

THE SUNDAY NEWS

March 8, 2020

SATURDAY! Elora United Church SHAMROCK SUPPER, SATURDAY MARCH 14th, 2020

Beef Stew Buffet served from 5:00 TO 7:00 P.M. Tickets \$12 Adult and \$3 Children 12 years and under, available at: Elora United Church Office (846-0122) and at the door.



Weekly Wednesday Gatherings

Every Wednesday 11:00 – 3:00pm in the Elora UC Bissell Room

Please come join us, the gathering is open to all. 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.

Toronto Team 2020

The youth of Elora United and their friends are preparing for another Toronto Team. This time we are taking 14 senior high school youth and 6 adults. We will be in Toronto March 13 - March 15 with the organization called TOOLS (Toronto Ontario Opportunities for Learning and Service). We will be learning about urban poverty issues and that every person we meet is valuable, including ourselves.

How can you support us?

Pray for the team. Pray that we would be open to how God wants to bless us.

Donate items that we can take with us to share: socks, toques, food gift cards \$5 - 10 (Subway, Tims etc), or cash and Barb will buy gift cards.



Fish Fry & Silent Auction April 10, 2020

Preparations for the April 10, 2020 Fish Fry & Silent Auction have begun. **Sign-up Sheet for the Silent Auction which includes "once loved treasures" this year, is in the Welcome Centre.** Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome. Please contact Carolyn & Tom Skimson at (519)846-5635.

Summer United Church Camps

Registration is now open at area United Church camps! Over the years many children from Elora UC have enjoyed overnight camps. Some have also worked at camp as youth and young adults. Check out Silver Lake Camp, near Kincardine (silverlakecamp.ca), Camp Bimini, near Stratford (campbimini.ca) and Ryerson Camp, near Turkey Point (ryersoncamp.com).

Looking Ahead

Sun	6:30-8:00pm	Toronto Team
Tue	7:00pm	EUC Mission Board Meeting – BR
Wed	11:00-2:00pm	Weekly Wednesday Gathering
Thu	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir – BR
Sat	5:00-7:00pm	Shamrock Supper – FH
Fri - Sat		Good & Beautiful God Retreat
Fri – Sun		Toronto Team Urban Poverty Experience
Thu Mar 19	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir – BR
Fri Mar 20	3:00-5:00pm	Another Story Must Begin (Les Miserable) - BR
Sun Mar 22	6:30-8:00pm	Gr. 3-6, 7-9 Youth Group – Melville UC
Tue Mar 24	7:00pm	TCOW Information Night for youth and parents –BR
Thu Mar 26	7:00pm	EUC Adult Choir – BR
Sat Mar 28	all day	EUC rented by St. John’s Anglican Church
Fri Apr 10	4:30-7:00pm	Fish Fry & Silent Auction – Elora Community Centre
Jul 7-10	(mornings)	Kid’s Camp at Elora UC

Minutes for Mission 2020: A Tiny Baby

The chaplains of Michael Garron Hospital in Toronto have to respond to many situations. Here is one story from a United Church chaplaincy student about her time in the pediatrics ward:

I remember the first time I saw her. I had to put on a gown, mask, and gloves to go into her room. This tiny baby, hooked up to so many tubes, smiled up at me. She had so much trust in her eyes for a baby who had been abandoned by her parents. She’d had two heart surgeries and was now recovering. Each day she grew stronger, and soon most of the tubes had been removed and we no longer needed to mask and gown. What she needed most was human contact, so I would spend time each day holding her, talking to her, and watching her smile and coo. When she was three months old, her parents came back to reunite with her. They had many meetings with social workers, and I was included in those conversations. Her parents had been refugees who came to this country with their seven children; when the baby was born with Down’s syndrome and many health problems, they panicked and left her at the hospital to be cared for. When the day came for this tiny, beautiful baby to leave with her parents, staff said goodbye to her, and many of them were in tears. After she left the hospital, we sat around and shared stories and grieved together. It was a very profound moment in my ministry.

Mission & Service supports chaplaincy in hospitals, universities, and prisons.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

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