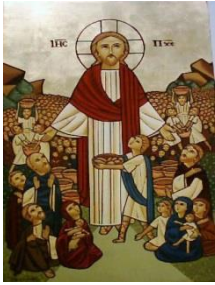


THE SUNDAY NEWS

April 7, 2019



12 Bags Full!

Help us love our neighbour by filling 12 bags of food and other items for the Centre Wellington Foodbank. Children's Worship is exploring the story of Jesus feeding more than 5000 people with 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. After everyone is full they collect 12 baskets of leftovers!! Please bring in items for the Foodbank and add them to the grocery cart in the Welcome Centre. **We will be collecting up to Sunday, April 14th.**

Continues this Thursday...

Journey Through the Desert with Purpose

Thursday morning 10:00-11:30am April 11th

Donna Mann invites you to the Bissell Room for a time of Collaborative and Personal Reflection.



Weekly Wednesday Gathering. This new group is just getting started! It's for you to connect with other people over lunch, conversation and shared activities. It will meet every **Wednesday in the Bissell Room from 1:00 – 3:00pm.** Please feel free to drop-in anytime during this period and stay for as short or long a time as you like.



SAVE THE DATE: The EUC Fish Fry is coming up on **Good Friday, April 19, 2019.** at the Elora Community Centre. This is a great event, with Silent Auction crafts and services donated by members of EUC, and a wonderful Georgian Bay fish fry dinner run by all of us as volunteers. **Sign-up sheets for volunteers and donation forms for the Share Your Flair Silent Auction hand-crafts and services can be found in the Welcome Centre.** Tickets are available at Santé, Wreckless Eric's, and in the church office. Help us make this event a success, please spread the word among family, friends and neighbours!

"Church
Lady" Pies

Silent auction
for awesome
hand-crafted items

Holy Week Worship

Fri Apr 19	11:00am	Good Friday	Elora UC
Sun Apr 21	7:00am	Easter Sunrise	Bissell Park
Sun Apr 21	9:20am	Easter Celebration	Bethany UC
Sun Apr 21	11:00am	Easter Celebration	Elora UC



Cyclone Idai swept through Southern Africa in March 2019, leaving terrible disaster in its wake. Hundreds of thousands of people in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi are in immediate need of food, water, and shelter. At least 830 people have been reported killed by the storm, and a cholera epidemic is feared. With more than 120,000 people displaced, Idai is one of the worst weather-related crises to ever affect the African continent.

The Canadian government is [matching donations for Cyclone Idai emergency relief](#) (up to a maximum of \$2 million) made to members of the Humanitarian Coalition (HC); the United Church is connected to the HC through its membership in the [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#). Your gifts made to the Cyclone Idai Appeal between **March 15 and April 15, 2019** can be doubled. More information about [how government matching typically works is available here](#).

United Church Mission & Service partner ACT Alliance, together with local partners, are working on the ground to provide immediate assistance, minimize loss of life, and ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are met. This infographic outlines priorities areas of need for ACT's response.

Donate Now:

Online via <https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=1955&AID=2274&PID=5878>

Phone 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

Send a cheque, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to:

The United Church of Canada
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Cyclone Idai" on the face of your cheque.

Please pray for those impacted by Cyclone Idai and give to emergency relief efforts.

Summer Overnight Camps are a great opportunity to make new friends, grow in faith, learn new skills and have lots of fun!! Many children and youth from our church family attend **Silver Lake Camp**, near Kincardine (silverlakecamp.ca). Some of our youth are staff there! **Camp Bimini** is also close by, near Stratford (campbimini.ca) Registration for both camps (and others in southern Ontario) is open. Funding to help with costs will be available from the United Church Women, please contact Barb Smith-Young at barb_sy@sympatico.ca or 519-846-2542, or Nancy Van Veen at olsonvan@cogeco.ca

Great news! We are happy to report our family Nahed, Majd and Faris have grown to become independent, resourceful and well-adjusted to their new lives in Fergus and now Guelph. They are becoming fluent in English and we continue to enjoy close friendships. Nahed is completing her level 6 ESL and hopes to secure a hairdressing license in Ontario. She practiced her trade in both Syria and Jordan. Majd quickly completed level 7 ESL and is currently enrolled in Conestoga College completing his college English entry level. He will soon move on to enrollment at Conestoga in computer science. Faris is doing very well academically in grade 10 at John Ross School in Guelph. We are so proud of their accomplishments.

We are tremendously grateful for all our volunteers who shared their time, resources, support and donations.

More great news! **Project Welcome is sponsoring another family from Syria.** Everything has been approved. We hope to welcome Emad, Susan and their 3 children by the summer. Emad is Nahed's brother. They are currently living in Jordan. They have anxiously waited to be reunited. (More good news! Nahed's mother, sister and 4 children came to Canada last fall as government sponsors. They have settled comfortably in Kitchener.)

As we prepare to move towards welcoming our new family, we are reaching out for help with:
Funding (both donations and fund raising)
Housing (furnishings and household items)

If you would like to be a part of our Project Welcome Team (or continue on the team), please speak with: Bonnie Norris 226.486.2419 Greg Smith-Young 519.846.0122

Looking Ahead

Sun	6:30 – 8:00pm	Grade 7 - 12 Youth Group (Melville UC)
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters – BR
Tue	6:15-7:00pm	Resources Board Meeting – BR
	7:00-9:00pm	Mission & Resources Boards Meeting - BR
Thu	10:00–11:30am	Journey Through The Desert With Purpose - BR
Thu	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir Practice – BR
Sat	3:00pm	Centre Wellington Singers Spring Concert - EUC
Sun, April 14	6:30-8:00pm	Gr. 3 - 8 Youth Group (Melville UC)
Fri, Apr 19	4:30-7:00pm	Good Friday Fish Fry and Silent Auction at the Elora Community Centre
Sun, May 5	12:30pm	Mission & Leadership Congregational Meeting-FH
July 3 - 5	mornings	Galactic Blast Kids Camp at Elora UC

In the Community



Centre Wellington Singers Spring Concert Saturday April 13th at 3:00pm at Elora United Church. A selection of classic hits from Broadway Musicals.