

ANNOUNCEMENTS - September 7, 2014

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, welcome! Please sign our Guest Book at the back of the church or in the entranceway.

Melville United has purchased an exciting new curriculum for KIDS CHURCH, a Spiritual Document for Young Hearts and Minds, The Inner Wisdom Series, entitled "A JOYFUL PATH." We need TEACHERS to deliver this new program... lesson plans will be provided as well as any required supplies. Please see Jen Auger, Martha Duncan or Patty Foster for more information or to volunteer for this worthwhile project. A sign up sheet is posted in the hallway adjacent to the Beatty Parlour, choose a single Sunday or a longer block of time.

Change in date for **Melville's Giant Garage and Bake Sale**

To accommodate the construction of the new floor in the Fellowship Hall in November, the Fun, Funds and Fellowship Committee have changed the dates for the Melville Garage and Bake Sale to: **Sept. 19, 20 and 22 8am - 4pm.**

This is short notice for collecting items.

This is a great time to clean out unused and unwanted items. Have you got items that you can donate?? Please collect items NOW. Phone Marg 843-3273 for pick up or take items to the church and leave them in the "copy room" or Parlour at the church. We will find your items. Items and baking can also be dropped off on Thursday Sept, 18 at the Fellowship Hall. Ask family and neighbours to donate as well. Let's make this garage and bake sale **BIG!**
Your FFF committee

Please join the family of Joan and John Cuming to celebrate their 50th wedding Anniversary. An Open House will be held at Melville United on Sat Sep 6th from 2 - 4 p.m.

To thank Melville for the long standing interest and support of our work in the S.H.A.R.E. Agriculture Foundation, Marg and Les Frayne would like to invite you to an afternoon in the country on Sept. 7, from 3:30 - 7.00 p.m. , a Corn Roast, at Raefield Farm just south of Brucedale. Music, swimming, walks, visiting, a hayride, a peak into a working dairy farm and good food. From Fergus - Turn south off County Rd. #18 (Orangeville Rd.) onto 4th line (this turns is just past Shand Dam entrance). Continue down to Brucedale, (Stop light on Hwy. 124) Continue to #5231 on County Rd. #27 - the farm is on your left before Rockwood. Our minister Marion Loree, will be singing with the John Solberg and friends band!

Spirituality Circle will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Mon Sept. 8th in the parlour.

Alma United & St. Andrew's Presbyterian Churches present... Guided Labyrinth Walks - Outdoor Guided Walks (weather permitting) will be offered most Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. September and October 2014 as follows: September 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and October 6th, 20th, 27th.

Friday 'Coffee Hour' has returned to the church parlour at 10:00 a.m. All welcome!! Come for a cup of tea or coffee, a time of fellowship and a morning treat. Your FFF committee

FYI - Melville's support of the Food Bank, fresh food initiative. This summer a group of Melville folks harvested food from Frayne's vegetable garden to donate to the Food Bank. Small amounts of carrots, corn, potatoes, tomatoes, beans, zucchinis. onions and cucumbers were donated on Tuesdays during the summer. The Melville group enjoyed fellowship and food along with some light gardening on a selected Thursday nights.

St. John's United Church in Belwood is holding a giant book sale on Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Attention Grade 5-8 students! Youth Group re-launches with an evening of volleyball and roasting marshmallows - Sunday September 14th from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Meet at Elora Public School, campfire at the Weaver's home after. Speak to Jen about arranging a ride to Elora if needed. Friends welcome.

JAZZ VESPERS... Worship in a different way ... music and prayer - featuring the John Zadro Trio on Sunday, September 14 at 7 p.m. at Trinity United Church, 400 Stevenson St N, Guelph. Freewill offering.

Breakfast supplies needed! Melville is hosting breakfast on Sat. Sept. 20 for participants of this year's Shantytown fund raiser for The Door. We are looking for muffins, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. If you can donate any of these please see the sign-up list in the hall on the way to the parlour.

