	8:15pm	EUC Praise Team Practice – BR
Sun Mar 3	1:00pm	Elora UC Finance & Property Meeting - FH

In the Community



Shine Bluegrass Music at Knox Elora Presbyterian Church, Saturday, February 9th. Starts at 7pm. Tickets \$15. Call 519-846-0680

Roast Beef Dinner at Knox Elora Presbyterian Church, Saturday, February 16th



Sittings: 5:30 & 6:30 pm. Cost: Adults - \$20, under 12 - \$10

To reserve, please call 519-846-0680 or email knoxelora@wightman.ca

Dinner by Stephen Truchan. All proceeds going to restoration of Bell Tower & Steeple