

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

October 6, 2019

## **STARTING TODAY ... Season of Gratitude**

Gratitude deserves much more than a single day. So let's make a month of thanksgiving. This month's worship themes are paying particular attention to how God's abundance overflows into our lives and our world. **Please bring in things that symbolize what you're thankful for.** These can be objects to place around the Communion table. They can be words to write on cards and stick on our sanctuary's walls. **We want to keep doing this for the whole month** (finishing November 3).

## **Fellowship Hosts for October 13<sup>th</sup>**

The event that was scheduled in the Fellowship Hall has been cancelled and we are now looking for someone to Host. If you can help please let Beverly or Greg know.

## **CHEER BOXES**

### **We need your help to fill them!!**

EUC has a strong tradition of sending cheer boxes to our college and university students to let them know we are thinking about and praying for them.



We are filling our cheer boxes (shoebox size) with small, lightweight items that we will mail to students. You can help by donating an item (i.e., stationary, toiletry, treat) for 10 boxes. There is a collection box at the back of the church. The last day for donations is Sunday, October 20th.

You can also make a cash donation and I will do the shopping for you. Thank you for your support!!  
Melanie Anderson, call or txt 519.994.3672, [melrvanderson@hotmail.com](mailto:melrvanderson@hotmail.com)

## **We're Raised the Roof!**

We're excited to announce a new fundraising drive for this fall: "Raising the Roof!" Many of you have already commented this fall on the change to the Bissell Wing roof. It was leaking and upon the advice from a roofing engineer we have altered that roof from being a flat one to a peaked roof. And now we get to celebrate the advantages of that.

The EUC Envelope Wall is a visual way for all of us to think about how we can make an extra gift to EUC to support our building.

At the back of the sanctuary you will see a poster board of envelopes marked with different dollar amounts starting at \$1, all the way up to \$150.

Throughout October, we encourage members of the church and the community to take one or more envelopes with amounts of money they would be willing to give. Filled envelopes can be returned to the offering plate or in the box next to the display. This simple and fun project will raise over \$11,000!

If you like, write a note on the back of the envelope to share why this number is important to you! During October - in conjunction with the Sunday theme of "gratitude" we will share those celebration envelopes and stories.

Have a look. Pick a number that is special to you. And celebrate your faith and our Elora United Church home!

## Want to Help Out? Here are some ways you can serve our church:

**Be a Greeter** – You'd work in pairs, about every 8 weeks. (If there is someone you would like to greet with let us know, or we can match you with someone.) This involves;

- lighting the candles before service.
- greeting people as they enter and handing them the a bulletin.
- choosing 2 children to bring up the Bible and light the Christ candle during the first song.
- collecting the offerings and bringing them to the front.
- gathering up bulletins from the pews and recycling them.
- putting out the candles.

**Be a Fellowship Hour Host** – You'd work in pairs, about every 12 weeks. This involves making Tea and Coffee before service begins and then serving after the service. Snacks or baked goods are optional.

**Be an Offering Counter** – You'd work in teams of 3, about every 3-4 weeks. This involves recording the cheques, cash and loose offerings.

## Vital Signs

**Have you seen the 2019 Vital Signs report?** It was an insert in *The Wellington Advertiser* this past week. Vital Signs is a snapshot of our Centre Wellington Community. It looks at 6 themes: Belonging & Leadership, Housing, Gap Between Rich & Poor, Environment, Arts & Culture, Health. Done by the Centre Wellington Community Foundation, Vital Signs is used by many groups and organizations. **As you read it, what surprises you? What areas of need do you see? How can we work together and with others to respond? What is God calling us to do to bless our may neighbourhoods?**

## Weekly Wednesday Gatherings

**Every Wednesday 11:00 – 3:00pm in the Elora UC Bissell Room**

This is a great time to connect with other people over lunch, conversation and shared activities. Please feel free to drop-in anytime and stay for as long a time as you like.



**KnECT (Melissa) is hosting a chalk board sign night on Saturday, October 19 at 6:00pm.** (Runs for 2 hours). Four different designs to choose from. The event costs \$45. \$10 from each kit will be used by KnECT to sponsor a family through the Family and Child Service Christmas program. If you are not able attend there are kits to go. **To register call the Knox office at 519 846 0680 or [knoxelora@wightman.ca](mailto:knoxelora@wightman.ca) Deadline is October 12.**

## Looking Ahead

Sun	6:30 – 8:00pm	Grades 10-12 “Be the Light” Night – Melville UC
Tue	7:00pm	EUC Mission Board – BR
Wed	11:00 – 3:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering
Thu	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir – BR
Thu	7:00 – 8:30pm	Good & Beautiful God Group – 46 Walser St.
Sat, Oct 12	Cancelled	CANCELLED – EUC Care Callers
Tue, Oct 15	Cancelled	CANCELLED - Bethany UC Board
Wed, Oct 16	11:00 – 3:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering
Thu, Oct 17	1:30pm	UCW Meeting – BR
Thu, Oct 17	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir – BR
Sun, Oct 20	6:30 – 8:00pm	Grades 3-6 & 7-9 Youth Group - EUC
Tue, Oct 22	7:00pm	Elora UC Resources Board – BR
Sat, Nov 2	10:30am	EUC Care Callers Meeting – BR
Sun, Nov 3	6:30 – 8:00pm	Grades 10 -12 Youth Group - EUC