

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

December 22, 2019

## Worship for Advent & Christmas



- Tue, Dec 24** 5:00pm *Christmas Eve Celebration at Elora UC*  
7:00pm *Christmas Eve Celebration at Bethany UC*  
9:30pm *Christmas Eve Communion at Elora UC*
- Sun, Dec 29** *Carols Service*
- Sun, Jan 5** *Epiphany Sunday*

## During the Christmas Season...

**The Church Office will be closed until January 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Barb & Greg Smith-Young will be away on vacation from December 25<sup>th</sup> until January 2<sup>nd</sup>. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact:

Rev. Susan Clarke (Knox Presbyterian, Elora) 519-846-0680

Rev. Lynn Hamilton (Barrie Hill United) 519-829-9024



## Project Welcome

### Supporting Refugees in Our Community

Please consider supporting Project Welcome's work with our refugee family, Emad & Suzan Al Housarya and their 3 children. 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](http://ProjectWelcomeCW.ca). Thank you!



## Mystery Friends Sign Up (see sign up box downstairs) **Nov. 24 - Jan. 5**

For all ages in our church family. People of different ages are paired with one another to exchange letters, drawings, "penny-gifts" etc. Sign up by Jan. 5. Starting Jan. 12 there will be a "Mail Centre" board set up. Over the next month this is where you will leave things for your mystery friend and where they can leave things for you. Feb. 23 will be the big reveal!

## Special Gifts Fund Grants

The Elora UC Mission Board is suggesting the following year-end grants from our Special Gifts Fund:

- a) Project Welcome - \$823 (Community Outreach)
- b) Guelph Ecumenical Campus Ministry - \$832 (UC Projects)
- c) Toronto Urban Poverty Experience - \$423 (Education)

Information is posted in the Welcome Centre. Questions or concerns about these grants? Please speak with Bonnie Young, Beverly Bond, or Greg Smith-Young before January 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Looking Ahead

Tues Dec 24	5:00pm	Christmas Eve Celebration at Elora UC
	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Celebration at Bethany UC
	9:30pm	Christmas Eve Communion at Elora UC
Thu Jan 9	7:00pm	Good & Beautiful God Group – Hulley’s
Sat Jan 11	10:30am	Care Callers – BR
Sun Jan 12	12:30pm	Toronto Urban Poverty Experience Information Session – BR
Tue Jan 14	7:00pm	Elora UC Mission Board – BR
Fri Jan 17	7:00pm	<i>Gospel of John</i> Movie – BR
Thu Jan 23	7:00pm	Good & Beautiful God Group – Hulley’s
Tue Jan 28	7:00pm	Elora UC Resources Board - BR

## In the Community

### Hope for the Holidays Worship Service

Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 325 St. George St., Fergus)  
The Christmas Season can be difficult for many, especially those who have experienced losses. Memories of family and friends bring sorrow when others are celebrating. Losses of what was or what might have been, put a damper on the joy of the season. This quieter Christmas service allows us to give our sorrows and losses to the Christ Child and there find hope. Refreshments to follow. This service is open to all – Community members are welcome.