

THE SUNDAY NEWS

October 13, 2019



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!

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

Brownie Bakers Needed!

Community Dinner on November 1.

Elora United Church is preparing and serving the meal at the monthly free dinner at Knox Presbyterian. Everyone is welcome at this monthly dinner. Please let Barb know if you are able to supply a pan of nut-free brownies. We have a team of people preparing the rest of the meal, which feeds 100 people. If you would like to give a financial donation towards this outreach ministry (helps pay for the cost of food), please speak with Barb (519-846-2542, barbsmithyoung@gmail.com)

How does one care for Holy Ground?

Elora United Church Women, Thursday, October 17th at 1:30pm in the Bissell Room

Guest Speaker Donna Mann. Donna worked for many years in one particular cemetery that had unfortunately attracted the wrong kind of attention. This came to the attention of Ontario Historical Society and their appreciation for her work was recently recognized.

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.

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.

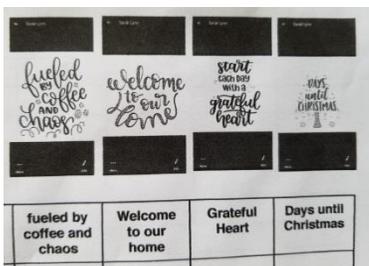
Be an Offering Counter – You'd work in teams of 3, about every 3-4 weeks. This involves recording the cheques, cash and loose offerings.

Vital Signs

Have you seen the 2019 Vital Signs report? 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.

The Vital Signs report was an insert in *The Wellington Advertiser* a couple weeks ago. (You can also download a copy here: cwcfoundation.ca/vital-signs/vital-signs-2019-report)

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?



Knox's KnECT group 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 Deadline is October 12.

CW Pregnancy Centre Fall Dinner

Friday, October 25th at Aboyne Hall, Wellington County Museum

For all the details and to purchase tickets, go to www.pregnancycentre.ca/participate.

Gather your friends and come and enjoy a gourmet lasagna dinner catered by Fraberts of Fergus, music by Revell Sessions and a fun trivia game. You will also get a chance to meet and hear from Katrina Davidson, our communication director who will talk about her work in the local high schools. You won't want to miss this!

It's been an exciting Fall here at The Pregnancy Centre in Fergus. Two young, single moms have joined our Mom-to-Mom support group where volunteer mentors come alongside and teach them critical skills to prepare for birth and bonding with their new baby.

We cannot do what we do without you, our supporters. Please pray for the work of the Centre and donate so we can continue to provide a warm, welcoming and safe place to meet, and compassionate and professionally trained staff.

It's a Season of Gratitude

Gratitude deserves much more than a single day. So let's make a month of thanksgiving!

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.

Fall Dinner at Arkell United Church

Friday, October 25th 5pm to 7pm at 600 Arkell Road, Arkell

Tickets \$15, children 5-12 \$7, under 5 free. Leave message at the church for tickets, 519-821-7623 or pay at the door. Followed at 7 - 9pm. with first Musical Hootenanny of the season. Sign up for your time in the spotlight or just sit and enjoy.

Looking Ahead

Wed	11:00 – 3:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering
Thu	1:30pm	UCW Meeting – BR – Speaker Donna Mann
Thu	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir – BR
Thu	8:15pm	Elora UC Praise Team
Thu	6:00 – 10:00pm	Adventure Club - SANC
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
Wed, Oct 23	11:00 – 3:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering
Thu, Oct 24	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir – BR
Thu, Oct 24	8:15pm	Elora UC Praise Team
Tue Oct 29	7:30pm	Bethany UC Board Meeting
Sat, Nov 2	10:30am	EUC Care Callers Meeting – BR
Sun, Nov 3	6:30 – 8:00pm	Grades 10 -12 Youth Group – EUC

A Mission Minute

Helping Communities Thrive in Nepal

From January 28 to February 10, 2018, a group of youth leaders travelled to Nepal to see Mission & Service ecumenical partner Canadian Foodgrains Bank at work. The Rev. Janet Jones was one of the United Church leaders on the trip. Here, she shares her reflection on the impact of support from Canadian Foodgrains Bank:

“We gathered with moms and their children and learned about the nutrition and child growth monitoring programs [and] other purposeful things they do together. We heard meaningful stories of children recovering from malnourishment, sometimes in three months, because of the programs offered. What's best is that community members are trained and lead the programs.

“How do we put an end to hunger? Share collective knowledge and skills with each other, support and give care when needed, and share the global stories so we can realize we really are all the same. These projects focus on providing seeds, tools, and training to communities working toward self-sustainability. They're able to feed their families through their own farming and sell the extra produce in creating income and savings.”

Mission & Service support is helping these communities thrive.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.