

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

October 20, 2019

## 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.**

## CHEER BOXES



### **We need your help to fill them!! Today is the last day for donations!**

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.

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!

## **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](mailto:barbsmithyoung@gmail.com))

## **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.

## **Resilient Faith: Sexual & Gender Diversity in the Church**

Sundays after worship (12:30 – 2:00pm) in the Elora UC Bissell Room

Barb and Greg Smith-Young will be leading a 5-part learning and conversation time. We'll be using a resource called Resilient Faith. It features the voices of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Christians. Each segment unpacks important aspects of the faith conversation. Here's the schedule and topics:

Nov 3	LGBTQ+ Journeys
Nov 17	Integrating Scripture
Nov 24	Navigating Disagreement
Dec 1	Recognizing Privilege
Dec 8	Hopes for the Church

Come to whichever ones you can. All are welcome!

## **Overcoming Addictions**

**Wednesday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Fergus**

Esther Allison, M.A. is a registered psychotherapist and local Christian counsellor. She will speak about this important challenge that affects many of us. There will be an opportunity to learn about continued avenues for support.

## **Doctrine of Discovery**

**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 - 4:00pm at Gorge Cinema in Elora.**

Sponsored by St. John's Anglican Church, Elora.

*Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen lands, Strong Hearts* is a challenging, truthful documentary, featuring Indigenous leaders, legal scholars, a senator, historians, allies, and church leaders, who help us to understand what the Doctrine of Discovery is, how it has historically impacted Indigenous peoples, and where we see it alive and well today. Key to understanding how we got to this place in our history and relationships, this is a must-see for every Canadian, as we strive for reconciliation. Come to a screening of the film, followed by a panel Q&A.

## Greg will be away, October 21<sup>st</sup> – October 28<sup>th</sup>

He is going to Gander, Newfoundland to help lead a couple of events. These are focused on prayer and deepening our availability and attentiveness to God's Presence. He'll be sharing some of the things we've been doing in Elora-Bethany. Please pray for him and the team he's part of.

**If there is an urgent pastoral care need, please contact:**

**Rev. Susan Clarke (Knox Presbyterian): Cell 613-246-3090**

**Rev. Marion Loree (Melville United): Office 519-843-1781**

### Looking Ahead

Sun	6:30 – 8:00pm	Grades 3-6 & 7-9 Youth Group - EUC
Tue	7:00pm	Elora UC Resources Board – BR
Wed	11:00 – 3:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering
Thu	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir – BR
Thu	8:15pm	Elora UC Praise Team
Tue Oct 29	7:30pm	Bethany UC Board Meeting
Wed, Oct 30	11:00 – 3:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering
Thu, Oct 31	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir – BR
Sat, Nov 2	10:30am	EUC Care Callers Meeting – BR
Sun, Nov 3	12:30 – 2:00pm	Resilient Faith
Sun, Nov 3	6:30 – 8:00pm	Grades 10 -12 Youth Group – EUC
Wed, Nov 6	7:30pm	Elora UC Trustees (Jeff Negrave's home)
Sun, Nov 10	11:00am	All Saints' Memorial Service

## A Mission Minute

### A Thank You to Ministers

In his letter to the Ephesians, the apostle Paul writes about God empowering church leaders “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12).

What are the ways that a minister has helped this community of faith to equip the saints for ministry, or to build up the Body of Christ in this place?

Today, we offer gratitude for the many ways that our ministers help to build up the Body of Christ through their leadership and ministry. Thank you for the sermons. Thank you for the worship gatherings. Thank you for the educational opportunities for all ages. Thank you for the ways you equip people for discipleship. Thank you for the home and hospital visits. Thank you for your outreach and justice leadership. Thank you for the prayers and care. Thank you for your faithfulness and your call to be a minister in The United Church of Canada.

Thanks to our gifts to Mission & Service, we support our ministers through theological education training and continuing education. Mission & Service also provides support to your community of faith through pastoral relations at the regional council and the denominational council. Thank you for your gifts to Mission & Service.

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.