

THE SUNDAY NEWS

November 3, 2019



Have you seen the Envelope Wall?

It's a way for you to make an extra gift to Elora UC to support our building's upkeep. This simple and fun project will raise over \$11,000!

Each envelope had a different amount, from \$1-\$150. Please take one or more. Then return it with that amount inside. Filled envelopes can be returned by the offering plate. If you miss the offering, please use the box next to the display.

You can write a note on the back of the envelope to share why this number is important to you! We'll be sharing some of these stories.

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

Thank you to the team of children and youth and leaders that participated in our Community Clean Up on Sunday, Oct. 27. This is one way we can care for God's creation. Our clean-up was registered with www.shorelinecleanup.ca.

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.

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!



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.

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.

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.

Looking Ahead

Sun	12:30 – 2:00pm	Resilient Faith
Sun	6:30 – 8:00pm	Grades 10 -12 Youth Group – EUC
Wed	11:00 – 3:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering
Wed	7:30pm	Elora UC Trustees (Jeff Negrave’s home)
Thu	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir – BR
Thu	8:15pm	EUC Praise Team - BR
Sun Nov 10	11:00am	All Saints’ Memorial Service
Sun Nov 10	1:00pm	Doctrine of Discovery (Gorge Cinema)
Sun Nov 10	3:00pm	Gr. 10 – 12 Youth attending worship at University of Guelph
Wed Nov 13	11:00 – 3:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering
Thu Nov 14	7:00pm	The Good and Beautiful God Group – The Hulley’s
Thu Nov 14	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir – BR
Thu Nov 14	8:15pm	EUC Praise Team - BR
Sun Nov 17	6:30 – 8:00pm	Gr. 3 – 6, 7 – 9 Youth Group at Melville United
Sat, Dec 7	9:00 – 1:00pm	Elora UCW Annual Bake & Craft Show

In the Community



Snowflake Craft Sale, Sat Nov 23rd 9am – 1pm at Knox-Elora Presbyterian Church. Handmade crafts, homemade baked goods, white elephant and silent auction. Lunch available. Still room for more Vendors, call 226-820-6811 or email knoxelora@wightman.ca

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