

THE SUNDAY NEWS

November 17, 2019



**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 December 6th between 4:00 and 6:30 pm.

Please no Grandma's attic items on Saturday morning during the sale.

We also need **donations of baking** and appreciate crafts, as well. Please bring baking in on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

We are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help with setup on Friday and **VOLUNTEERS** to help on Saturday and Sunday. Please contact Phyllis Waind (519-846-9936) if you can lend a hand.



Have you seen the Envelope Wall?

It's at the back of the Sanctuary.

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

We've already received \$3,000!

There are envelopes for amounts 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!



The Elora UCW meeting Thursday, November 21st at 1:30pm in the Bissell Room. Guest speaker is Nancy Crawford from Grand Abilities

Special Gifts Fund Grants

The Elora UC Mission Board will be considering grants from our Special Gifts Fund at its meeting on **December 10th**. It invites proposals under the following areas: **Education (\$423 available), Community Outreach (\$823), and Projects of the United Church of Canada (\$823)**. Copies of the fund policy and application forms are available at the back of the sanctuary, as well as from the church office.

Weekly Wednesday Gatherings

Every Wednesday 11:00 – 2:00pm 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.

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 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!

Project Welcome

Supporting Refugees in Our Community

Please consider supporting Project Welcome's work with our refugee family. You can give a cheque made out to "Elora United Church" with 'Project Welcome' in the memo line. You can also give by credit card at ProjectWelcomeCW.ca. Thank you!

Coming in 2020 . . .

Supper By Syrians

Enjoy a wonderful meal, prepared under the direction of Chef Emad Al Housarya. Emad is a professional chef who was trained in Syria and Jordan. He's working with Chef Chris Jess of The Food School at Centre Wellington District High School. Together they will be making an authentic Syrian meal for you, their guests. Syrian food is tasty! It is spicy, but not hot.

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.

Celebrating Abundance A study for Advent

Mondays at 7:00pm, November 25 – December 16. at Knox Presbyterian Church

Come and share in this engaging and meaningful conversation about what it really means to get ready for Christmas. To "prepare for Christmas" in our society is to be sucked into a swirl of indulgence, from decor to gifts to calorie-rich foods. Layer upon layer of tinsel, lights, and wrapping paper create the illusion of abundance, disguising the feeling of emptiness in our souls. The arrival of the Messiah, by contrast, is true abundance disguised by the impression of scarcity. Training our eyes to see through the rough stable, the adolescent mother, and the anxious escape to Egypt, we can see in that poverty and powerlessness the wonder of God's abundant life and grace coming down to dwell among us. **More Info?: 519.846.0680 or minister@wightman.ca**

Looking Ahead

Sun	12:30–2:00pm	Resilient Faith - BR
Sun	6:30–8:00pm	Gr. 3 – 6, 7 – 9 Youth Group at Melville United
Tue	7:30pm	Bethany Board Meeting – at Sue's
Wed	11:00–2:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering – BR
Thu	1:30pm	Elora UCW - BR
Thu	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir – BR
Thu	8:15pm	Praise Team - BR
Sun Nov 24	12:30–2:00pm	Resilient Faith - BR
Tue Nov 26	7:00pm	Resources Board Meeting – BR
Thu Nov 28	7:00pm	Good & Beautiful Good Group – The Hulley's
Sat Nov 30	3:00pm	CW Singers' Christmas Concert – EUC
Sun Dec 1	12:30–2:00pm	Resilient Faith - BR
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

Christmas Marketplace & Lunch, Sat Nov 30th 11am – 2pm at St. James Anglican Church, 171 Queen St. E. Fergus. Home Baking, Gift Baskets, Toonie Table, Draws, Christmas Decorations. Lunch \$10 Adults, \$5 Children, includes Chicken a' la King, Salad and Squares.



Centre Wellington Singers

Christmas Concert, Saturday November 30th 3:00pm at Elora United Church.

Tickets available from choir members, at the door, and by reservation 519.994.1015. Adults \$15, children 12 and under \$5.



Allison Lupton Concert, Sunday, December 1st at 8:00pm at Knox Elora Presbyterian

Tickets are \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door.

Tickets are available at: Knox Elora church, Wreckless Eric's and Sante. Concert proceeds support the Knox-Elora Steeple Restoration Fund.