Come and see six members of your church in "Surgeon' Ahead: The Dr. Groves Story" hosted by Melville United Church on Sept. 25, 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. General admission tickets \$20 available at Undercover Quilts and More, Ron Wilkin Jewellers or after church on Sept. 14th and 21st.

From your Church Library - The Melville Book Club has had a good year. We have enjoyed a diverse selection of books, from "I Shall Not Hate", to "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society", to "Crow Lake". They have all led to thoughtful and interesting discussions. And we have had a lot of fun, thanks to Diane Maloney, imagining going on field trips to the various book settings. By far our favourite would be Guernsey. Line-up for the fall.

Beginning Sept.1 "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri;

Oct.6 "The Thirteenth Tale" by Diane Sutterfield;

Nov.25 "Left Neglected" by Lisa Genova

Anyone may borrow one of these books when they are available, even if you are unable to join the discussion group. Just sign up on the book club sheet in the church library.

Discipleship – A spiritual classic by pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Book Group at Elora United Church meeting 1st Wednesdays of each month, beginning October 1 from 7:00-8:30pm. Email or call Rev. Greg Smith-Young for more information, and to register (revgreg@bellnet.ca or 519.846.0122

Aboriginals and Allies is being held at Dublin United Church at 68 Suffolk St. W. In Guelph on October 4th starting at 1:30 p.m. It is to raise your awareness of the First Nations, Metis and Inuit people of Canada. For more information please contact Dublin United Church at 519-821-0610.

The Grandmothers of the Grand asks you to join us at our OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, October 1st 7:30p.m. at Heritage River Retirement Residence, Elora, Ontario. Our Guest speaker is Margaret Wilson who will share reflections and slides from her official visit to Africa by the Stephen Lewis Foundation showcasing the successes of sponsored projects of the Foundation. Refreshments provided. Grandmothers of the Grand is a group of concerned women who want to help alleviate the plight of grandmothers in Africa as they care for children orphaned by the AIDS pandemic. We undertake fundraising events with proceeds going to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. We also raise awareness about AIDS. For more information, call Elly 519-843-1528. Did you know that you don't need to be a grandmother to join our group?

Do you want to transform lives? Join us for our 25th Anniversary Fundraising Gala, **25 Years... and all that JAZZ!** On the evening of Thursday, October 2nd, 2014, we'll be celebrating 25 years of healing and hope in Waterloo Region! Join us at The Tannery Event Centre in Kitchener for a fabulous and fun evening out with friends or that special someone! **25 Years... and all that JAZZ** will feature the talented Rebecca Binnendyk and her Jazz Trio, abundant tapas, a guided wine tasting, a live and silent auction, entertainment and more! Individual tickets (\$90) and tables of eight (\$650) can be purchased online. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.sascwr.org/25years.

October 25th, 2014 – Melville Fall Festival – never too early to plan. Donate now or later. We are looking for items for The Attic, The Bake Table, The Silent Auction (services and meals are always welcomed) crafts for The Craft Room and The Christmas Corner. For more information contact Marg Frayne.

After many years of successfully lining up counters for our Sunday morning worship Art Russell has passed the reins off to Ruth Sproule. Ruth will be looking to contact all of the counters from years past to see if they are still interested in helping out with the Sunday morning collection and counting. If you are interested in joining this group for a Sunday or two throughout the year, please call Ruth at 519-843-5863 or email ruth.sproule@sympatico.ca

Bridges out of Poverty - a one day workshop delivered by Elaine Weir. Strategies for Professionals and Communities to gain a deep understanding of the challenges - and strengths - of people living in poverty. It is being held at the Pentecostal Church in Elora on Mon. Oct. 27 & Mon. Nov. 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 and includes manual and refreshments. Register by email at pwhan@cpchurch.ca or call 519-846-0272 or contact Elaine Weir 519-846-2715 ext. 4606

Do you see it? We are looking for additional people to run the power point programme for the worship service. If you are able to help or need additional information, please see Barry Rawn or Ralph Rainford. Thank you.

Button, button who has a name button? Please wear your name button to help learn everyone's name. If you need a button, please speak to Ralph Rainford. Thank you.