

THE SUNDAY NEWS

April 21, 2019

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.

Brownie Bakers needed! On **May 3rd**, Elora United Church is preparing and serving the monthly Community Dinner at Knox Presbyterian. This is a free dinner for anyone in the community to come to. **We need 6 square pans of nut-free brownies.** If you would like to bake some, please connect with Barb (519-846-2542, barbsmithyoung@gmail.com)

Galactic Blast Kids Camp at Elora United Church! Don't miss this super fun camp! **Wednesday July 3rd - Friday July 5th in the mornings.** For children who have finished JK - Grade 5. **Online registration starting May 1st.** Youth finished Grade 6 and up can sign up as leaders with Barb. Lots of adult leaders needed too. For more info connect with Barb (519-846-2542, barbsmithyoung@gmail.com)

TechForGod.ca Check out this site to see what the Grade 5 - 8 youth were working on last Sunday. Look for their blogs about "What Easter Means to Me" and other thoughts.

Two Countries One World (TCOW) - May 5th Worship

Caleb Smith-Young (Elora UC) and Sarah Schmidt-McQuillan (Melville UC) are going to share with us during worship on May 5th. They are part of a team of United Church youth in the area who have been learning about global citizenship through the lens of their Christian faith. In March, they travelled to Colombia. They are thankful for all your support!

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 (cambimini.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**

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

Looking Ahead

Mon	1:00pm	Quilters – BR
Wed	11:00am–3:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering - BR
Thu	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir Practice – BR
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)
Sun, May 26	6:30–8:00pm	Gr. 3 - 8 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