

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

April 14, 2019



## 12 Bags Full and More!!

**Thank you** for helping us fill 12 bags for the Centre Wellington Foodbank. We reached our goal and more! This was a project of Children's Worship as we explored the miracle story of Jesus feeding more than 5 000 people with 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. Thanks for helping us love our neighbour!

**Weekly Wednesday Gatherings.** 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 11:00am – 3:00pm.** Please feel free to drop-in anytime during this period and stay for as short or long a time as you like.

## 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



**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



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.**



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**

## Elora UC Mission & Leadership Meeting

This meeting for the whole congregation will be after worship on **Sunday, May 5**. Our focus will be on what we are doing as Christ's people (our mission) and how we make decisions (our leadership).

We will be considering reports from: our Minister for Worship, Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Care; Our Minister for Children and Youth; the United Church Women; Saturday Night Live, the Community Dinners; the Monday Quilters; Project Welcome; and the Ministry & Personnel Committee.

### The congregation will be selecting new leaders!

**Mission Board:** leads our mission and spiritual life including worship, social justice, evangelism, community outreach, education, pastoral care, membership. Usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month.

**Needed:** 3 positions for 1 and 3-year terms  
2 regional reps for 4-year terms

**Resources Board:** stewards our resources for mission including regular maintenance and care of Elora UC's property, budget, stewardship, fundraising, spending, and financial management. Usually meets on the 4th Tuesday evening of each month, and sometimes on the 2nd Tuesday.

**Needed:** 2 positions for 1 and 3-year terms

**Trustees Board:** manages Elora UC's investments, ensures Elora UC is properly insured and manages risk, and makes decisions about substantial changes to property. Meets 3-4 times a year.

**Needed:** 1 position for a 4-year term

**Ministry & Personnel Comm.:** tends to the relationships between staff and congregation, conducts regular reviews of staff, supports staff in their work, mediates conflicts and performance matters with staff. Meets 3-4 times a year.

**Needed:** 1 position for a 4-year term

**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](http://silverlakecamp.ca)). Some of our youth are staff there! **Camp Bimini** is also close by, near Stratford ([campbimini.ca](http://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](mailto:barb_sy@sympatico.ca) or 519-846-2542, or Nancy Van Veen at [olsonvan@cogeco.ca](mailto:olsonvan@cogeco.ca)

## Looking Ahead

Sun	6:30-8:00pm	Grades 3 - 8 Youth Group – Melville UC
Mon	1:00pm	Quilters – BR
Wed	11:00am–3:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering - BR
Thu	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir Practice – BR
Fri	11:00am	Good Friday Worship (Elora UC)
Fri	4:30-7:00pm	Good Friday Fish Fry and Silent Auction at the Elora Community Centre
Sun Apr 21	11:00am	Easter Sunday Celebration
Sun, May 5	11:00am	TCOW sharing their experience in Columbia- EUC
Sun, May 5	12:30pm	Mission & Leadership Congregational Meeting-FH
Sun May 5	6:30-8:00pm	Gr. 7 - 12 Youth Group (Elora UC)
July 3 - 5	mornings	Galactic Blast Kids Camp at Elora UC

## In the Community



**Cake Decorating Course**, 8 week course starting **May 6 to June 24th from 7:00pm-8:30pm.**

At Knox Elora Presbyterian Church, 51 Church St. Elora ON.

\$40.00 plus supplies

Call 519-846-0680 today as Space is limited !!

All funds will go to our Steeple restoration