

THE SUNDAY NEWS

October 27, 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.



Elora United Has Raised the Roof!

Have you seen our new Bissell Wing roof? The old one needed a lot of work. A roofing engineer suggested we change from a flat to a peaked roof. So we did! Now we get to celebrate the advantages of that.

Have you seen the Envelope Wall at the back of the sanctuary? It is a visual way for all of us to think about how we can make an extra gift to EUC to support our building.

The envelopes marked with different dollar amounts starting at \$1, all the way up to \$150. Please take one or more envelopes with amounts of money you can give. 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.

Filled envelopes can be returned by the offering plate. If you miss the offering, please use the box next to the display.

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)

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.

All-Saints Memorial Service

Sunday, November 10th at 9:20am at Bethany; 11:00am at Elora

Every year, we set aside this Sunday to remember those for whom we are grieving. In particular, we mark people who died during the last year or so. During worship, there will be an opportunity for you to light a candle in memory of people who were important to you. Please join us for this special time.

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!

Doctrine of Discovery

Sunday, November 10th 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 21st – October 28th

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

COMING SOON!
MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDER.

**The Elora United Church Women's
Annual Bake and Craft Show**

**Saturday, December 7
9:00am to 1:00pm**

Come and search through the treasures in Grandma's Attic. Handmade crafts make thoughtful gifts for your loved ones. Special treasures will be in the Silent Auction. Take a break with a muffin and coffee or have a full soup and sandwich lunch. Finish up by taking home baked goodies.

The UCW is collecting items for the Grandma's Attic sale. You may leave yours in containers in the Welcome Centre or drop them off at the church on Friday Fri Nov 23rd between 4:00 and 6:30 pm. Please no Grandma's attic items on Saturday morning during the sale.

Looking Ahead

Tue	7:30pm	Bethany UC Board Meeting
Wed	11:00 – 3:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering
Thu	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir – BR
Fri	6:00pm	Community Dinner – Knox Presbyterian
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	11:00 – 3:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering
Wed, Nov 6	7:30pm	Elora UC Trustees (Jeff Negrave's home)
Thu, Nov 7	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir – BR
Sun, Nov 10	11:00am	All Saints' Memorial Service
Sun, Nov 10	1:00pm	Doctrine of Discovery (Gorge Cinema)
Sat, Dec 7	9:00 – 1:00pm	Elora UCW Annual Bake & Craft Show

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Administrator Beverly Bond is in the office Thurs & Fri 9:30-3:30 from Sept to June