

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

## JANUARY 19, 2020

**Mystery Friends begins today!** If you signed up for this please check your envelope for how to get started. Your envelope has your "mystery name" on it, the name you wrote down when you signed up. If you forget your name, just ask Barb. Have fun!

**Barb is on Study Leave from Jan. 20 - 26.**



### **Friday Evening Potlucks, Fridays in January , 6:30-8:30pm**

The Weavers' home: 31 Emily Street, Elora.

Come and end your week with good food and conversation. Bring anything you wish to contribute, small or big. We will end with a group prayer time (for those who wish) to send you off for the weekend. You are welcome to bring a friend or neighbour. Everyone's invited!

### **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, A Worship Gathering, Wednesday, January 22<sup>th</sup> , 10:30 am**

Wellington County Museum and Archives (Nichols Keith Room)

Celebrate our common life in Christ Jesus. All are welcome (free of charge). By the Centre Wellington Ministerial Association

### **Collecting funds for Broadview (Observer) Magazine subscriptions**

Renew your subscription or begin a subscription to the United Church of Canada's award-winning magazine. Regularly \$30/year. Those in Elora United's group subscription pay **only \$25. Deadline is February 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Look for Observer envelopes on the table in the upper lobby or simply mark "BROADVIEW OR OBSERVER" on any envelope from the pews; then place your envelope on the collection plate. For more info, call Beverly in the office. *Bethany's Observer subscriptions are renewed in June.*

**Broadview**  
SPIRITUALITY, JUSTICE AND ETHICAL LIVING

**Barbatiou Barb's Birthday Bash!! Sunday, January 26, 6 - 9 pm at Elora United Church.** In celebration of turning 50, Barb Smith-Young is hosting an Ice Cream Party for Everyone! Drop in any time that evening. There will be lots of ice cream, board games, and toys for Barb's youngest friends. Please no gifts. You are welcome to bring ice cream toppings to share (no nuts please).

## Another Story Must Begin

A spiritual growth group using the musical, *Les Misérables*.

Les Mis is one of the great musicals of the 20th century. Based on Victor Hugo's classic (and very long) novel, the musical tells the story of a fugitive thief, Jean Valjean, Inspector Javert who is hunting him, and the people who are drawn into their story. It's a story of justice and grace, love and fear, obsession and hope.

A few years ago I did a 3-day retreat, based on the musical. We looked at each character, and how that character's traits are reflected in our own lives. I want to offer a similar experience for you.

I'm hoping to offer this 6-session group, beginning in February (or March) and finishing in April. The group will meet weekly.

For now, I'm trying to figure out when to offer it. **So, if you're interest, please let me know and tell me which time (or times) might work for you.**

**A: Thursday evenings (March 5-April 9)**

**B: Friday afternoons (February 21-March 6, March 20-April 3)**

**C: Friday evenings (February 21-March 6, March 20-April 3)**

**D: I'm interested, but none of those times work for me. What about. . . ?**

## Looking Ahead

Sun	12:30pm	Toronto Urban Poverty Experience Information Session – BR
Sun	6:30pm	Gr. 3-6, 7-9 Youth Epiphany Party – Melville UC
Wed	10:30am	Christian Unity Service – County Museum
Wed	11:00-2:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering
Thu	7:00pm	Good & Beautiful God Group – Hulley's
Fri	6:30-8:30pm	Friday Evening Potluck – at the Weaver's Home
Sun Jan 26	6:00-9:00pm	Barb's Birthday Celebration – FH
Tue Jan 27	7:30pm	Bethany UC Board Meeting – Pat Davies' Home
Wed Jan 29	11:00-2:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering
Tue Jan 28	7:00pm	Elora UC Resources Board - BR
Fri Jan 31	6:30-8:30pm	Friday Evening Potluck – at the Weaver's Home

## In the Community

### Doctrine of Discovery soup-and-chat group, Sundays 12:30-1:30pm

Jan 19 St. John's Church building (36 Henderson)

Jan 26 St. John's Church Parish Centre

Our conversation will be based on the documentary "Doctrine of Discovery." This film is about the devastating decision, made over 500 years ago, that lands discovered by Europeans were "empty" and their millions of Indigenous inhabitants were "non-human." This decision continues to impact Indigenous and Settler people worldwide. All are welcome, whether you have seen the film or not.

### Naomi Bristow "the yodelling cowgirl", A Celebration of Country, Western & Gospel Music Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

Knox Presbyterian Church (51 Church Street, Elora)

Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 after Jan 16.