

ANNOUNCEMENTS - November 30, 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.

White Gift Sunday, Dec. 7th. Donations will be directed this year to 2 worthwhile causes. Gift certificates, phone cards, gas cards, grocery cards, socks and underwear will be delivered to the CW Rural Women's Shelter. Children's gifts, toys, books, clothes and pyjamas will go to the Children's Foundation to be distributed back to families in Fergus and surrounding area. While our celebration of White Gift will be Dec. 7th, donations can be left at the church up until and including Dec. 14th.

!!Christmas Eve "Project Choir"!! Part of the Christmas Eve Family Service at 5pm will be a Liturgical Dance to Mary Did You Know which if possible we would like to perform live with a "project" choir. We will meet for our first practice on Tuesday Nov 25th at 6.15 pm until 6.45. Please contact Matthias Schmidt if you are interested or just show up.

For November 30 - Christmas Hamper time for the Centre Wellington Food Bank. Melville has been asked to supply 350 cans of vegetables. Peas, green, yellow or brown beans, mixed vegetables, and carrots. Please no corn at this time. We were so pleased to meet our challenge last year of cereal - lets do it again! Thank you for your continued support.

The Grandmothers of the Grand would like you to join with us for "A Crepe Experience". This will be held Monday Dec. 1 on World Aids Day, at Cafe Creperie - 40 Mill St. W. in Elora. There will be two seatings 5:00pm and 6:30pm and reservations can be made by calling the Café Creperie at 519-846-1618.

The Faith Formation Ministry Team would like to provide age appropriate Bibles to children in Kids' Church who are entering the primary, junior and intermediate grades. We are looking for some assistance in purchasing these Bibles which cost on average \$20 each. If you would like to make a donation to help supply these Bibles you can do so by placing your contribution in an envelope and marking it "Kids' Church Bibles".

Dec. 6, 7:00 pm at Harcourt Memorial United Church, A Starry Blue Night: As the autumn nights become longer and darker, come join the choristers of Guelph Youth Singers as they warm up the royal blue sky with songs of the season. Traditional holiday music from many traditions will be celebrated, along with songs, both popular and new, that will leave you humming aloud into the busy season. Come see all of the stars on this magical night.. Tickets @ River Run Box Office, 519-763-3000 or www.riverrun.ca. Adults \$25, Students & Seniors \$20, eyeGo \$5 . More information is also available on the GYS website: www.guelphyouthsingers.com, follow GYS on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/GYSingers> and check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Guelph-Youth-Singers/192976567419710>

Where are your kids?

Following our Theme Conversation, young people may join our various alternative ministry programs. You may find them in these places after:

Program	Location	Leader this week
Nursery (up to 3yrs)	Nursery, upstairs	TBD
Kids Church (JK-Gr. 4)	Upper Auditorium	Marg Frayne
Tween Church (Gr.5-7)	Choir Rm, Main Floor	Ralph Rainford
Teen Church	Youth Rm, upstairs	Jen Auger

If for any reason there is an emergency during worship, all children and youth will be evacuated to the parking lot. Please meet them outside.

A gospel concert featuring "Potter's Clay" will take place at Westminster-St. Paul's at 2 pm on Sunday December 7. Members of "Potter's Clay" have performed in other groups such as "Reunion", and thus may be familiar to many in the area. Free will offering.

DIY Christmas Market. Friday Dec. 5, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Join us at the church for some Do-It-Yourself Christmas activities: wreath making, Christmas cards, tree ornaments, board games, carol singing! Activities are suited for any age. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. for any who wish (potluck desserts and veggies, main dish will be provided). Activities will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Advent Learning Series: Saving Jesus Redux. Join the conversation about what we know about Jesus, the world into which he was born, and the meaning behind his birth. We will be showing a 30 minute video, followed by discussion. Tuesdays in advent from 12 noon - 1 p.m., or Sunday mornings in advent from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Video is also available for lending - so if you can't make it to one of our groups, borrow the video and invite some friends over!

Our Advent theme this year will be "The Friendly Beasts" and we need animals! This is an opportunity for families, groups, committees or individuals to break out your creative skills and build/draw/construct an animal to contribute to our Nativity scene. Each week during Advent animals will be added to the scene around the stable. Choose one or more of the following: donkey, cow, dove, cat, spider, sheep, dog, camel, mice. Please try to have them completed before November 30.

On Sunday, November 30 at 3pm, the Guelph Chamber Choir presents "Carols For Christmas: Carols & Seasonal Readings for Christmas and Winter" at St. George's Anglican Church, 99 Woolwich St, Guelph. Join the choir in singing Christmas favourites and the Hallelujah Chorus. Special Guests: "Winter's Eve Trio" (Sharlene Wallace- Harp, Joe Macerollo - Accordion. George Koller - Bass) www.guelphchamberchoir.ca . Tickets call 519-763-3000. \$25 each (4 for \$80) . Students \$10. \$5 for youth via eyeGO .

Upcoming Events for Kid's Church

November 30 - Christmas Story and Baking Christmas Cookies
December 7 - White Gift Sunday in Sanctuary
December 14 - Making Christmas Cards

Join us for "A Merry Musical Christmas" featuring The Trillium Brass Dublin's Chancel Choir and Youth Ensemble led by Martin Anderle and Storytellers extraordinaire - the Watson Family on Sunday, December 14, 2014 @ 3 pm Dublin Street United Church, 68 Suffolk St. W. Freewill offering in support of Dublin's music programs.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 1 - Sun. Dec. 7, 2014

Tues. 2	9:00	Quilting	Parlour
	7:00	Church Council	Offsite
Thurs. 4	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 5	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
		P.E.W Night	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 7	11:00	Second of Advent	Sanctuary

Partners in Prayer: Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fergus
Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: East Plains, Burlington
Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: David Gohn, Karen Smillie,
Peggie Dickie, Mary Hume